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Malta-Gozo-Malta Open Sea Swimming Challenge Saturday, 30 August 2014

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta notifies mariners that the Birkirkara St Joseph Sports Club will be organizing a Malta-Gozo-Malta Open Sea Swimming Challenge on Saturday, 30 August 2014.

This event will start from Marfa Bay off the Riviera Hotel, Malta at 0615 hours and will proceed across the east side of the Comino Channels towards il-Blata tal-Halfa (near Ras il-Qala) in Gozo and back towards Marfa Bay off the Riviera Hotel, Malta. A time limit of five (5) hours and thirty (30) minutes has been set by the Organising Board. Any swimmers remaining in the water after 1145 hours will be asked to abandon the race.

All participating swimmers will be accompanied by a support vessel. Ambulance Teams from the Health Services Group Ltd and the Red Cross Maritime Section will be in attendance.

Mariners are advised to keep a sharp lookout, keep clear of the area during the stipulated time and give the swimmers a wide berth.

Charts Affected: BA 194, 211, 2537 and 2538