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PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

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Noise levels on board commercial vessels

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta reminds all operators, masters and crew of commercial vessels of the provisions of the Code of Practice for the Safety of Commercial Vessels dealing with noise and music on board such commercial vessels. These provisions are there to safeguard the safety of navigation and operations of the vessel by ensuring that all communications on board are not impaired **at any time**; and also take into consideration the social and environmental obligations by ensuring that no nuisance is caused especially in areas which are noise sensitive. These provisions are to be complied with **at all times**.

Furthermore, all operators, masters and crew are hereby being notified that with immediate effect, the organisation of boat parties **is subject to** a prior **No Objection** from Valletta Port Control (Valletta VTS) to enter any port, harbour or bay.

This **No Objection** has to be applied for 24 hours prior to the activity and the following conditions have to be observed:

1. The required permits to hold the activity must be in hand and submitted to the Authority.
2. The name of the Master and that of a second contact person together with their contact numbers on board must be provided to the Authority.



3. Noise levels to be kept at a level that does not cause any nuisance to others in the vicinity, apart from not impairing any communications. To be complied with **at all times**.
4. Music must stop by 2300 hours.

Further restrictions may apply to locations in close proximity to residential or environmentally sensitive areas

Operators, masters and crew are to keep watch on VHF Channel 12 and cooperate with the enforcement officers in the area and with the Valletta Port Control (Valletta VTS) and comply with any and all instructions and directions given.

Enforcement action will be taken accordingly in the event of any non compliance.

Chart Affected BA 36, 177, 211, 2537, 2538