

Participating vessels

Under [EU Directive 2017/2108](#) all vessels in length of 24m or over are required to participate in the Vessel Traffic Service (VTS).

Participating Vessels means all vessels of LOA 24m or over. These vessels are required to participate in the Vessel Traffic Service.

VTS will assist in:

- Safety of life at sea
- Safety of navigation
- Efficiency of vessel traffic movement
- Protection of the marine environment
- Supporting maritime security, and
- Protection of adjacent communities and infrastructure

Information and broadcasts transmitted by VTS provide:

- Sécurité messages, weather forecast and warnings;

Broadcast times are:

Valletta VTS via VHF channel 11,

- 0803, 1203, 1803, 2303. All times are LT.

In this capacity VTS authorises:

- Traffic clearance /denial of entry or departure of vessels, and vessel movements to anchorages, within territorial waters.
- Passing relevant information to vessels moving within the ports to assist with the safe navigation of such vessels.
- Warnings to vessels within in territorial waters when they may affect the safety of such vessels.

Malta VTS, as the coastal radio station, broadcasts navigational warnings on VHF Channel 69; and monitors VHF 16 for distress urgency and safety messages.