



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

## LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No 057 of 2023

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### **Amendment to Local Notice to Mariners No 53 of 2023 Re: Malta International Fireworks Festival 2023**

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, hereby notifies mariners that firework displays will be held in the ports of the Grand Harbour and Marsamxett between (Sunday) 23<sup>rd</sup> and the (Sunday) 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023, both days are 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 to remain clear from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023 at 2359 hours to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 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 and that will be marked with lit buoys will, on each day of the displays, be lowered into position between 0800 and 1000 hours.

The pontoons and barges are expected to depart from Il-Bajja tar-Rinella towards their allocated locations at 1400 hour.

The pontoons will be moored along the line S to T and the barges will be moored at points U, V and W, as shown on the attached chart. They will 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 1, 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 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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

#### On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

The Grand Harbour will be closed to traffic from 2015 hours to 2315 hours, while the display will start at 2100 hours and terminate at 2300 hours.

#### On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

The Grand Harbour will be closed to traffic from 1945 hours to 2315 hours, while the display will start at 2030 hours and terminate at 2300 hours.

Except for authorised vessel, 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 event shipping 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 2030 in the designated areas, as shown in blue on the attached chart 1.

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.



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Another part of the activity will be firework displays from Manoel Island. The displays will be let off from points M and N, as shown on the attached chart 2, as follows:

POSITION	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (E)
M	35° 54'.238	014° 30'.266
N	35° 54'.106	014° 30'.338

#### From point M

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, from 0900 hours to 1200 hours and from 1900 hours to 2100 hours. From Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023, from 0900 hours to 1200 hours daily.

#### From point N

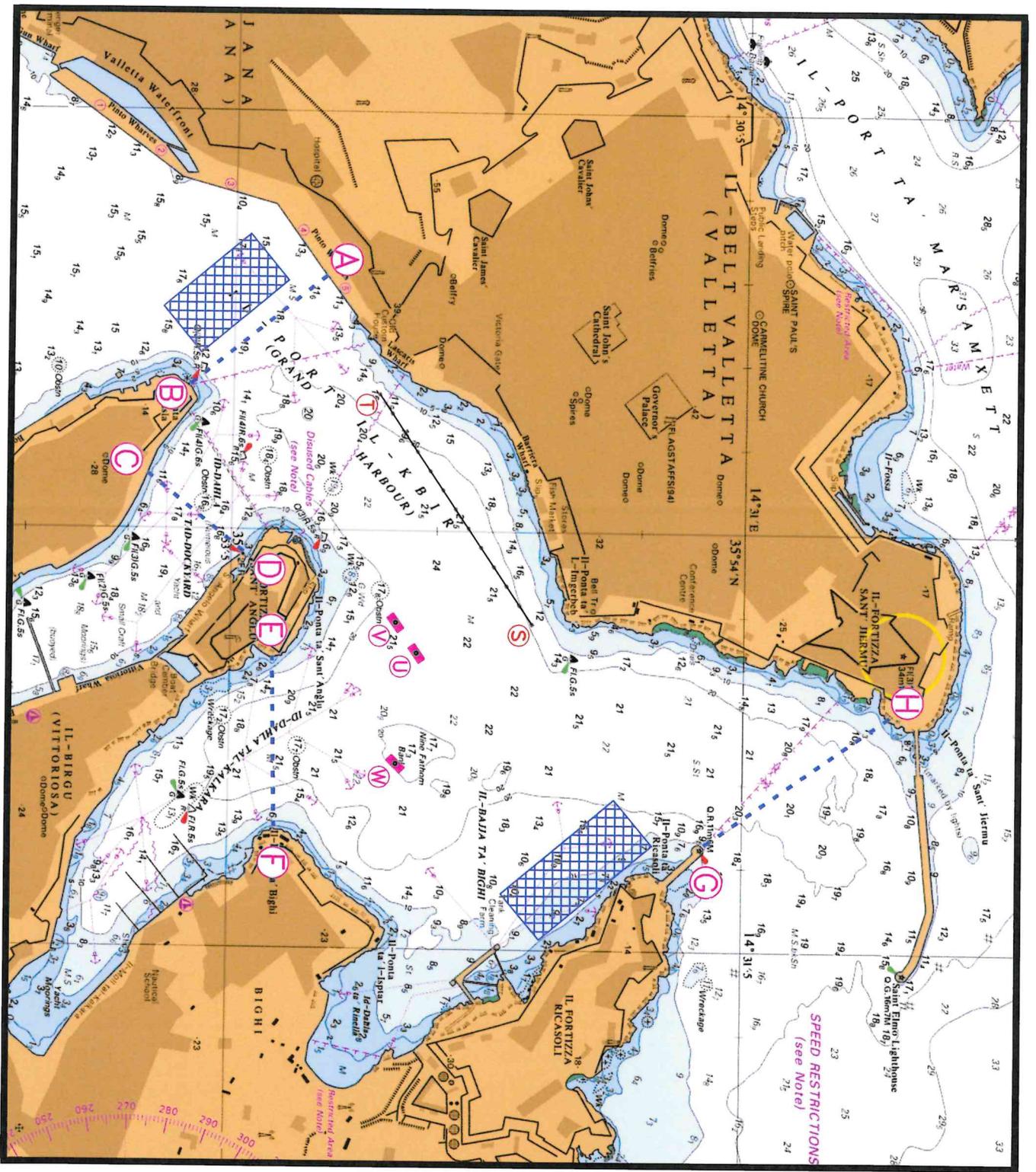
On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023, from 0900 hours to 1200 hours and from 2000 hours to 2200 hours.

