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Sailing Regattas outside Valletta Harbours - 2023

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta notifies all mariners that sailing regattas will be organised off Valletta Harbours, within the areas A and B, as shown on the attached chart.

The activities will be held as follows:

On Saturday 7th October 2023, between 0830 hours and 1800 hours and On Sunday 8th October 2023, between 0830 hours and 1800 hours.

Orange and yellow inflatable marker buoys, to indicate the racecourse within the abovementioned areas, shall be laid, between 0830 hours and 1800 hours, on each day of the races.

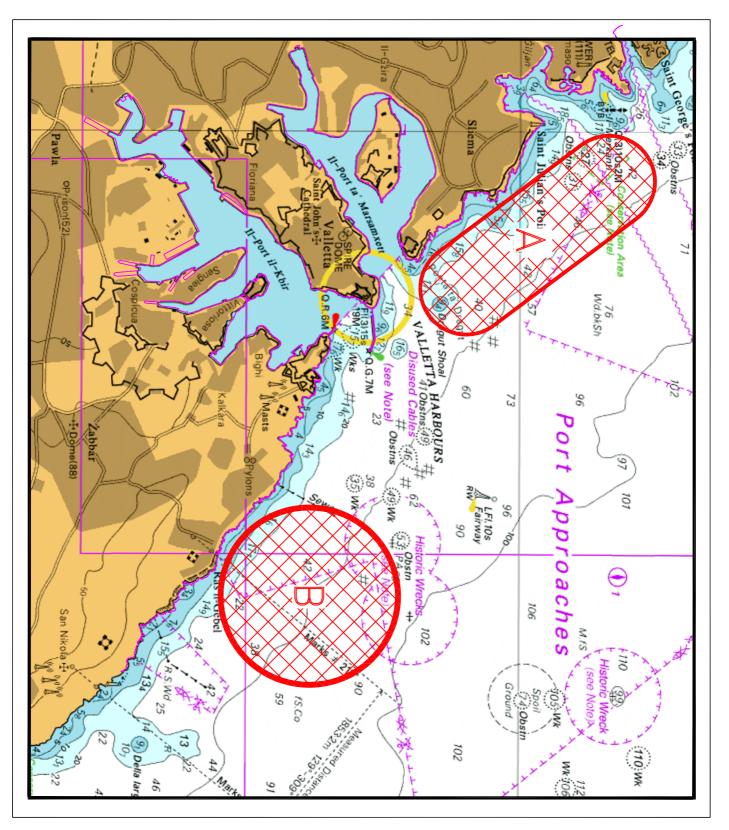
All vessels that are not involved in the activity are to keep well clear from the competing boats and are to follow any instructions given by the race officials and support vessels.

Mariners are to note the above and are to give the areas indicated a wide berth. They are further instructed to fully comply with Rule 18 (COLREGS 1972) and to '*keep out of the way*' of the sailing vessels participating in the Regattas.

Mariners navigating in the vicinity of the indicated areas on the mentioned dates and times are to keep watch on VHF Channel **12** and/or **16** and are to cooperate with the organisers and/or enforcement personnel in the area.

Any instructions issued on VHF channel **12** and/or **16** by Valletta VTS are to be complied with.

Chart affected: **BA 177, 2538, 2537.**



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