



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

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## NOTICE TO MARINERS N° 40 of 2026

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### Marine Scientific Research - ZMED 2026

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies mariners that a Marine Scientific Research Survey - ZMED 2026 will be conducted outside Maltese Territorial Waters.

The survey will be carried out by the vessel '*La Lapérouse*' within the area bounded by the following coordinates:

Point	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)
A	35° 10'.834	015° 00'.000
B	34° 32'.333	015° 00'.000
C	34° 21'.598	016° 06'.977
D	34° 45'.578	016° 18'.932

The survey is scheduled to commence with immediate effect and is expected to be completed by 30th November 2026.

The survey will be carried out using a multibeam echo sounder, a single beam echosounder and a side-scan sonar, which will make the '*La Lapérouse*' restricted in her ability to manoeuvre.

Mariners and operators of sea craft are advised to keep a sharp lookout and proceed with caution while navigating in the above area. They are to give the '*La Lapérouse*' a wide berth of at least 500m.

Moreover, they are requested to comply with instructions given by Malta VTS on VHF channel 69.

Chart affected: **BA 2124, 2123**

Positions referred to WGS 84 DATUM.