





PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No 030 of 2022

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Pollution Response Exercise within II-Bajja ta' Marsaxlokk

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies mariners that a Pollution Response Exercise will be carried out within II-Bajja ta' Marsaxlokk.

The Exercise will be carried out by personnel from Transport Malta in collaboration with personnel from the Malta Freeport Terminals. The Exercise is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 6th April 2022

The Exercise will simulate an oil spill and is expected to commence at approximately 0900 hours and should be completed by 1400 hours. The Exercise will simulate an oil spill and will involve the deployment of booms and various vessels. The use of drones during the Exercise is also possible.

The vessels to be used are the Harbour Masters Launch, MV tmONE and Transport Malta Maritime Enforcement vessels together with two vessels from Cassar Ship Repair and two vessels from OceanCare Co. Ltd.

Mariners are to take note of the time and location of this exercise and are to navigate with caution if operating in the area. When any of the vessels engaged in the Exercise are spotted, they are to be given a wide berth.

They are to comply with any instructions issued on VHF channel 14 and/or 16 by Marsaxlokk VTS and by any Enforcement Personnel on site.

Chart affected: **BA 36**