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**Rolex Middle Sea Race 2012**

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies that the Royal Malta Yacht Club will be holding the Rolex Middle Sea Race on Saturday, 20 October 2012. In addition a coastal race will also be held on Wednesday 17 October 2012.

The race programme is as follows:

**a. Wednesday, 17 October 2012**

The Malta Rolex Coastal Race starts at 1000 hours.

The start is from Marsamxett Harbour, and depending on the weather conditions, will proceed either to Comino and/or Gozo or to Munxar and/or Fifta and finish at Marsamxett Harbour.

Mariners are requested to keep the Marsamxett fairway clear during the start of the Coastal race and to keep a sharp lookout during the remaining hours of Wednesday, 17 October 2012.

**b. Saturday, 20 October 2012**

The Rolex Middle Sea Race starts at approximately 1100 hours.

The start is from Grand Harbour, at an imaginary line from Saint Angelo Point to the Valletta Saluting Battery mast.

The yachts shall then proceed in a Northerly direction along the coast where a yellow inflatable buoy positioned outside the Saint Elmo Breakwater shall be laid in position (approximate):

**LATITUDE (N)**

35° 54'.40

**LONGITUDE (E)**

14° 31'.00

The buoy shall be left to port.

The yachts shall then proceed in the direction of St George's shoals towards a yellow inflatable buoy laid in position (approximate):



**LATITUDE (N)**  
35° 56'.30

**LONGITUDE (E)**  
14° 30'.00

The buoy shall be left to starboard. The yachts shall then proceed in a North Easterly direction towards Sicily.

Mariners are advised that on Saturday 20 October, 2012 between 0900 hours and 1200 hours or such time as may be communicated by Valletta VTS (Valletta Port Control) if earlier, the Grand Harbour shall be closed for all traffic not directly related to the race. Between these times all other boats shall be required to remain within designated areas in the inner harbour up to Ras Hanzir, in Dockyard Creek and Kalkara Creek.

Mariners are to navigate with caution and to keep a sharp lookout when in the vicinity to the above-mentioned courses and positions and when sighted give the participants a wide berth.