



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

NOTICE TO MARINERS N° 45 of 2026

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Marine Monitoring Survey - ACCOBAMS

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies mariners that a visual and passive acoustic monitoring survey of cetaceans (and other marine species) will be carried out within the Maltese Territorial Waters.

Weather permitting, the survey/research is planned to commence immediately and be completed by Wednesday 30th September 2026. Surveys will be conducted during both day and night periods.

Part of the works involves the survey vessel **R.V. Song of the Whale** (call sign MDSX7) deploying passive acoustic monitoring instruments. Consequently, at certain times, the vessel may be restricted in her ability to manoeuvre and should be given appropriate consideration by other vessels operating in the area.

The survey vessel shall exhibit the appropriate lights and shape signals in accordance with the Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea 1972 (COLREGS) and with the International Code of Signals.

Mariners are instructed to navigate with caution when the above-mentioned vessel is sighted and maintain a safe distance of 0.3 Nautical Miles from the vessel.

They are to observe any instructions given on VHF channel 69 and /or 16 by Malta Coastal Station (Malta VTS) and on VHF channel 12 by Valletta VTS when crossing the channel between Sicily and Malta.

Charts Affected: **BA 194, 2123, 2124, 2537, 2538 and Int. 301**

Positions referred to **WGS 84 DATUM**