

PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

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31 March Regatta in the Grand Harbour - Valletta

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies that the 31 March Regatta will be held in the Grand Harbour. Sinkers and marker buoys will be laid as follows:

1. On Thursday 30th March 2023, 3 Yellow Marker buoys with flashing lights will be secured to sinkers that will be laid in the following positions.

POSITION	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (E)
(B)	35° 53'.584	014°30'.965
(C)	35°53'.481	014°30'.834
(D)	35°53'.410	014°30'.756

2. On Friday 31st March 2023 as from 0800 hours, virtual line / wire rope with floats will be established / laid in the following positions:

(i) a wire rope with floats will be laid from point (A) ashore on Barriera Wharf to buoy (B) off II-Ponta ta' Sant' Anglu.

(ii) a wire rope with floats will be laid from buoy (B) off II-Ponta ta' Sant' Anglu to point (C) north of II-Ponta tal-Isla.

(iii) a wire rope with floats will be laid from buoy (C) north of II-Ponta tal-Isla to point (D) west of II-Ponta tal-Isla opposite the entrance to II-Daħla tal-Francizi, Bastion.

POSITION	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (E)
(A)	35°53'.693	014°30'.831

(iv) a virtual line will be established from point (D) west of II-Ponta tal-Isla opposite the entrance to II-Daħla tal-Francizi, Bastion to point (E) on Parlatorio Wharf.

(v) a wire rope with floats will be laid from bollard 8 at Ras Hanzir 2 point (F) to bollard 26 at Deep Water Quay point (G), as shown on attached chart.



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3. The wire ropes, floats and buoys mentioned in 2 above will be removed on the completion of the Regatta at approximately 1830 hours on Friday 31st March 2023.

4. The sinkers and marker buoys mentioned in 1 above will then be removed on Saturday 1st April 2023.

5. The port hand lateral mark placed at the following coordinates below il-Ponta ta' L-Isla will be removed for the event.

POSITION	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (E)
	35°53'.468	014°30'.808

Masters of all vessels are notified that on Friday 31st March 2023 between 0800 hours and about 1830 hours, incoming vessels will not be allowed to proceed to any berth south-west of the imaginary line joining point (A) on Barriera Wharf and Fortizza Sant' Anglu Flagstaff. Vessels in "II-Marsa" sea area will not be allowed to proceed beyond the line (F) to (G) indicated in 2(v) above after 0800 hours. No vessel will be allowed near the finishing line except those involved in the races. No movements of vessels will be allowed inside the Grand Harbour, except by special permission. All vessels are to keep a minimum distance of 5m away from the lines and floats mentioned in 2(ii), 2(ii), 2(iv) and 2(v).

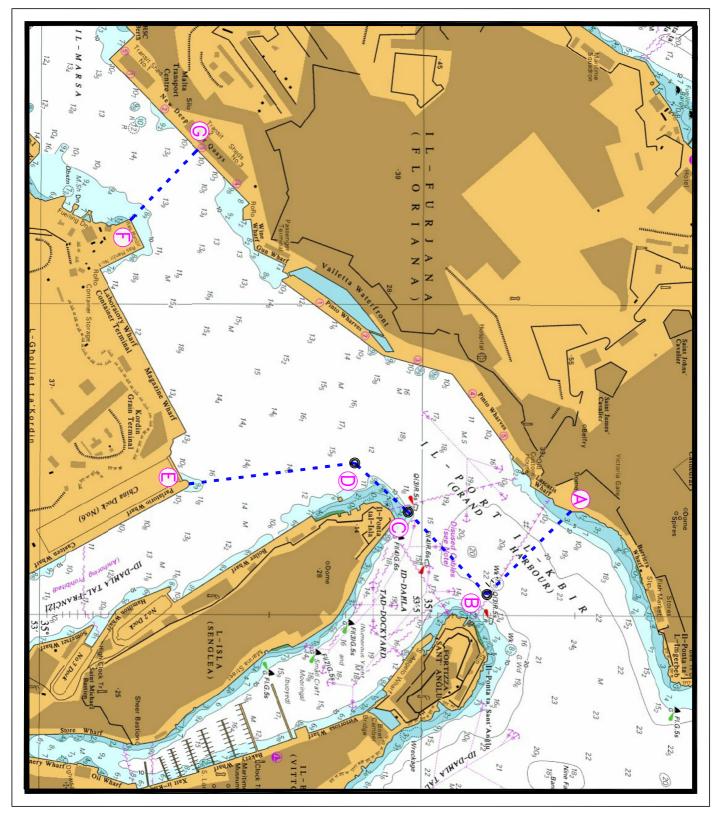
Incoming vessels will not be allowed to proceed to any berth south-west of the imaginary line which is 150m north-east of the line (A) to (B) mention in 2(i) above. No vessel will be allowed to stay within this 150m area.

The area bounded by the imaginary lines between the points A to B, B to C, C to D, D to E (corner of Parlatorio Wharf), F to G and the intermediate coastline is to be kept clear on Friday 31st March 2023 between 0800 hours and 1830 hours from all vessels except those authorised by the activity organisers.

Masters of all vessels are also warned that the wire ropes and floats may cause a physical obstruction and consequently they are to navigate with extreme caution. Caution is also to be exercised when in the vicinity of such wire ropes and floats when these are being laid or removed.

Mariners are to obey any instructions issued by Valletta Port Control (Valletta VTS) on VHF Channel 12 and enforcement personnel in the area.

Chart Affected: **BA 177**



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