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EXERCISE STRIKE WARRIOR 24 TRAINING ACTIVITY

1. Exercise Strike Warrior 24 (SW 24) will take place from 14-27 Oct 24. The Exercise will be delivered by the Joint Training and Exercise Planning Staff (JTEPS) from His Majesty's Naval Base Portsmouth. The Exercise contains a series of serials and events that will be conducted to the North of Scotland and the North Sea by warships, submarines and aircraft. This booklet provides outline information on scheduled activity including details of intended live gunnery and simulated aircraft bombing activity at Cape Wrath.
2. This information is correct at the time of print but the routine **SUBFACTS and GUNFACTS** broadcasts, made during the Exercise, will provide updated information.
3. The information provided in this booklet will also be published in Fleet Operations Notice to Fishermen, Defence Training Estate Scotland Notice to Fishermen, Cape Wrath Range Notices and Notices to Airmen. This document can also be accessed via the internet at:

<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/khm/clyde>

1. This booklet contains information on the following SW activity:
 - a. Underwater Activity.
 - b. VHF Challenges.
 - c. Small Boat Activity.
 - d. Mine Warfare activity.
 - e. Live Firing and Gunnery Activity.
 - f. Unexploded Ordnance Advice.
 - g. GPS Jamming
 - h. Contact Details.
4. Warships taking part have been instructed to offer fishing vessels and the wider civilian community every assistance in their dealings with exercise activity. You are invited to contact them via VHF to ensure that military training and civilian activities are safely de-conflicted.

5. There have been instances during previous exercises where aircraft operating at low level over the sea have been illuminated by powerful searchlights from fishing vessels. Mariners are reminded that the deliberate and malicious targeting of airborne aircraft has the potential to impact upon aircraft safety and could lead to civil prosecution. Flight crew will report all illuminations to the coastguard and Civil Aviation Authority for further action to be taken against any spotlighting incidents.

6. Throughout SW 24 the following points of contact are available on a 24/7 basis to address any immediate problems or questions:

- a. Primary Exercise Duty Controller 02392 720180
- b. Secondary Fleet Operations 01923 956366
- c. HM Coastguard sites can also contact the Joint Warrior staff directly and will relay information if necessary.

7. If you have any queries, problems, or suggestions as to how JTEPS can improve this booklet, please do not hesitate to contact the Joint Training and Exercise Planning Staff at the above address.

