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**Malta International Fireworks Festival 2018
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 Monday 30th April 2018.

Fireworks will be let off from a row of pontoons and a barge placed off St. Angelo Point.

The pontoons will be laid between the points Y and Z will be placed in position, on Monday 30th April 2018 from 0930 hours onwards, and will be removed immediately after the displays finish.

The barge off St. Angelo Point will be placed in position X, on Monday 30th April 2018 in the morning.

Another barge to be used as a stage will be placed in position W, off Barriera Wharf, on Sunday 29th April 2018 at 1200 hours and will be removed on Tuesday 1st May 2018.

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

The fireworks will be let off on Monday 30th April 2018, 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.

The port closure and prohibited area will be effective as of Monday 30th April 2018 from 1600 hours to 2245 hours local Time (1400 hours to 2045 hours UTC).



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Position	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)
A	35° 53'.590	014° 30'.699
B	35° 53'.458	014° 30'.831
C	35° 53'.417	014° 30'.937
D	35° 53'.512	014° 31'.031
E	35° 53'.541	014° 31'.155
F	35° 53'.545	014° 31'.359
G	35° 53'.720	014° 31'.541
H	35° 53'.840	014° 31'.112
W	35° 53'.754	014° 30'.902
X	35° 53'.633	014° 31'.221
Y	35° 53'.573	014° 30'.919
Z	35° 53'.715	014° 31'.120

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 and Maritime Enforcement Officers that will be in the area.

Chart Affected: **BA 177**

