



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS N° 130 of 2026

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Launching Lanes around Malta, Gozo and Comino

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, informs mariners and vessel owners that, with reference to the Local Notice to Mariners concerning Zones Reserved for Swimmers and Restricted Navigation Areas in Malta, Gozo, and Comino, no vessel shall be moored or anchored near the approaches to the entrances of, or within any designated launching lane unless authorised by Transport Malta.

Mariners are further reminded to maintain a minimum safety distance of 20 metres from all swimmers zones and restricted navigational areas, except at the following locations, where the minimum safety distance is 5 metres:

Comino: Blue Lagoon
San Niklaw Bay
Santa Maria Bay

Gozo: Mgarr ix-Xini
Xlendi Bay

To ensure the continued safeguarding of Safety at Sea, Mariners are reminded to refer and adhere with Local Notice to Mariners No. 186 of 2025 concerning Situational Awareness at Sea.

Mariners are advised to maintain a sharp lookout at all times and navigate at a safe and slow speed while operating in these areas. They are also required to comply with any instructions issued by Valletta VTS on VHF Channel 12, Marsaxlokk VTS on VHF Channel 14, Valletta/Marsaxlokk VTS on VHF Channel 16 and any enforcement personnel operating in the area.