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PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

NOTICE TO MARINERS No 21 OF 2016

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Further to Notice to Mariners No 18 of 2016

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta notifies that further to Notice to Mariners No 18 of 2016 (Life+Bahar Project – ROV Survey – Offshore Malta – 2016), the vessel RV Hercules will also be taking part. The RV Hercules will be carrying out Multibeam Sonar Survey and Sediment Sampling operations in areas A, B, C, D and E.

These surveys and sampling operations will be starting on Monday 4 July 2016 and are expected to be completed by Wednesday 31 August 2016.

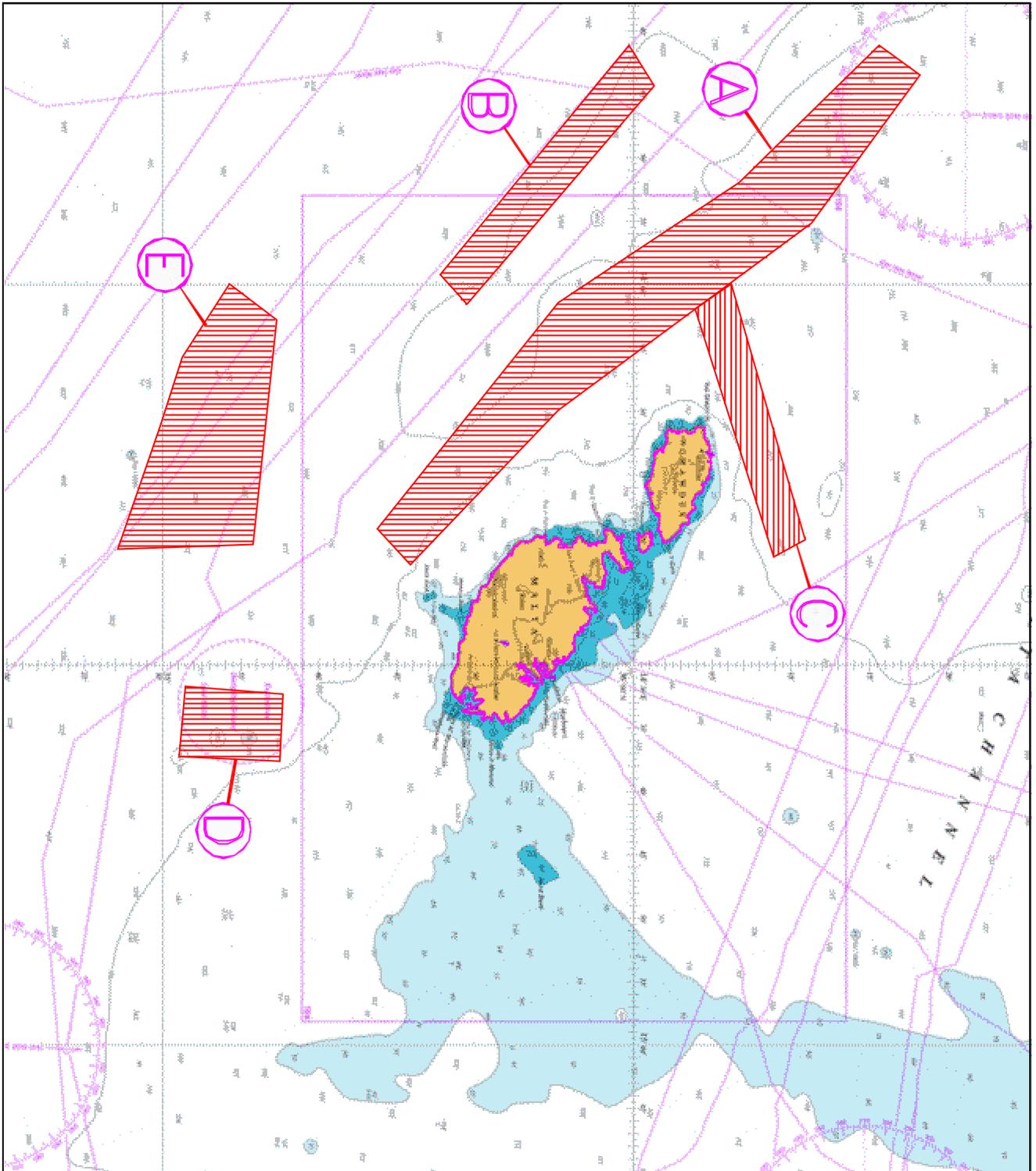
The research vessel will operate on a 24 hr basis and will display appropriate day shapes and lights during survey operations and will actively transmit an AIS signal.

Mariners and particularly fishing vessels are instructed to keep a sharp lookout, navigate with caution when the above mentioned areas. When RV Hercules is sighted they are to give a wide berth and observe a 1 nautical mile radius restricted zone which will be implemented around the vessel RV Hercules as she will have restricted maneuverability.

RV Hercules contact details: RV Hercules: Call sign H07291 and VHF Ch 16

Further information will be made available through Malta VTS and Valletta Port Control (Valletta VTS) as the survey progresses.

Charts affected: BA 194, 2124, 2123 INT 301 INT 302



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