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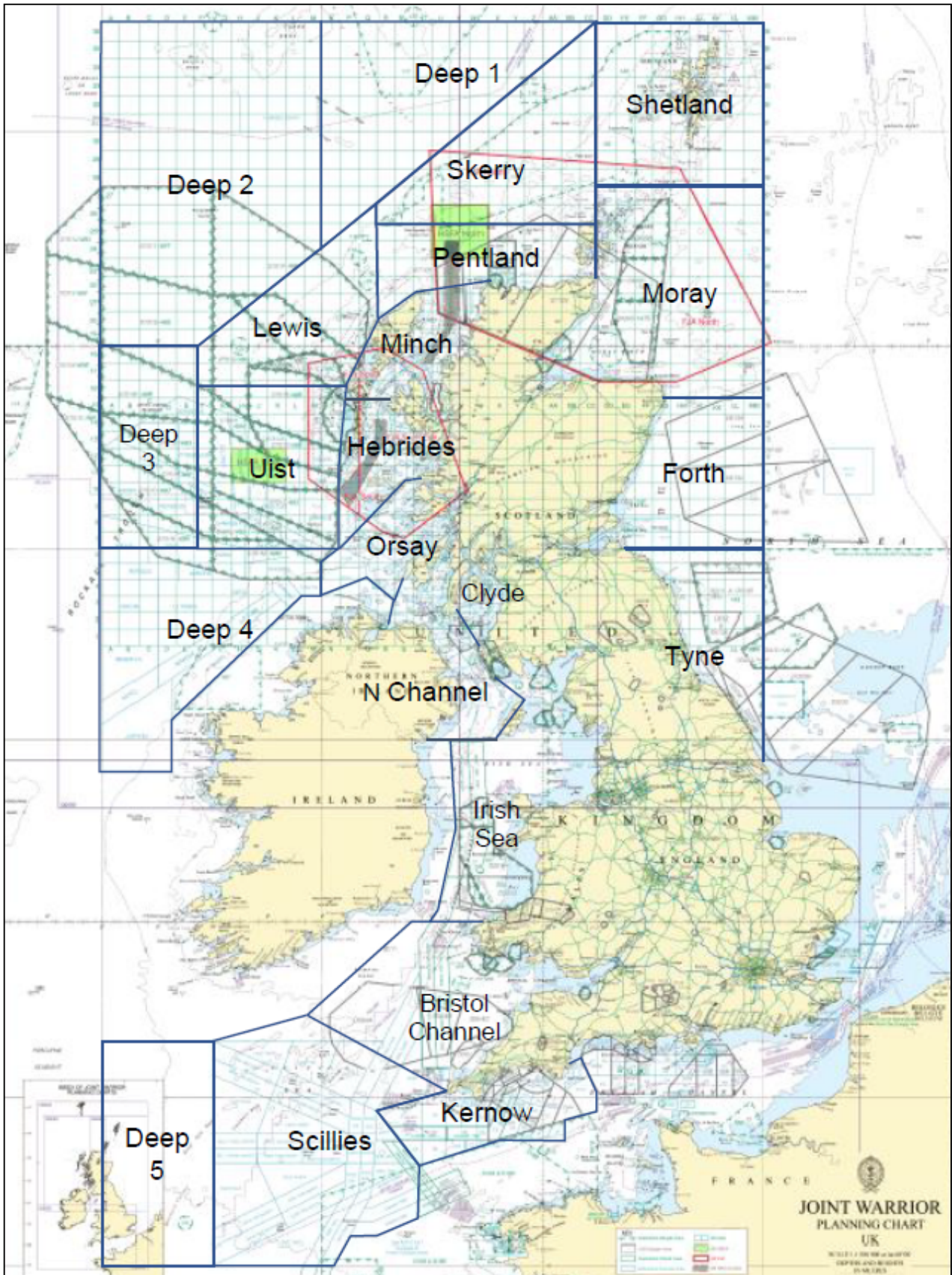
Underwater Activity

1. The Underwater Activity Grid on the following page shows the forecast areas and time periods of underwater activity associated with SW 24. Please note that this brief only covers underwater activity contained within the exercise, other underwater activity may take place in waters off the United Kingdom and will therefore not be covered in this brief. The daily SUBFACTS broadcast by the Coastguard will provide notification of the actual areas where activity will be taking place. During SW24, to keep the SUBFACTS broadcast short, multiple exercise areas are grouped together. The groupings are shown in the chartlet and planned activity in the table of this section.
2. Communications can be established with exercise participants during SW 24 on VHF Ch 16 (working Ch 73), this includes submarines when they are surfaced or at periscope depth. A submarine working with warships will have one warship detailed to act as the Fishing Vessel Safety Ship (FVSS) in accordance with the Code of Practice. The FVSS has 2 overarching duties:
 - a. To make fishing vessels aware of submarine activity in their vicinity and to provide information and advice to minimise the risk of interaction.
 - b. To aid the participating submarine in compiling a comprehensive surface picture to minimise the risk of interaction with non-exercise vessels.
3. It is usually easier to establish communications with the FVSS than with a submarine. However, any warship in the vicinity may be contacted and asked for a report on any exercises involving submarines which are being conducted in the local area. Alternatively, the ship may be used to relay messages or instructions to the submarine if required. All warships, including the FVSS, can be contacted on VHF Channel 16 (working Channel 73).
4. If any difficulty is experienced a call should be made to the Strike Warrior Battlewatch Captain on 02392 720180 in the first instance.

