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Swimming Activity, round Malta swim – Neil Agius

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies mariners that a swimming attempt record, the round Malta swim will take place around the Maltese Islands, on any days between the 18th of September and the 9th of October 2024 – weather permitted.

*Subject to weather and current change around the Maltese Islands, this swimming activity could take place either **Clockwise** or **Anti-Clockwise** direction.*

Clockwise direction: (As shown in the attached Chart 1)

The *first section* of the 60/70-hour swim will start at 0800 hours from Mellieħa Bay, heading south, around Malta and Gozo keeping both islands on the right (starboard) side all the way back to Mellieħa Bay.

The estimated time of the first crossing of the Grand Harbour is around 1500 hours (6 hours into the event) and the estimated time of the first crossing of Marsaxlokk Port is around 1900 hours (10 hours into the event). The swimmer will then continue his swim around the island of Gozo and make his way back to outside Mellieħa Bay.

The *second section* of the activity will resume from outside Mellieħa Bay for the 2nd loop around the island of Malta.

The estimated time of the second crossing of the Grand Harbour is around 0100 hours (40 hours into the event), and the estimated time of the second crossing of Marsaxlokk Port is around 0500 hours (44 hours into the event).

The activity is scheduled to end in one of the following location;

- Location option 1 - Golden Bay around 1400 hours
Crossing Comino channel at 1500 hours
- Location option 2 - Mellieħa Bay around 2100 hours
- Location option 3 - Valletta (Grand Harbour) around 0400 hours



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Anti-Clockwise direction: (As shown in the attached Chart 2)

The *first section* of the 60/70-hour swim will start at 0800 hours from Mellieħa Bay, heading North, around the island of Gozo and the island of Malta keeping both islands on the Left (Port) side all the way back to Mellieħa Bay.

The estimated time of the first crossing of Marsaxlokk Port is around 1100 hours (26 hours into the event) and the first crossing of the Grand Harbour is around 1600 hours (32 hours into the event).

The *second section* of the activity will resume from Mellieħa Bay for the 2nd loop around the island of Malta (through the Comino channel).

The estimated time of second crossing the Marsaxlokk Port is around 1300 hours (52 hours into the event) and the Grand Harbour is around 1800 hours (57 hours into the event).

The activity will end in one of the following location;

- Location option 1 - Valletta (Grand Harbour) around 1800 hours
- Location option 2 - St Julians around 1900 hours
- Location option 3 - Mellieħa Bay around 0200 hours

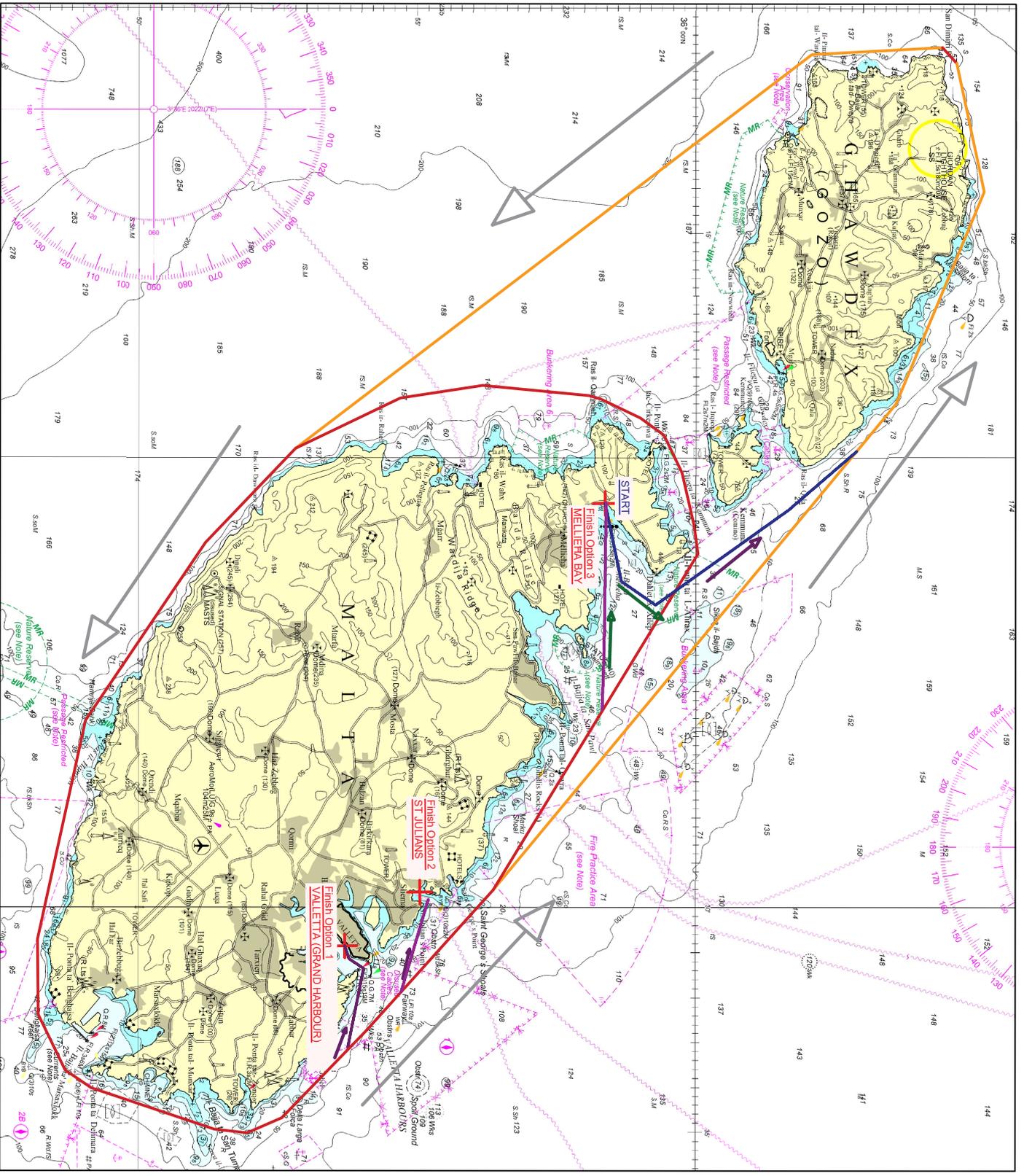
Several vessels will be accompanying the participating swimmer.

All other vessels not forming part of the organisation are to keep a minimum of 200m safety distance and navigate with vigilance.

Mariners are advised to keep a sharp lookout and navigate with extreme caution and at slow speed (no wake) when activity related vessels are spotted, on the stipulated date and they are to cooperate with the organisers.

All mariners are to comply with any instructions given on VHF Channel 12 and/or 16, by Valletta VTS and by any Enforcement Officers on site.

Charts affected: **BA 36, 177, 194, 211, 2537, 2538**



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