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Sub-Bottom Profile Survey and Microplastics sampling in Qawra

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta notifies mariners that Sub-Bottom Profile (SBP) survey and Microplastics sampling will be carried out in Qawra either on Wednesday 11th or Thursday 12th of June 2025.

The Sub-Bottom Profile survey is scheduled to be carried out between 0830 hours and 1400 hours. While the Microplastic sampling will be carried out between 1200 hours and 1600 hours.

The Sub-Bottom Profile (SBP) survey and the Microplastic sampling will be carried out in the area, as indicated in red on the attached chart.

The sampling will consist of a vessel which will be towing a trawl net (manta net) alongside.

Masters and operators of vessels are advised to keep the area clear.

Masters are reminded to keep a sharp lookout, navigate with caution, and at slow speed (no wake) when manoeuvring near the surveying area (as shown in the attached chart).

They are to comply with any instructions given on VHF Channel 12 and/or 16 by Valletta VTS and by any enforcement personnel on site.

Charts affected: BA 211



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