



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS N° 065 of 2023

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Zones reserved for swimmers in Comino

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, hereby notifies all mariners, owners of vessels and bathers, that the following arrangements will be made for Blue Lagoon, Santa Maria Bay and San Niklaw Bay in the North Comino channel for the period between Monday 1st May 2023 and Sunday 15th October 2023.

1a) **Blue Lagoon – Comino Swimmers' Zone** (see Figure 1 attached)

No vessels or objects which may endanger the safety of bathers, including any type of fishing gear/implements, shall be used within a swimmers' zone. The swimmers' zone is being reserved exclusively for bathers and is delineated by the following coordinates: -

Position	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)	
1A	36° 00'.893	014° 19'.281	(Shore)
1B	36° 00'.898	014° 19'.289	
1C	36° 00'.825	014° 19'.351	
1D	36° 00'.846	014° 19'.440	
1E	36° 00'.851	014° 19'.452	(Shore)
1F	36° 00'.751	014° 19'.471	(Shore)
1G	36° 00'.740	014° 19'.390	(Shore)



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1b) Mooring areas for Commercial vessels

Two mooring areas are being assigned for Commercial vessels. The boundaries of these mooring areas are delineated by the following coordinates: -

Position	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)	
4	36° 01'.004	014° 19'.397	(Shore)
5	36° 00'.965	014° 19'.332	(Buoy)
6	36° 00'.927	014° 19'.364	
7	36° 00'.974	014° 19'.425	(Shore)
8	36° 00'.920	014° 19'.458	(Shore)
9	36° 00'.941	014° 19'.433	
10	36° 00'.904	014° 19'.383	
11	36° 00'.859	014° 19'.421	
12	36° 00'.866	014° 19'.439	(Shore)

1c) Fairway

A fairway has been established as indicated on the chart attached as Figure 1 and it is delineated by the following positions. Special Mark buoys fitted with a yellow light flashing every 5 seconds will be placed at points **1, 2, 3** and **5**.

Position	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)	
1	36° 00'.852	014° 19'.401	(Buoy)
2	36° 00'.913	014° 19'.346	(Buoy)
3	36° 00'.952	014° 19'.310	(Buoy)
5	36° 00'.965	014° 19'.332	(Buoy)
11	36° 00'.859	014° 19'.421	

9a) Il-Bajja ta' San Niklaw – Comino Swimmers' Zone (see Figure 9 attached)

No vessels or objects which may endanger the safety of bathers, including any type of fishing gear/implements, shall be used within a swimmers' zone. The swimmers' zone is being reserved exclusively for bathers and is delineated by the following coordinates: -

Position	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)	
9A	36° 01'.008	014° 19'.735	(Shore)
9B	36° 01'.005	014° 19'.749	(Shore)
9C	36° 01'.001	014° 19'.766	
9D	36° 01'.039	014° 19'.773	
9E	36° 01'.037	014° 19'.820	(Shore)



9b) Fairway

The fairway was established by Notice to Mariners N° 07 of 2017 and is to be used solely for navigation and should otherwise be kept clear.

10a) Il-Bajja ta' Santa Maria - Comino (Inner) Swimmers' Zone (see Figure 10 attached)

No vessels or objects which may endanger the safety of bathers, including any type of fishing gear/implements, shall be used within a swimmers' zone. The swimmers' zone is being reserved exclusively for bathers and is delineated by the following coordinates: -

Position	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)	
10A	36° 00'.996	014° 20'.180	(Shore)
10B	36° 01'.001	014° 20'.185	
10C	36° 00'.997	014° 20'.247	
10D	36° 00'.984	014° 20'.249	(Shore)

10b) Il-Bajja ta' Santa Maria - Comino (Outer) Swimmers' Zone (see Figure 10 attached)

No vessels or objects which may endanger the safety of bathers, including any type of fishing gear/implements, shall be used within a swimmers' zone. The swimmers' zone is being reserved exclusively for bathers and is delineated by the following coordinates: -

Position	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)	
10E	36° 01'.089	014° 20'.289	(Shore)
10F	36° 01'.134	014° 20'.301	(Shore)

10c) Fairway

The fairway was established by Notice to Mariners N° 08 of 2017 and is to be used solely for navigation and should otherwise be kept clear.

A minimum safety distance of 5 metres from the swimmers' zone is to be maintained.

