



**ST HELENA
MARITIME AUTHORITY**

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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The St Helena Maritime Authority **hereby gives notice:**

Request of caution when operating near the Equiano fibre optic cable

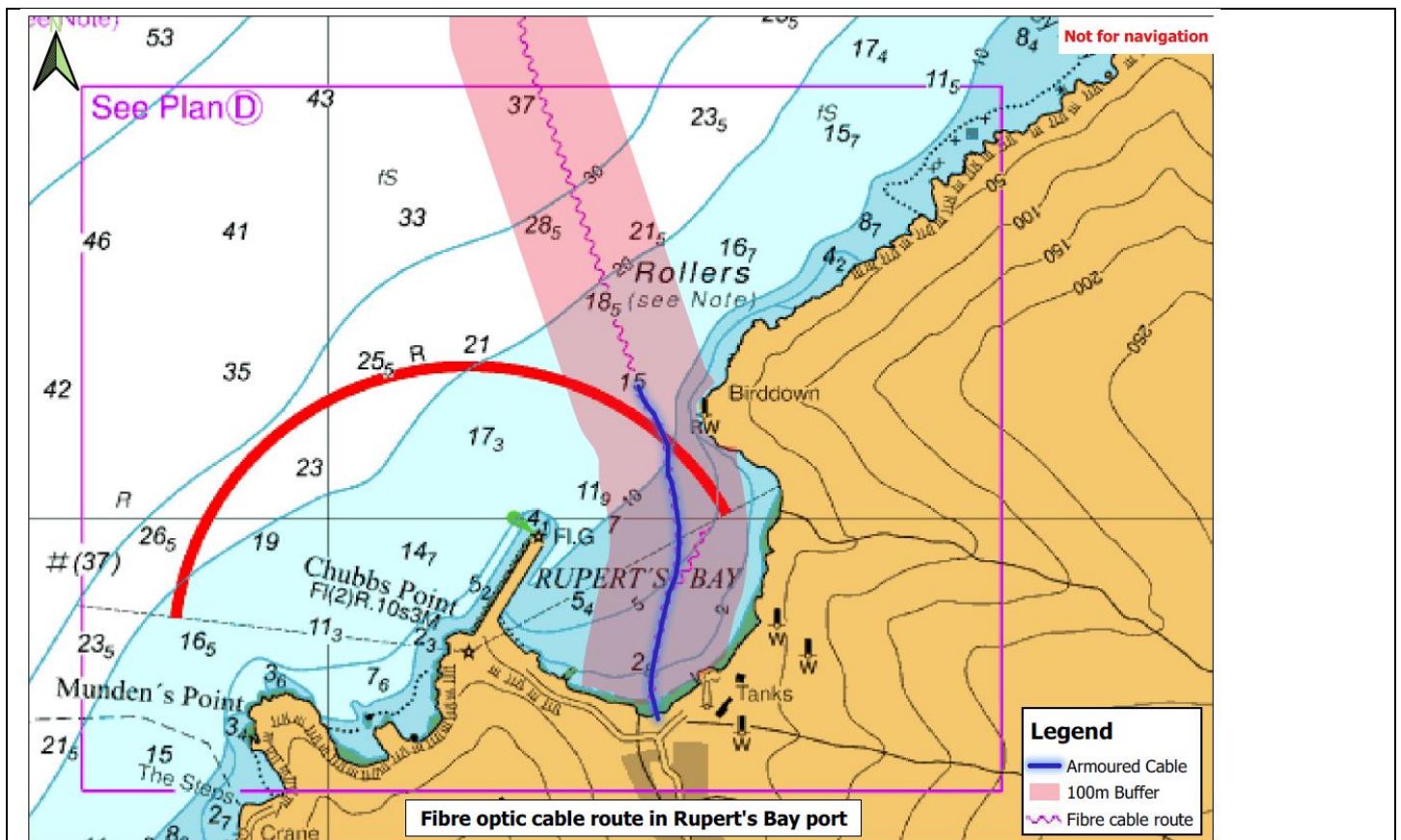
As most Mariners will be aware, the Equiano fibre optic cable is connected to St Helena, laying on the seabed and approaching land through the Port, at Rupert's Bay. The Maritime Authority, Port Management and the Cable Project Manager request that all mariners use caution when operating in the following locations:

- In the port boundary (Rupert's Bay Area)
- At Dawson's finishing ground

In the port boundary:

The cable starts from the swimming area on Rupert's Beach, running towards the Birddown area (between the Red Navigation buoy and Birddown). The cable has armoured protection, however this protection only extends from the beach swimming area to the area just outside of Birddown.

Please see the image below (with armoured section highlighted in blue):



Mariners are asked to refrain from anchoring within 100 meters of the cable within the port boundary.

