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European Maritime Day Emergency Pollution Response Exercise and Other Events in French Creek – Grand Harbour Sunday 19th May 2013

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies mariners that several events will be held at Boiler wharf and in French Creek Grand Harbour to commemorate the European Maritime day, on Sunday 19th May 2013. Part of these events will be a demonstration of an emergency pollution response operation involving the use of Tug Boat, Pilot Boat, S.A.R. Boat and the MV. Garibaldi. After this demonstration there will be the following events:

- 1) Fire-fighting/water display by the MV Garibaldi (Civil Protection Department)
- 2) Man overboard drill by the Pilot Boat (Malta Maritime Pilots)
- 3) Search and Rescue Vessel and Patrol Boat on display/open for public (Armed Forces Malta)
- 4) Tug Boat on display/open for public (Tug Malta)
- 5) Pilot Boat on display/open for public (Malta Maritime Pilots)
- 6) Fire-Fighting Vessel MV Garibaldi on display/open for public (Civil Protection Department)

In view of these events, French Creek and it's approach are to be considered restricted and a NO GO area on Sunday 19th May 2013 between 0900hours and 1900hours local time (or as instructed by Valletta Port Control). Only those vessels involved in the events of the day will be allowed to navigate within the restricted area.

Mariners and operators of vessels are advised to keep a sharp lookout navigate with caution and slow speed and give the above area a wide berth. Instructions given by AFM, CPD and Transport Malta enforcement officers and by Valletta Port Control (VTS) on VHF Channel 12 are to be strictly complied with.

Chart affected: BA 177