

# CVOW-C MARINER UPDATE 2023 #3: 21-APR-2023



## Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Survey and UXO Identification Work

The UXO Survey activities are expected to finish in early-May 2023 with the vessels operating on a 24/7 basis to complete the remaining work in the area identified below. The R/V Minerva Uno and R/V Shearwater will then be demobilized from the site.

Beginning on/about 25-April, the UXO Identification work will begin with mobilization of the M/V Subsea Responder I, followed shortly by the M/V Subsea Responder II. These vessels will utilize Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs) to investigate targets identified by survey activities and determine if they are UXO. This operation will begin in the nearshore cable corridor (Area A) and continue offshore through Area B and then into the Lease Area (Area C). These vessels will not be towing any survey equipment and should not pose a hazard to any fixed gear commercial fishing operations. These operations are expected to continue into the Fall of 2023.

Mariners transiting or fishing in the survey area are requested to give a wide berth to survey vessels which may be limited in their ability to maneuver. Mariners should operate in a manner that will not endanger themselves, the survey vessel or its equipment – a 0.5 NM clearance is requested.

We remain committed to maintaining communications with fishing communities and other mariners in the area via these periodic updates, informational speaking engagements and dock visits. The information is also posted on the [CVOW Website](#).

## CVOW and Other Offshore Wind Projects Protecting Whales

We urge all mariners to follow the lead of the Offshore Wind industry in taking reasonable, responsible actions to help protect large whales along our coast. While the recently reported mortalities are tragic, they are not related to CVOW. We encourage you all to find out more about the Unusual Mortality Events that have impacted [Humpbacks since 2016](#) and [the NARW since 2017](#).

For additional information, please follow the below links and/or contact our Marine Affairs team.

- [North Atlantic Right Whale Unusual Mortality Events Factsheet](#)
- [North Atlantic Right Whale Updates | NOAA Fisheries](#)
- [Compliance Guide for Right Whale Ship Strike Reduction Rule | NOAA Fisheries](#)
- [Frequent Questions—Offshore Wind and Whales | NOAA Fisheries](#)
- [Offshore Wind Activities and Marine Mammal Protection](#)

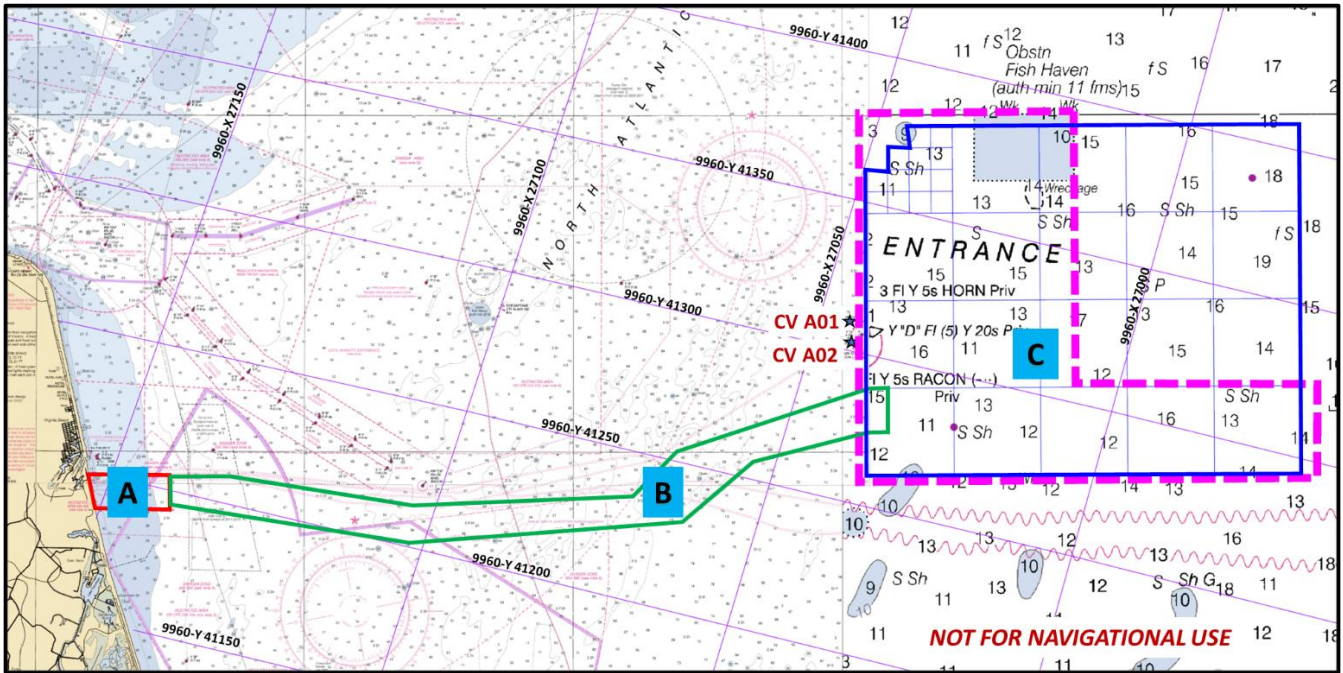
## Existing Offshore Turbines

The two (2) CVOW Pilot Project (CVOW-P) turbines have been operational since October 2020; the GPS positions of the turbines are given below. Fishermen are allowed to fish close to the turbines but coming into contact with them is prohibited. Mariners are also advised to be mindful of maintenance vessels that may need to access the turbines. We request that you make way for them so that they can safely access their work site.

Item	Latitude (DD MM.mmm)	Longitude (DD MM.mmm)
Pilot Turbine CV-A01	36° 53.778' N	75° 29.498' W
Pilot Turbine CV-A02	36° 53.210' N	75° 29.495' W

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## Chart reflects planned UXO Survey Areas (A, B & C)



**Vessels are requested to avoid anchoring in the identified survey area and fishing vessels deploying fixed fishing gear (e.g., pots, traps, gillnets, etc.) are requested to coordinate activities with the Fisheries Liaison to avoid damage to fishing gear and/or the survey equipment.**

**Minerva Uno:** 155' LOA; 30' Beam

- Call Sign: IZVM
- Flag: Marshall Is.
- MMSI: 247080700
- IMO: 9262077



**Shearwater:** 110' LOA; 39' Beam

- Call Sign: WDF5838
- Flag: USA
- MMSI: 368528000
- IMO: 8993966



**Subsea Responder I:** 217' LOA; 54' Beam

- Call Sign: V7A5816
- Flag: Marshall Is.
- MMSI: 538010258
- IMO: 9201645



**Subsea Responder II:** 238' LOA; 54' Beam

- Call Sign: V7FV9
- Flag: Marshall Is.
- MMSI: 538006153
- IMO: 9225495



Mariners are encouraged to contact Dominion Energy's Fisheries Liaisons with any specific questions about CVOW project activities in relation to fisheries. Please consult the [USCG 5th District Local Notice to Mariners](#) for additional information on offshore activity and, as always, please adhere to the USCG Rules of the Road for mariners: <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/NavRules/>

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Additional project information is available on the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind project webpage ([www.coastalvawind.com](http://www.coastalvawind.com))