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Malta International Fireworks Festival 2026

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, hereby notifies mariners that firework displays will be held in the Grand Harbour on Monday 20th April, Saturday 25th April and Thursday 30th April 2026.

Barges will be moored and loaded with fireworks at Kalkara Quay in Il-Bajja tar-Rinella from Wednesday 15th of April 2026.

Owners of vessels moored in Il-Bajja tar-Rinella are to remove their vessels and the area is to be kept clear from Wednesday 15th April 2026 at 0800 hours to Sunday 3rd May 2026 at 0800 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 Q - R and S - 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 1200 hours.

Barges will be moored at points P1, P2, and P3 as shown on the attached chart. The barges and sinkers at points P1 and P2 will depart from Il-Bajja tar-Rinella to be laid in their position on each day of the display at 1200 hours, while the barge and sinker at point P3 will depart from Il-Bajja tar-Rinella to be laid in its position on each day of the display at 1715 hours, they will then all 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
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
Q	35° 53'.683	014° 30'.883
R	35° 53'.785	014° 31'.043
S	35° 53'.794	014° 31'.114
T	35° 53'.642	014° 30'.841
P1	35° 53'.636	014° 31'.062
P2	35° 53'.656	014° 31'.103
P3	35° 53'.662	014° 31'.282

On Monday 20th April 2026

The Grand Harbour will be closed to traffic from 2030 hours to 2300 hours, while the display will commence at 2100 hours and terminate at 2245 hours.

On Saturday 25th April 2026

The Grand Harbour will be closed to traffic from 2030hours to 2300 hours, at 2000 hours there will be a 30-minute drone sunset display, while the main display will commence at 2100 hours and terminate at 2300 hours.

On Thursday 30th April 2026

The Grand Harbour will be closed to traffic from 2030 hours to 2300 hours, while the display will commence at 2100 hours and terminate at 2300 hours.

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.



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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.

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

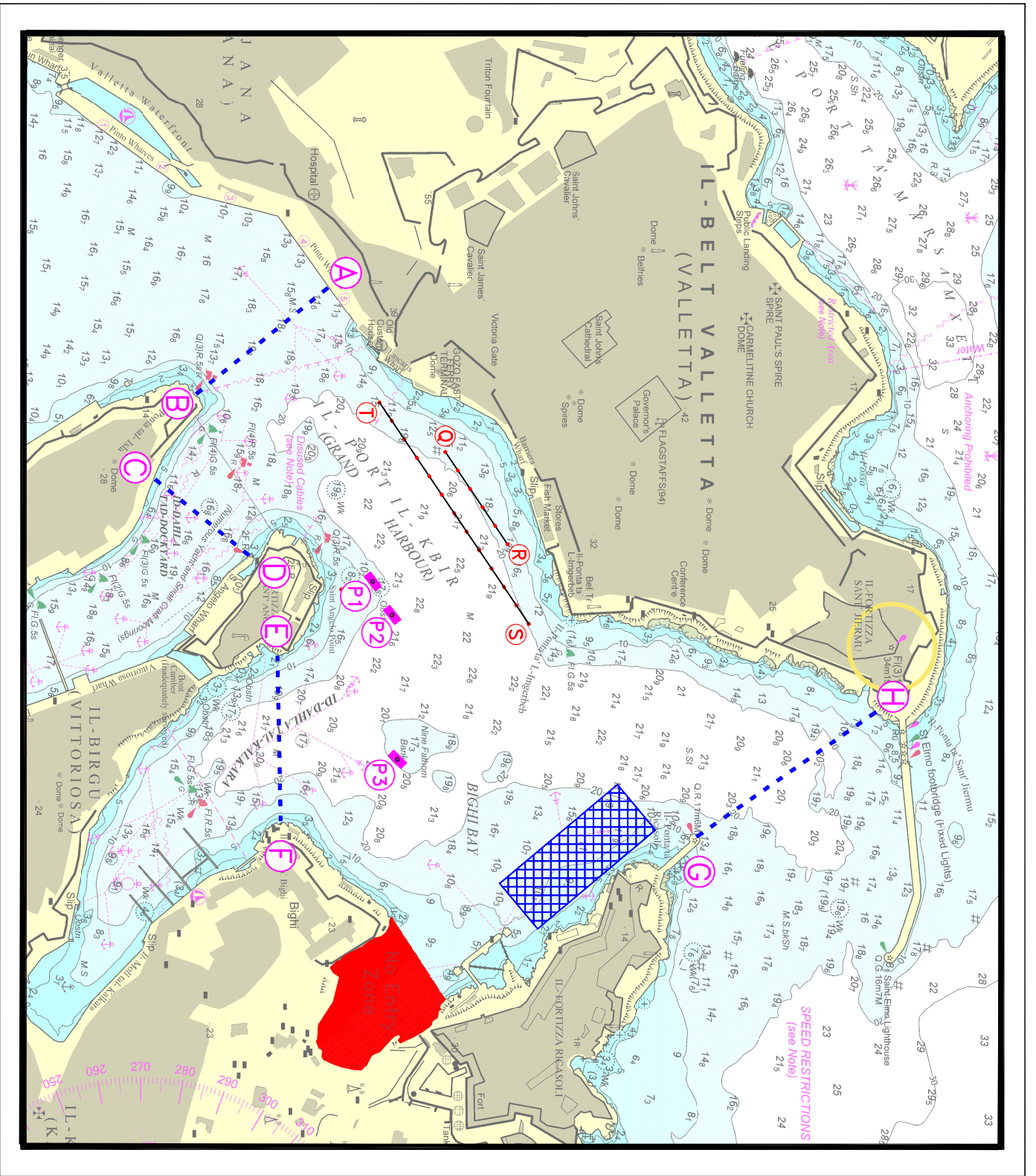
Authorized vessels are to give the display pontoons and barges a wide berth of at least 200m. No movements whatsoever will be allowed during the actual displays.

If adverse weather conditions prevent the fireworks from taking place on the scheduled dates, the event will be rescheduled for the following day at the same times. However, for Thursday 30th April 2026, the rescheduled date will be Saturday 2nd May 2026, at the same time.

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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