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Malta International Fireworks Festival 2024

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, hereby notifies mariners that firework displays will be held in the Grand Harbour between Saturday 20th April and Tuesday 30th April 2024, both days included.

Barges will be moored and loaded with fireworks at Kalkara Quay in Il-Bajja tar-Rinella.

Owners of vessels moored in Il-Bajja tar-Rinella are to remove their vessels and the area is to be kept clear from Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 2359 hours to Wednesday 1st May 2024 at 2359 hours. Transport Malta will accept no liabilities whatsoever for any damage caused to vessels that are left within Il-Bajja tar-Rinella during the mentioned dates and times.

The sinkers that will be used to secure the pontoons, will be marked with buoys that have a light on them, at points S and T, as shown on the attached chart. The pontoons and their sinkers will be laid on each day of the displays, they will depart from Il-Bajja tar-Rinella on each day of the display at 1400 hours.

The barges will be moored at points U, V and W, as shown on the attached chart. The barges and sinkers will depart from Il-Bajja tar-Rinella to be laid in their position on each day of the display at 1200 hours, they will then be removed immediately after the displays finish.

Mariners are informed that part of the Grand Harbour, between the imaginary lines A - B, C - D, E - F, G - H and the intermediate coastline, as shown on the attached chart, will be closed to all vessels, except for authorised vessels as stated for each day.

POSITION	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (E)
A	35° 53'.590	014° 30'.699
B	35° 53'.458	014° 30'.831
C	35° 53'.417	014° 30'.937



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D	35° 53'.512	014° 31'.031
E	35° 53'.541	014° 31'.155
F	35° 53'.545	014° 31'.359
G	35° 53'.963	014° 31'.376
H	35° 54'.143	014° 31'.221
S	35° 53'.794	014° 31'.114
T	35° 53'.642	014° 30'.841
U	35° 53'.681	014° 31'.150
V	35° 53'.660	014° 31'.113
W	35° 53'.662	014° 31'.282

On Saturday 20th April 2024

The Grand Harbour will be closed to traffic from 1900 hours to 2300 hours, while the display will commence at 2030 hours and terminate at 2245 hours.

On Wednesday 24th April 2024

The Grand Harbour will be closed to traffic from 2045 hours to 2315 hours, while the display will commence at 2100 hours and terminate at 2300 hours.

On Tuesday 30th April 2024

The Grand Harbour will be closed to traffic from 2045 hours to 2315 hours, while the display will commence at 2100 hours and terminate at 2315 hours.

A barge, that is to be used as a stage, will be laid at point Z, as shown on the attached chart.

The barge (stage) will be laid in position on Sunday 28th April 2024 between 1845 hours and 2100 hours. It will again be laid in the same position on Monday 29th April 2024 at 1800 hours and removed on Tuesday 30th April 2024 after the display, during this period the barge (stage) will have a light on it.

Except for authorised vessels, Barriera Wharf, Lascaris Wharf and Fish Market are to be kept clear from 0001 hours to 2359 hours on the days of the displays.

During the events, ship movements in the Grand Harbour will be restricted. No vessel will be allowed within the restricted area, except by arrangement through the organizing Committee / Valletta VTS. Authorized vessels MUST be securely moored by not later than 2000 hours in the designated areas, as shown in blue on the attached chart.



