

PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS NO 11 of 2013

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Fireworks Festival in Grand Harbour

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies mariners that the 11th Fireworks Festival will be held in Grand Harbour on Tuesday, 30 April 2013.

Fireworks will be let off from barges placed over 200 meters off Bighi Point and St Angelo. The Barges will be placed in position, on Tuesday, early morning, 30 April 2013 until Wednesday, morning, 1 May 2013. A copy of part BA Chart 177 showing arrangement of barges is attached.

Schedule of the fireworks is as follows:

Tuesday 30 April 2013 from 2100 hrs till 0000 hrs

In view of the above, mariners are informed that part of Grand Harbour (as shown on chart) will be closed to all vessels and craft as follows:

Tuesday 30 April 2013 from 2000 hrs till 0000 hrs local Time (1800 hours and 2200 hours UTC)

An imaginary line binds the restricted area between the points A - B, C - D, E - F and G - H as shown on the attached chart. The barges are to be given a wide berth at all times.

No vessel will be allowed within the restricted area, except by special permission from the Ports and Yachting Directorate and by arrangement through the Organising Committee. Between the above mentioned times, only authorised passenger craft may be allowed to enter the restricted area. Authorised craft are to give the display barges a wide berth of at least 200m at all times. No movements whatsoever will be allowed during the actual displays.

Mariners are to comply with instructions and directions issued by Valletta VTS (Valletta Port Control) on VHF Channel 12, Police, patrol boats and Transport Malta Enforcement that will be in the area.

Chart Affected: BA 177



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