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Fireworks Display from Barge off Bighi and Light Drone Display at Grand Harbour

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies mariners that a short fireworks display will be discharged from a barge moored at approximately Point A, as shown on the attached chart, on Tuesday 11th August 2026.

	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (E)
A	35° 53'.633	14° 31'.285

The barge will be towed from the owner's shipyard to Kalkara Quay in Id-Daħla ta' Rinella point B, on Tuesday 11th August 2026 at 0730 hours to be loaded with fireworks.

At 2000 hours, the barge, loaded with fireworks, will be towed from Kalkara Quay, Id-Daħla ta' Rinella (Point B) to the display location at Point A, where it will remain until the fireworks display commences at approximately 2245 hours

After the display, at approximately 2300 hours, the barge will be towed back to Kalkara Quay in Id-Daħla ta' Rinella point A to unload the equipment used. The barge will then be towed back to the owner's shipyard at about midnight.

In view of the above, mariners are advised to keep 200 metres away from point A, (as shown in red on the attached chart) on Tuesday 11th August 2026, while the barge is in position. Mariners are also to keep the area (as shown in hatched orange on the attached chart) clear from Monday 10th August 2026 from 1800 hours to Wednesday 12th August 2026 at 0700 hours.

Light Drone Display

A light drone display will also be held on 11th August 2026 between 1900 hours and 2330 hours.

The restricted area is bounded by joining Points V, W, X, Y and Z, and the intermediate coastline, as shown on the attached chart.

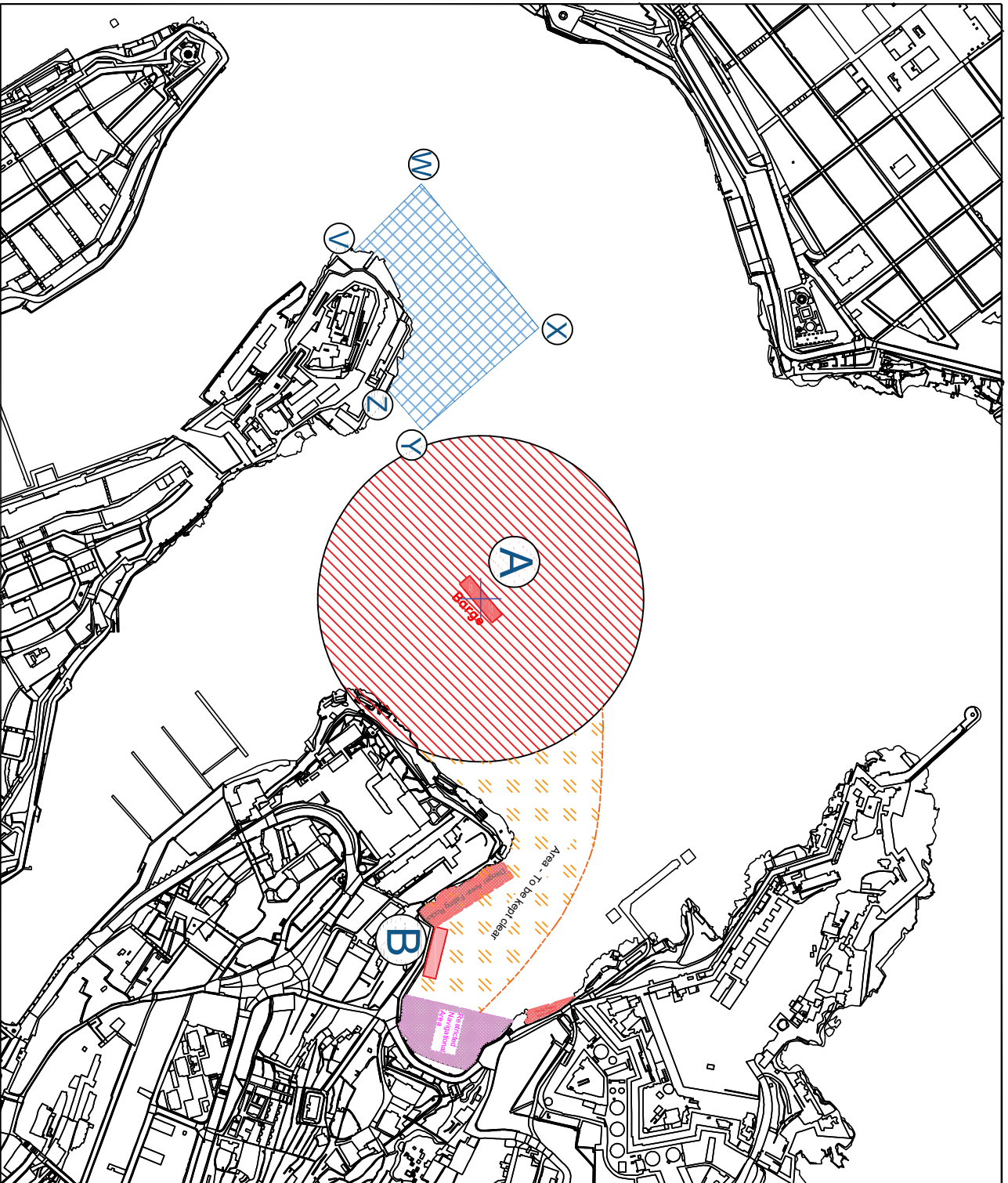


POSITION	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (E)
V	35° 53'.548	014° 31'.003
W	35° 53'.593	014° 30'.948
X	35° 53'.671	014° 31'.064
Y	35° 53'.594	014° 31'.148
Z	35° 53'.572	014° 31'.116

Transport Malta will accept no liability whatsoever for any damage caused by the 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 display is to be held.

All mariners are to comply with any instructions given on VHF Channel 12 and/or 16, by Valletta VTS and by any Enforcement Personnel on site.

Chart affected: **BA 177**



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