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RC44 Valletta Cup 2015

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies that the RC44 Valletta Cup 2015 yacht races will be held in Valletta Grand Harbour and off Marsamxett Harbour between 24 March 2015 and 29 March 2015. A coastal race may also be held on 27 or 28 March 2015.

The race programme is as follows:

a. Tuesday, 24 March 2015

Practice sailing and races will take place between 1300 hours and 1600 hours Local Time.

The start is from Marsamxett Harbour, and depending on the weather conditions, will proceed to a line formed outside Tigne Point with a first leg to windward of about 1.9 Nautical Miles long.

b. Wednesday, 25 March 2015

The races will take place in **Grand Harbour**, Valletta. They will start at approximately 0930 hours and will continue until 1700 hours.

Mariners are advised that on this day the Grand Harbour will be closed to all traffic between 0900 hours and 1700 hours or such time as may be communicated by Valletta Port Control (Valletta VTS). No vessels (except those directly involved with the races) will be allowed to navigate in or out of Grand Harbour without any prior permission from the organisers or the Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta.

Established delimitation limits in Grand Harbour will be as per attached chartlet.

Spectator vessels are to stay behind the imaginary lines BC in French Creek, DE in Dockyard Creek, FG in Kalkara Creek and HI in Rinella Bay. The RC44 participating yachts may be navigating further out than the imaginary lines AB and JK.



c. Thursday, 26 March 2015 to Sunday, 29 March 2015

Fleet racing days with around 3 to 4 races per day. The races will start at 1100 hours. The racing area will be delineated on each day subject to the prevailing weather. The preferred route will be from Tigne Point to an area beyond St Georges Bay St Julians. Each race is estimated to last about 1 hour.

Mariners are to navigate with caution and to keep a sharp lookout when in the vicinity to the above-mentioned courses and positions. When sighted the participants are to be given a wide berth. They are to obey any instructions that are issued by Valletta Port Control (Valletta VTS), AFM Patrol Vessels and Transport Malta, Enforcement Vessels in the area.

Positions are in WGS 84 Datum.

Chart affected BA Chart 177.

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