Nylon ropes supported by floats will delineate the swimmers' zone and may remain in place, two weeks after the stipulated date. Mariners are to keep a safe distance from the vessels that will be laying and/or removing the ropes.

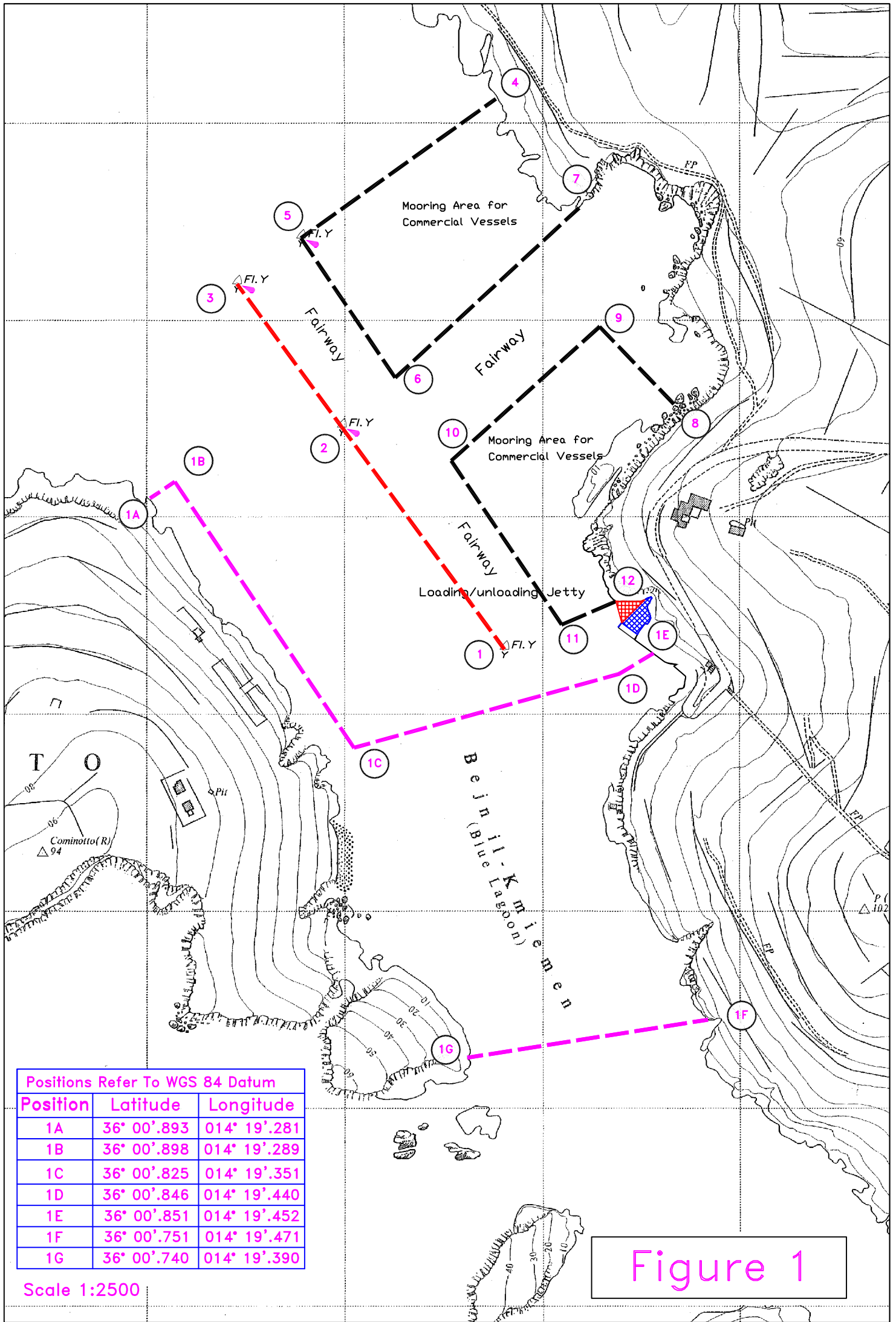


For the benefit and safety of all bathers and mariners, Transport Malta urges all visitors and commercial vessels to adhere to these arrangements. Enforcement Officers will be constantly patrolling the area. Any offender, on conviction, shall be liable to the fines (multa) as laid down in the second column to the Third Schedule of the Small Ships Regulations, as amended.

