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Malta International Fireworks Festival 2017 Fireworks Display in Grand Harbour

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies mariners that a fireworks display will be held in Grand Harbour on Sunday, 30th April 2017.

Fireworks will be let off from two (2) rows of pontoons placed off St. Angelo Point.

The pontoons between the points Y and Z will be placed in position, on Sunday, 30th April 2017 from 0930 hours onwards, and will be removed immediately after the displays finish.

The pontoons between the points W and X will be placed in position on Sunday 30th April 2017 after 1630 hours onwards, and will be removed immediately after the displays finish.

Fireworks will also be let off from point I on St. Elmo Breakwater arm.

A copy of part of BA Chart 177 showing arrangement of pontoons is attached.

Schedule of the fireworks is as follows:

Sunday 30th April 2017, from 2100 hours till 2230 hours local Time (1900 hours and 2030 hours UTC)

In view of the above, mariners are informed that part of Grand Harbour, between the imaginary lines A - B, C - D, E - F, G - H and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart), will be closed to all vessels.

Entry will also be prohibited within the area of two hundred metre (200m) radius from point I on St. Elmo Breakwater arm (as shown on attached chart).

The port closure and prohibited area will be effective as of Sunday 30th April 2017 from 1600 hours to 2245 hours local Time (1400 hours to 2045 hours UTC)

During the event shipping movements in Grand Harbour will be restricted. No vessel will be allowed within the restricted area, except by arrangement through the Organising Committee. Authorised craft are to give the display pontoons a wide berth of at least 200m. No movements whatsoever will be allowed during the actual displays.

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

Chart Affected: BA 177