EXERCISE Strike Warrior 24 SUBFACTS AREAS ACTIVATION GRID PART 1

	14 Oct		15 Oct		16 Oct		17 Oct		18 Oct		19 Oct		20 Oct		21 Oct		22 Oct		23 Oct		24 Oct		25 Oct		26 Oct		27 Oct	
	Mon		Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri		Sat		Sun		Mon		Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri		Sat		Sun	
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Skerry	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x											x	x	x	x	x			
Shetland																					x	x	x	x	x			
Moray																												
Forth																												
Tyne																												
Pentland	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x									x	x	x	x	x			
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Hebrides	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Orsay	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
N Channel	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x															x	x	x	x
Clyde	x	x	x	x	x	x																		x	x	x	x	x

The planned activity in the Strike Warrior SUBFACTS AREAS is indicated by the letter X in the grid above. There may be changes to this planned activity. Daily SUBFACTS Broadcasts will contain the most up to date information.



Strike Warrior 24 SUBFACTS Areas

VHF Challenges

5. Considering ever-changing threats to our Armed Forces, military ships maintain a detailed plot of maritime activity in their vicinity, which includes establishing the identity of small fishing vessels. This can be achieved visually from helicopters or by challenges on IMM VHF radio by ships. Mariners are advised that warships from various Allied nations will be conducting such reconnaissance and challenges. Areas likely to be affected are as follows:

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|----|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| a. | North West Approaches and Minch | 14 Oct – 27 Oct 24 |
| b. | Pentland Firth | 16 Oct – 26 Oct 24 |
| c. | UK East Coast | 17 Oct – 25 Oct 24 |

Live Firing and Gunnery

6. During Strike Warrior 24, Cape Wrath Range, including Garvie Island (An Garbh-eilean) will be active with various combinations of simulated air bombardment, live naval gunfire support and helicopter operations. In addition, a Strike Warrior Firing and Danger Area will be activated for offshore gunnery. The GUNFACTS and Strike Warrior Offshore Firing Areas Activation Grid on the following page shows the areas and time periods where gunnery associated with Strike Warrior is forecast to take place. The daily GUNFACTS Broadcast by the Coastguard and Cape Wrath Range will provide the latest information of the areas where gunnery activity is taking place.

