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Waves Generated by High Speed Craft.

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta notifies that high speed craft operate regularly between Malta and Sicily. Some High Speed Craft generate large waves, which can have a serious impact on small craft and bathers particularly close to the shoreline and on shallow off-lying banks. This may result in sudden steep-breaking waves surging up the beach when previously the seas had been calm.

Mariners and bathers are therefore requested to be aware of the hazard generated by such waves, take note of published schedules of High Speed Craft sailings and the indicated departure and arrival times and take the necessary precautions to minimise the risks associated with these conditions.

Charts affected: BA 177, 2537 and 2538