Masters and owners of vessels that are berthed or moored within 200m from point M, within the area shown in magenta on attached chart 2 and within 200m from point N, within the area shown in blue on the attached chart 2, are to remove their vessels during the above-mentioned dates and times.

Transport Malta will accept no liability whatsoever for any damage caused by the firework displays to any vessel or other property, whether such vessel or property is 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**



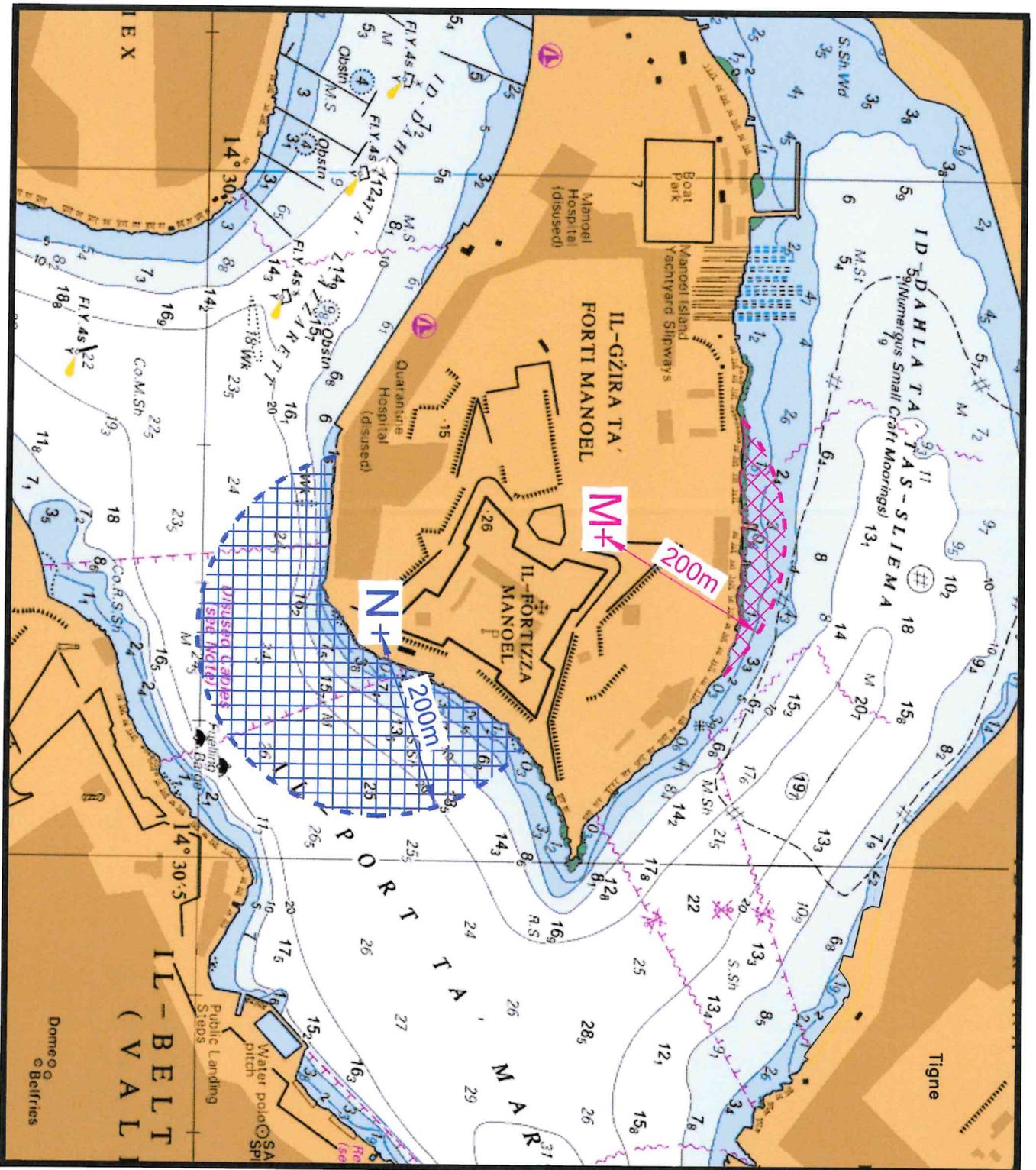
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**Chart 1**



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# Chart 2