Dawson's fishing ground:

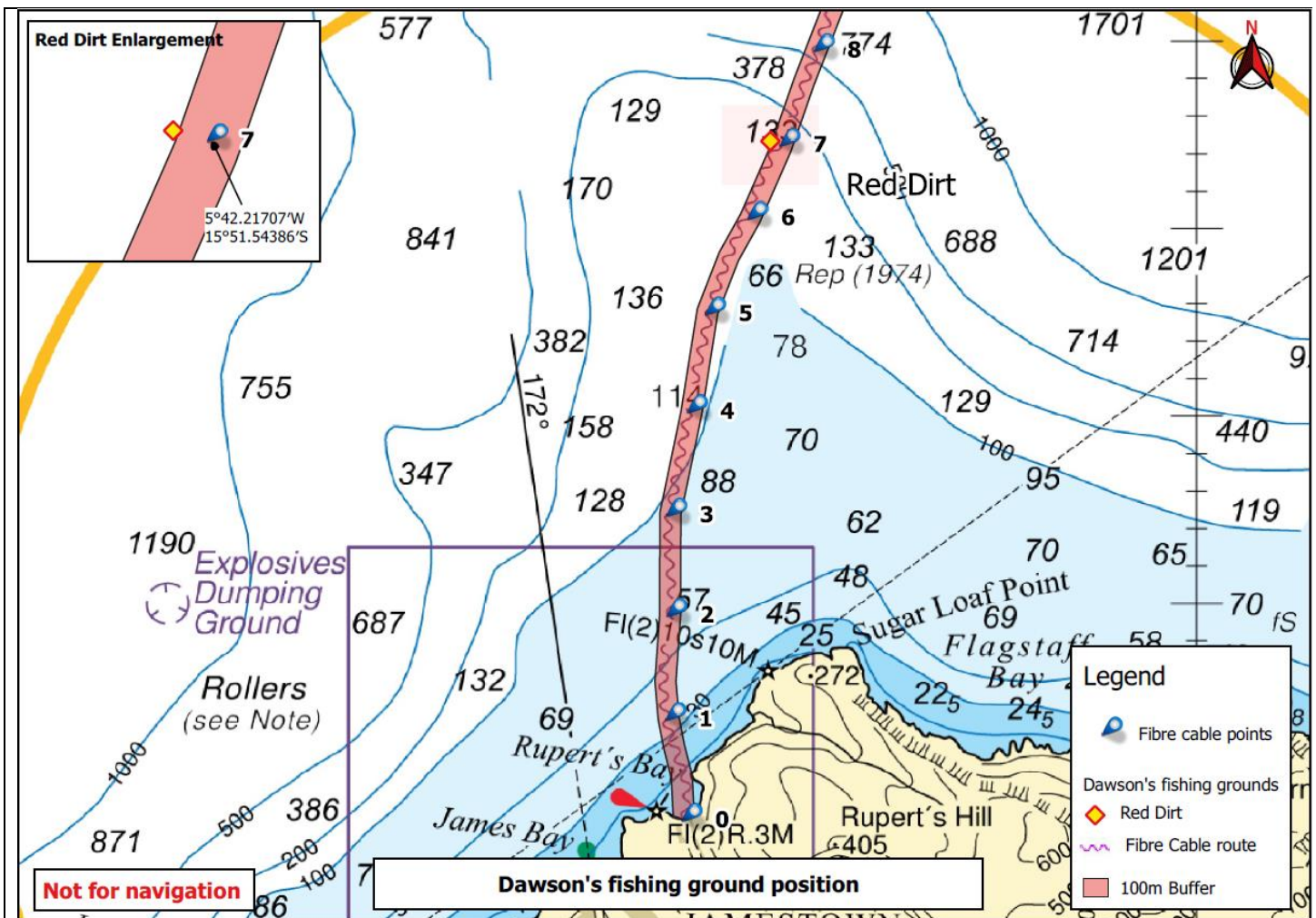
The cable lies very close to the fishing ground at Dawson's, locally known as "Red Dirt". The cable has no armoured protection in this area.

The position of the cable at this location is: 15°51.54386'S, 005°42.21707'W

Mariners are requested to use caution when anchoring in this area and refrain from anchoring within 100 meters of it.

Be mindful of anchor drag due to the weather and the method used when retrieving the anchor. The position of the cable has been updated on paper and electronic charts and therefore any updated chart plotter will show the location.

Please see the image below:



Below is the position track of the cable, running from the shore to approximately 7km out to sea, if you wish to put it in a chart potter or handheld GPS:

Point No	DMS Latitude	DMS Longitude
0	15°55.15066'S	5°42.74051'W
1	15°54.61205'S	5°42.82715'W
2	15°54.05583'S	5°42.82168'W
3	15°53.52148'S	5°42.82305'W
4	15°52.96799'S	5°42.71236'W
5	15°52.44593'S	5°42.61532'W
6	15°51.93481'S	5°42.38846'W
7	15°51.54386'S	5°42.21707'W
8	15°51.03898'S	5°42.03416'W

The Maritime Authority, Port Management and Cable Project Management thank the maritime community in advance for their cooperation in protecting the cable, which is of critical importance to the Island.

If any Mariner would like to have further information about the cable or its position, please contact Mia Henry (mia.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh), tel: 25970 or Simon Wade (simon.wade@helanta.co.sh) tel: 25052.

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