Mariners are advised to keep a good lookout and navigate with caution and at slow speed in the North Comino Channel when entering the Blue Lagoon, Il-Bajja ta' San Niklaw and Il-Bajja ta' Santa Maria Bay. They are also reminded that it is prohibited to secure/moor any vessel to any of the marker buoys, swimmers' zone delineation markers and related gear belonging to Transport Malta.

All positions are referred to WGS 84 DATUM.

Chart Affected: **BA 211**



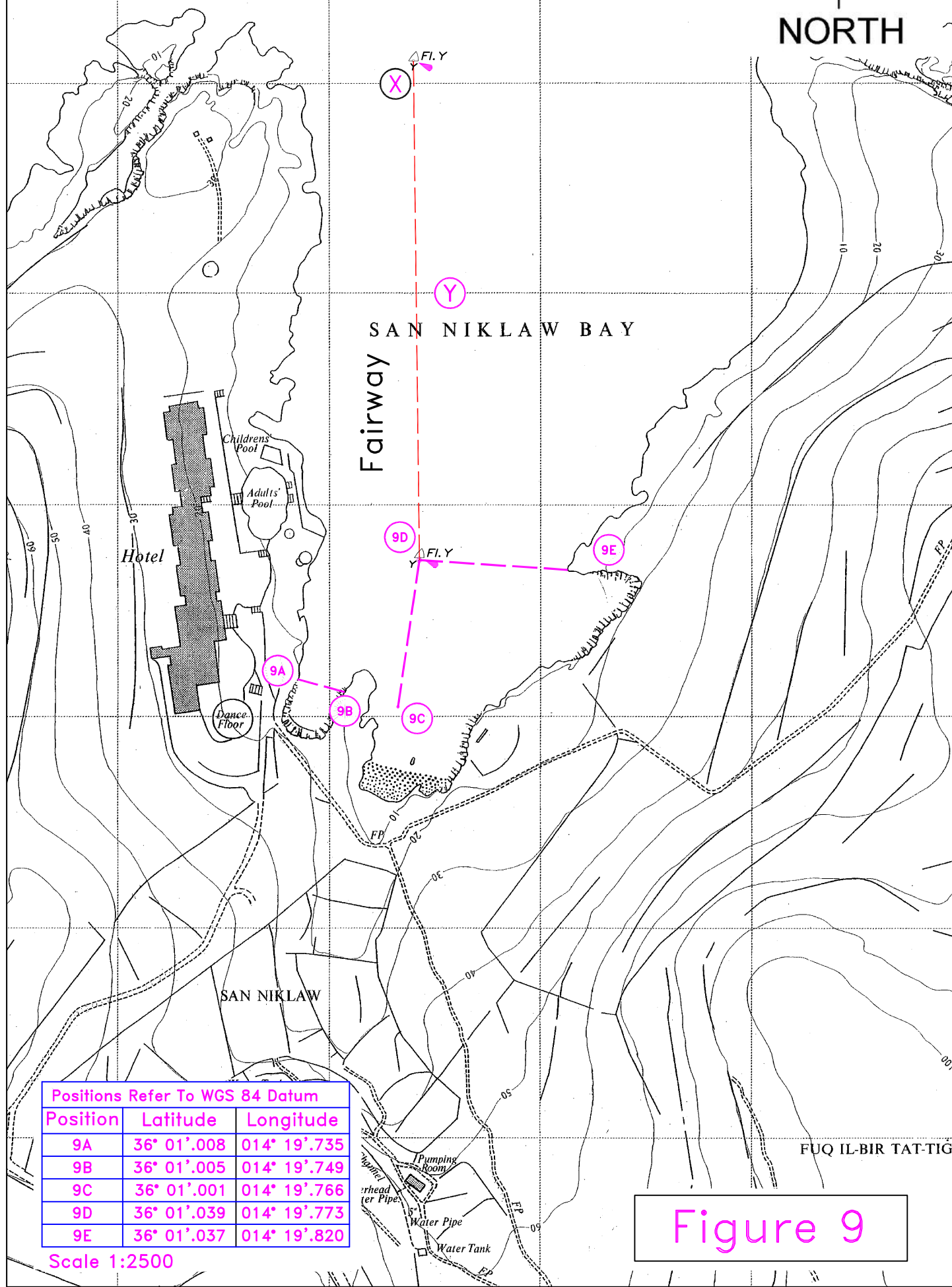
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Figure 1

