PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No 006 of 2023

Our Ref: **TM/PYD/ 96/07**

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Speed Restricted in Close Proximity to Small Craft, Mooring Areas and Marinas

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, wishes to remind mariners, boaters and operators of commercial vessels on the importance of proceeding at a safe speed at all times subject to the prevailing circumstances and conditions and with extra caution and slow speed when operating and manoeuvring in close proximity to small craft, mooring areas and Marinas. Mariners are also reminded on the importance of, keeping a proper lookout, at all times.

The following shall apply:

1.   In terms of the Yachting Centres Regulations (SL499.10), no person shall cause or permit any yacht or other craft to proceed at a speed in excess of three (3) knots within a yachting centre (Marina) or the established approaches thereto.

2.   Further to the Ports Regulations (SL499.01) and the Small Ships Regulations (SL 499.52) it is determined that within the other areas of the ports of Valletta, Marsamxett and Mgarr (Gozo) mariners are to proceed at a maximum speed of 5 knots and keeping wash to a minimum. In other ports and harbours, within 300m from the foreshore of a sandy beach and within 200m from other part of the foreshore are to proceed at a speed which does not exceed ten (10) knots: and

3.   When Speed Marker Buoys (IALA Special Mark) are sighted, the speed indicated on the buoy is not to be exceeded.

Operators of Commercial Vessels are further requested to contact and inform Valletta VTS on VHF Channel 12 prior to proceeding on Harbour Cruises within the Ports and are to inform the respective Marina Operator on VHF Channel 13 when navigating within creeks and marina fairways.

Local Notice to Mariners No. 005 of 2020 of Transport Malta are hereby **CANCELLED**.