

Communication

Masters are advised that Valletta VTS (Ch. 12), Marsaxlokk VTS (Ch. 14) and Mgarr LPS (Ch. 10) operated by the Authority are responsible to regulate vessel movement within and between ports, in the approaches to a port and within territorial waters when carrying out maritime activities.

Seagoing ships approaching Maltese ports shall provide 2 hours' notice of expected arrival time by VHF on the designated VTS channel.

The message must include:

- Estimated Time of Arrival at Pilot boarding area
- Last port of call
- Purpose of visit
- *(for tankers: whether loaded or in ballast; synthetic or wire ropes)*
- *(other vessels: whether carrying IMDG Class 1 or 7 goods)*
- Confirmation that bow thrusters, if fitted 100% operational
- Information on any defects
- Number of tugs boats ordered through local agent

On receipt VTS will advise of the pilot boarding time and pilot ladder information.