



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

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Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) surveys off Bunkering Area 1

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies mariners that Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) surveys will be carried out off Bunkering Area 1.

The AUV surveys will be carried out within the area as shown in red on the attached chart, during daylight hours, by the vessel "*Furbana*", who will be restricted in her ability to manoeuvre (RAM).

During the surveys the vessel "*Furbana*" will 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. AIS operational.

The surveys will start on Monday 2nd June and is expected to be completed by Monday 30th June 2025, weather permitting.

Mariners are instructed to navigate with caution when the above-mentioned vessel is sighted and maintain a safe distance of 250m from the vessel.

Moreover, any instructions given on VHF Channels **12**, **14** and / or **16** by Valletta VTS, Marsaxlokk VTS and the Armed Forces of Malta are to be strictly observed.

Charts Affected: **BA 2537, 194**

Positions referred to **WGS 84 DATUM**

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