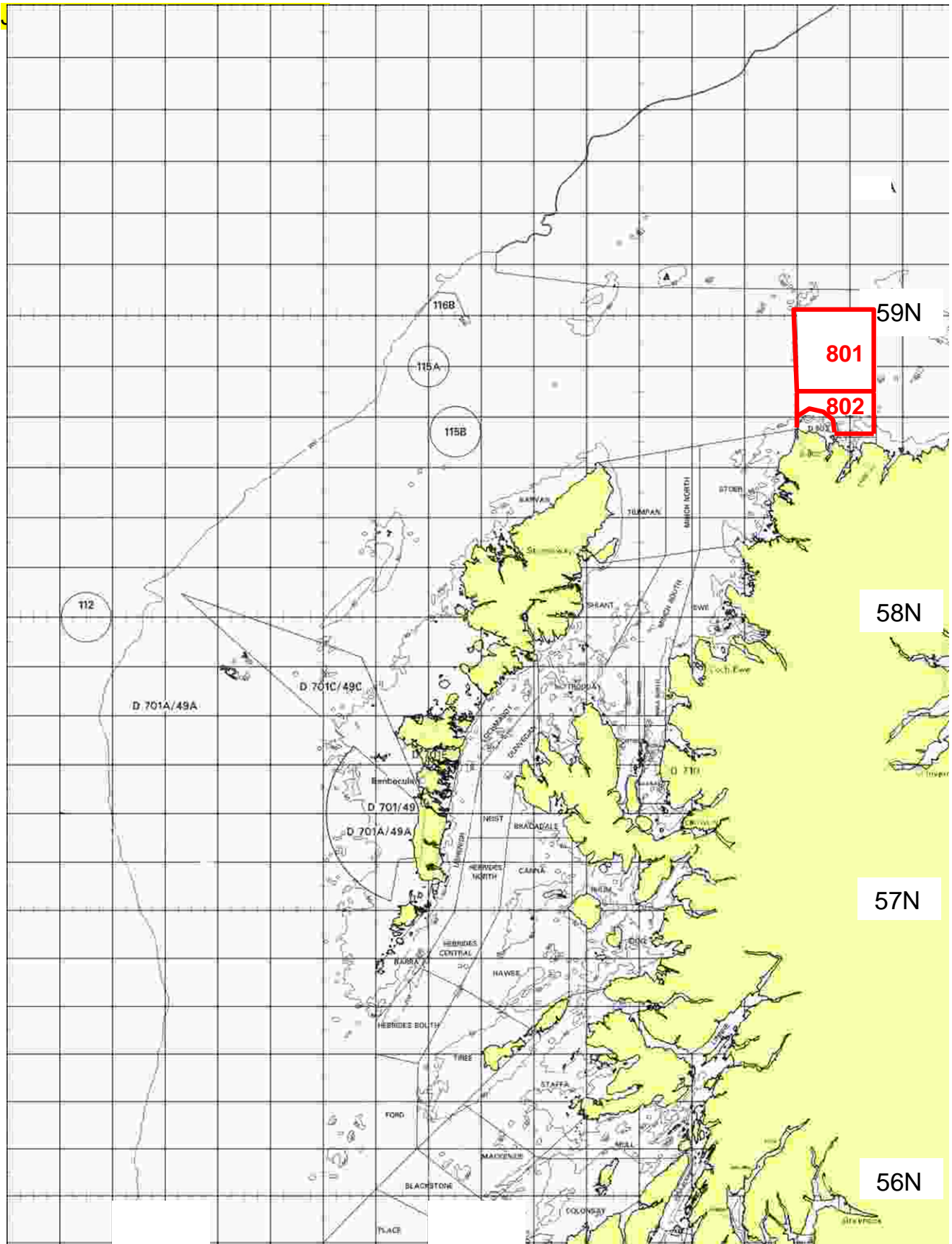
7. It is mandatory that vessels in the vicinity of the Cape Wrath Range keep a listening watch on VHF Channel 16. Further information regarding firing at can be obtained by telephoning:

Cape Wrath Information Line on

FREEPHONE 0800 833300

8. For planning purposes the forecast activity is contained in the table at page 8.

STRIKE WARRIOR FIRING AND DANGER AREAS NW SCOTLAND



NW SCOTLAND FORECAST GUNFACTS AND OFFSHORE FIRING AREAS ACTIVATION GRID, ALL TIMES IN LOCAL (BST)

	15 Oct	16 Oct	17 Oct	18 Oct	19 Oct	20 Oct	21 Oct
	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Cape Wrath Range (Ashore)	0900-1900	0900-1900	0900-1900	0900-1900	N/A	N/A	0900-1900
Cape Wrath D801	0900-1900	0900-1900	0900-1900	0900-1900	N/A	N/A	0900-1900
Cape Wrath D802	0900-1900	0900-1900	0900-1900	0900-1900	N/A	N/A	0900-1900
Garvie Island D803	0900-1900	0900-1900	0900-1900	0900-1900	N/A	N/A	0900-1900

The planned times of firings at Cape Wrath Range, Strike Warrior 24 Firing Areas and Hebrides Range are indicated in the grid above. There may be changes to this planned activity. Daily GUNFACTS Broadcasts and Cape Wrath and Hebrides Range Broadcasts will contain the most up to date information regarding the activation of the areas. Times are Local.

Unexploded Ordnance

9. The following general advice is offered to anyone discovering anything believed to be unexploded ordnance:

DIVERS	DO NOT TOUCH
FISHERMEN	Contact the coastguard. If this is not possible, lay the item in about 60ft of water, away from shipping routes and mark the position with a float.
EVERYONE	DO NOT TOUCH – dial 999 for coastguard or Police.

Exercise Contact Numbers

Unexploded Ordnance (DUTY FLEET CONTROLLER)	01923 956367
Strike Warrior Battlewatch Captain	02392 720180
Cape Wrath Information Line	0800 833300