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Firework Displays in Grand Harbour - Vittoriosa Feast

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies mariners that fireworks will be let off from barges moored off Bighi Point on the following dates and times.

A barge will be towed from its respective shipyard on Thursday 30th July 2026, where it will be moored at point Z as shown on the attached chart.

Barge position:

	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (E)
Z	35°53'.678	14°31'.317

On Friday 31st July 2026 fireworks will be let off from the above-mentioned barge
from 0800 hours to 0815 hours,
from 1200 hours to 1215 hours and
from 1945 hours to 2030 hours.

The barge will be anchored in the above-mentioned coordinates until Tuesday 11th August 2026.

Another two barges are scheduled to be towed from their respective shipyards and moored at points P and Y on Wednesday, 5 August 2026, as indicated on the attached chart.

Barges position:

	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (E)
P	35°53'.669	14°31'.200
Y	35°53'.629	14°31'.255



On Saturday 8th August 2026 fireworks will be let off from the above-mentioned barges
from 0800 hours to 0815 hours,
from 1200 hours to 1215 hours and
from 2100 hours to 2145 hours.

On Sunday 9th August 2026 fireworks will be let off from the above-mentioned barges
from 1000 hours to 1030 hours,
from 1200 hours to 1215 hours,
from 1900 hours to 1930 hours and
from 2200 hours to 2315 hours.

On Monday 10th August 2026 fireworks will be let off from the above-mentioned barges
from 0800 hours to 0815 hours,
from 1200 hours to 1215 hours and
from 1915 hours to 2300 hours.

The three barges will be towed back to their respective shipyards on Tuesday 11th August 2026.

The barges will be left in the above-mentioned positions during the night and will be lit.

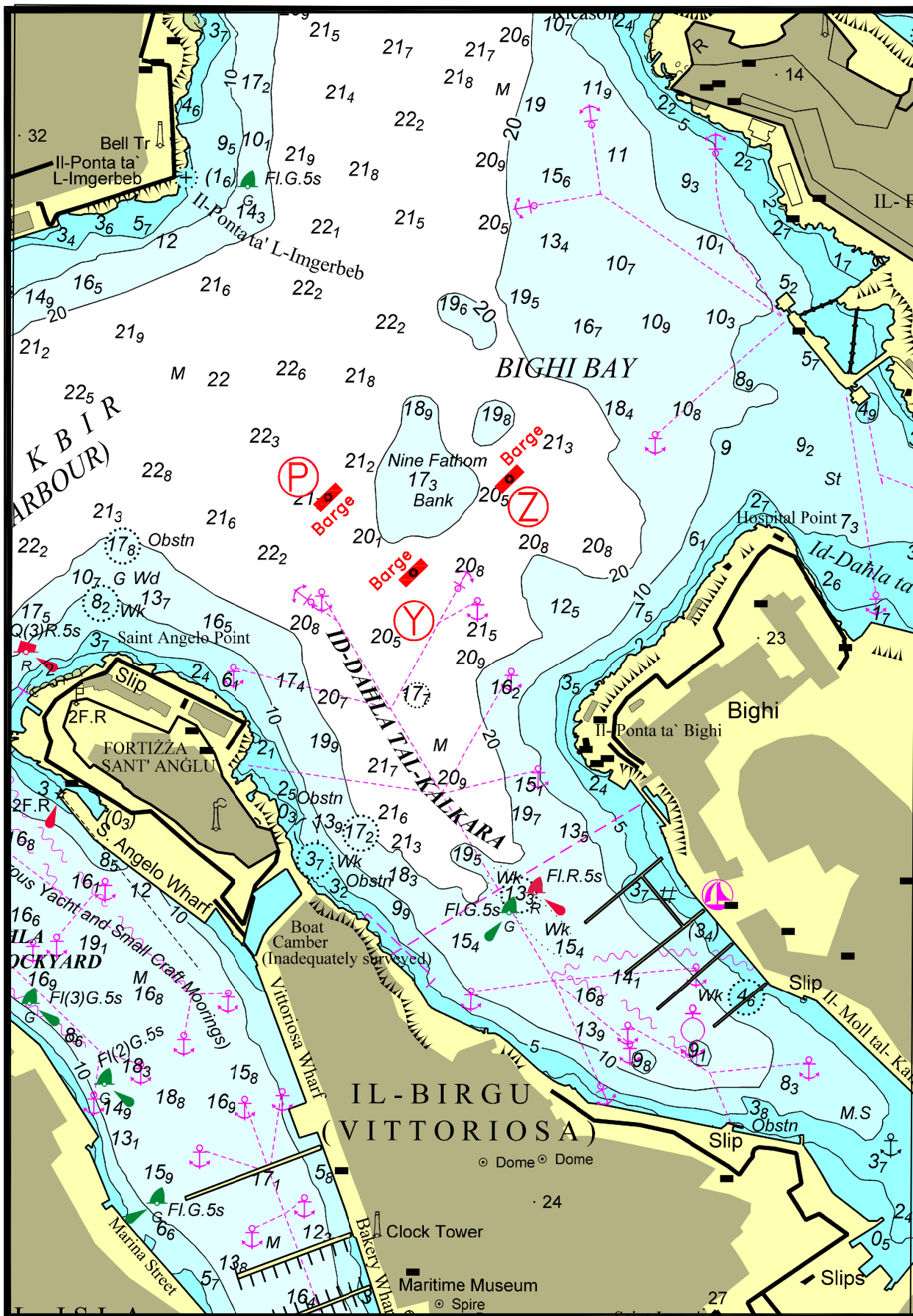
A wide berth of 200 meters is requested from the position of the barges on the days indicated above, as the barges might be loaded with fireworks.

The barges shall exhibit the appropriate signals for a vessel at anchor in compliance with the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea. (COLREGS). When loaded with fireworks, they shall exhibit the International Code of Signals flag 'Bravo' by day and an all-round red light by night.

Transport Malta will accept no liability whatsoever for any damage caused by the firework displays to any vessel and her ancillary equipment, whether such vessel and her ancillary equipment are left within the 200m safety zone, or outside such safety zone, from the point from which the fireworks are let off.

Mariners are to navigate with caution and at slow speed when in the vicinity. They are to cooperate with the organisers. Instructions and directions given on VHF channel 12 and/or 16 by Valletta VTS and any enforcement personnel are to be complied with.

Chart affected: **BA 177**



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