

PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

NOTICE TO MARINERS Nº 17 OF 2023

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Live firing practice at Pembroke Ranges – 24 and 25 March 2023 - Extended hours

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies that further to Notice to Mariners N° 24 of 2021, the Armed Forces of Malta will carry out Live Firing Practice on Friday 24th March 2023 and Saturday 25th March 2023 with extended hours between 1630 hours and 1800 hours (Local Time).

A Sécurité message will be issued on VHF Channels **12**, and/or **16** by Valletta VTS, accordingly.

The exercise area (LM-D6) is delineated by sector ABC.

From Position A

	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (E)
А	35°55'.540	014°28'.320 (Centre point on land),
a radius	of 4 Nautical miles to point	S
В	35°59'.460	014°27'.150 and
С	35°58'.290	014°32'.190

Limits are indicated on BA charts 194, 2537 and 2538.

During the Live Firing Practice, Red Flags (approximate size 2.5m x 2m), will be flown from the shore limits. After sunset, instead of the Red Flags, there will be Red Lights and there will be two safety vessels with blue lights on each side, to indicate the limits of the area. Mariners are warned to keep, as a minimum, 4 Nautical miles off the coast when the flags or safety vessels are sighted.

Moreover, any instructions given on VHF Channels **12** and/or **16** by Valletta Port Control (Valletta VTS) and by the Armed Forces of Malta, are to be strictly observed.

Charts affected: **BA 2538, 2537, 194.** Positions referred to **WGS 84 DATUM**