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Positions Refer To WGS 84 Datum

Position	Latitude	Longitude
9A	36° 01'.008	014° 19'.735
9B	36° 01'.005	014° 19'.749
9C	36° 01'.001	014° 19'.766
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Figure 9

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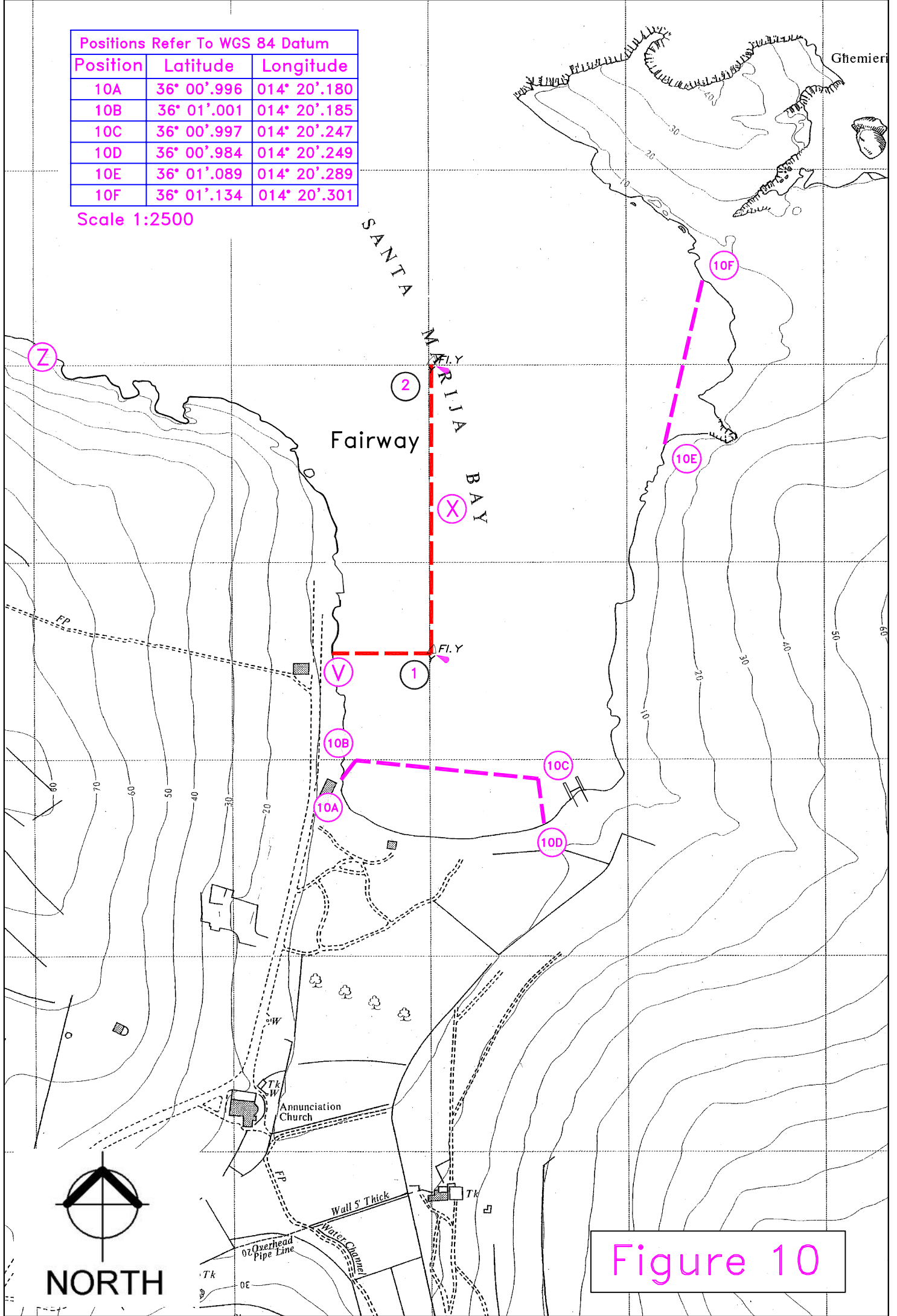


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