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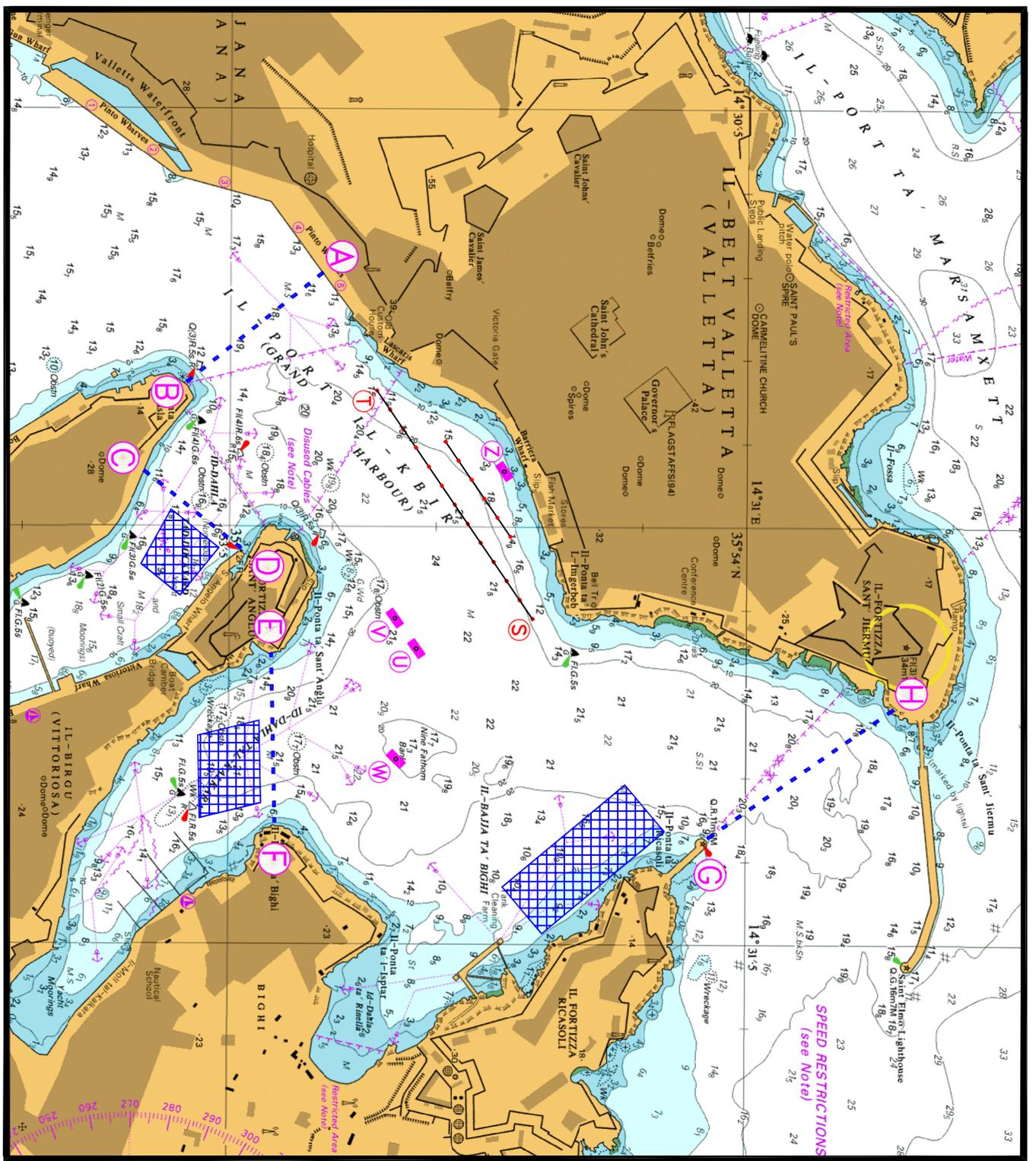
All vessels and bathers are warned to keep well clear and maintain a safe distance of not less than 200 metres from the barges and 50 metres from the pontoons while they are being towed.

Authorized vessels are to give the display pontoons and barges a wide berth of at least 200m. No movements whatsoever will be allowed during the actual displays.

Transport Malta will accept no liability whatsoever for any damage caused by the firework displays to any vessel and her ancillary equipment, whether such vessel and her ancillary equipment are left within the 200m safety zone, or outside such safety zone, from the point from which the fireworks are let off.

Mariners are to comply with any instructions and directions issued on VHF channel 12 / 16 by Valletta VTS and Maritime Enforcement Officers that will be in the area.

Chart Affected: **BA 177**



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