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Replacing of Navigational Aid Buoys round the Maltese Islands

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta notifies mariners that as part of the maintenance program, the navigational aid buoys located around the Maltese Islands are to be replaced.

The following buoys will be replaced:

Buoy	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)
Ghallis North Cardinal Buoy	35° 57'.310	014° 26'.840
Outer Munxar East Cardinal Buoy	35° 50'.982	014° 35'.940
Cominotto West Cardinal Buoy	36° 00'.930	014° 18'.920
Comino West Cardinal Buoy	36° 01'.040	014° 19'.200
Marsalforn East Cardinal Buoy	36° 04'.496	014° 15'.557
Marsaxlokk South Cardinal Buoy (Taqtiegha)	35° 48'.890	014° 33'.680
Marsaxlokk Delimara West Cardinal Buoy	35° 49'.302	014° 33'.230
Ellis Reef South Cardinal Buoy	35° 49'.551	014° 32'.213
Marsaxlokk Benghajsa East Cardinal Buoy	35° 48'.030	014° 33'.550
Marsaxlokk Isolated Danger – Bern	35° 49'.359	014° 31'.890
Valletta Harbour Fairway Buoy	35° 54'.748	014° 32'.511
Imgerbeb Point Starboard Buoy	35° 53'.838	014° 31'.143
Senglea Point Port Buoy	35° 53'.488	014° 30'.826
St. Angelo Point Port Buoy	35° 53'.593	014° 31'.010
Marsamxett Yellow Speed Marker Buoy	35° 53'.925	014° 30'.132

The work will be carried out by the vessels "*Goldfinder*" and "*Gold Dredger*" which will be displaying lights and shapes as per COLREGS.



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The replacing of the buoys will start with immediate effect and is expected to be completed by 31st March 2021, weather permitting.

Due to the lifting and lowering of the navigational aids and associated mooring components, the above-mentioned vessels will remain stationery, once in position.

Masters and operators of vessels are advised to keep a sharp lookout, navigate with caution and to proceed at slow speed. When, the above-mentioned vessels are sighted, they are to be given a wide berth.

Any instructions issued by Valletta Port Control (Valletta VTS) on VHF channel 12, Marsaxlokk Port Control (Marsaxlokk VTS) on VHF channel 14 and/or by any enforcement agency on site, are to be complied with.

Positions referred to: WGS 84 DATUM

Chart affected: BA 36, 177, 211, 2537, 2538, 194