



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

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UXO Investigative Surveys for proposed cable route for second interconnector

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies mariners that several types of investigative surveys will be carried out for the proposed second interconnector between Malta and Sicily.

These investigative surveys will be carried out by the vessels “*Silvio 1*”, “*Celina 2*” and “*Ocean Marlin*” and their ancillary equipment.

Weather permitting the surveys are planned to commence on Sunday 15th March 2026 and are expected to be completed by Saturday 30th May 2026.

The investigative surveys will be carried along the route between the points A, B, C, D and E, as shown on the attached chart, with the following coordinates:

Position	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)
A	35° 57'.112	014° 26'.334
B	36° 02'.029	014° 28'.574
C	36° 06'.061	014° 26'.994
D	36° 14'.439	014° 31'.994
E	36° 22'.787	014° 31'.776

Since the vessels may be towing different types of equipment and, also at times be stationary, they may be restricted in their ability to manoeuvre.

Appropriate signals in accordance with the Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at sea (COLREGS) and the International Code of Signals, will be exhibited accordingly.

There will also be a diving team assisting during the surveys (in the part closer to land) and they will be displaying the International Code of Signals flag “A”.

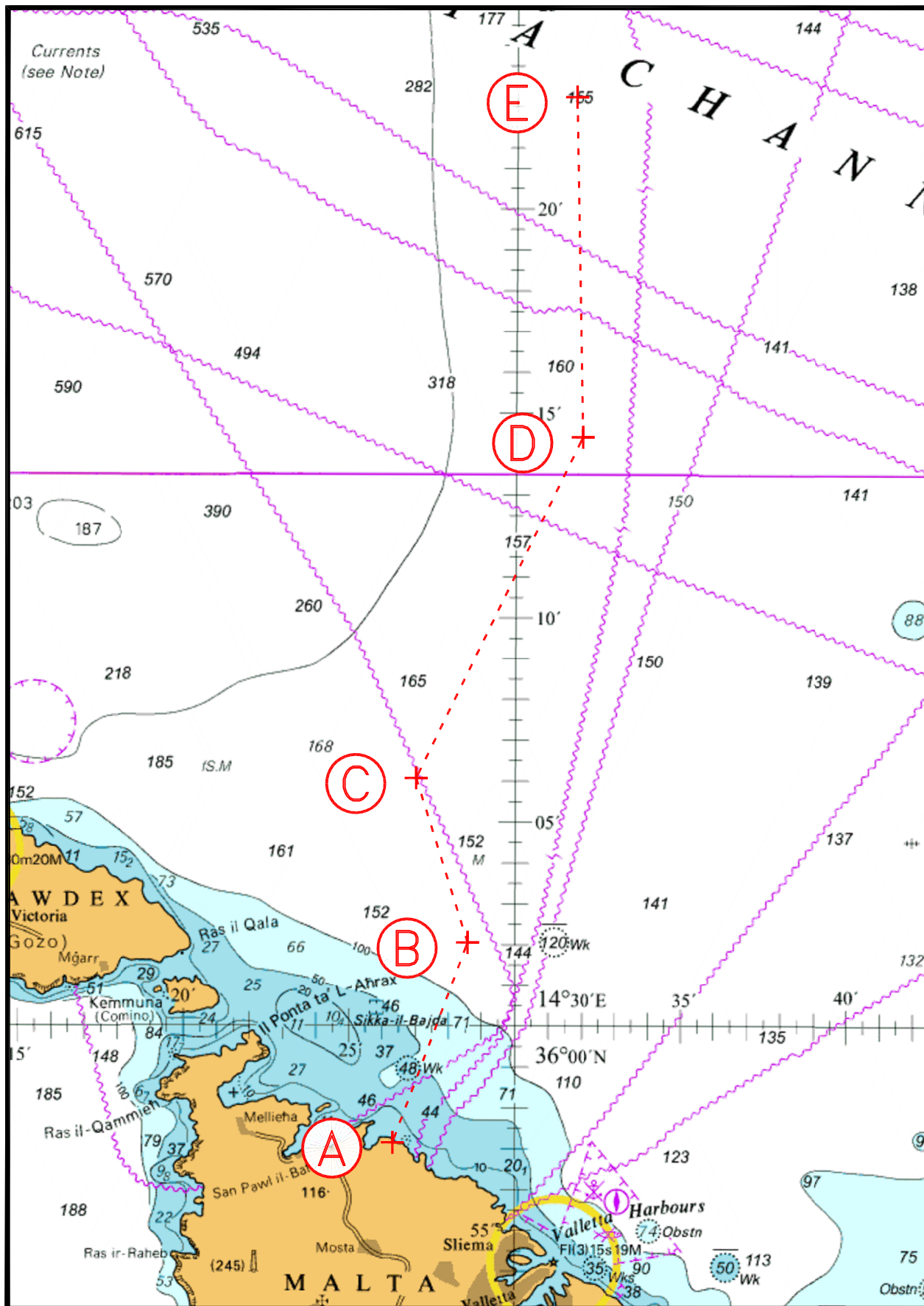


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Mariners are instructed to navigate with caution and to maintain a safe distance of 0.50 Nautical Miles from the vessels when they are detected or sighted.

When crossing the channel between Sicily and Malta, all vessels are to comply with any instructions given on VHF channel 69 and/or 16 by Malta Coastal Station (Malta VTS) and on VHF channel 12 by Valletta VTS.

Charts Affected: **BA 194, 2123, 2124, 2537, 2538**



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