



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS N° 133 of 2023

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Firework Displays in Grand Harbour - Vittoriosa Feast

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies mariners that fireworks will be let off from barges moored off Bighi Point.

Barges position:

	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (E)
P	35°53'.669	14°31'.200
Y	35°53'.629	14°31'.255
Z	35°53'.678	14°31'.317

The barges will be left in position during the night and will be lit.

A barge will be towed from its shipyard on Friday 28 or Saturday 29th July 2023 and moored at point Z, as shown on the attached chart.

Another barge will be towed from its shipyard on Monday 31st July 2023 and moored at point P, as shown on the attached chart.

On Monday 31st July 2023 fireworks will be let off from these two barges
from 0800 hours to 0810 hours,
from 1200 hours to 1210 hours and
from 1930 hours to 1950 hours.

The other barge will be towed from its shipyard on Friday 4th August 2023 and moored at point Y, as shown on the attached chart.

Fireworks will then be let off from the three barges as follows:



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On Sunday 6 th August 2023	from 0800 hours to 0810 hours, from 1200 hours to 1210 hours and from 2000 hours to 2015 hours.
Monday 7 ^h August 2023	from 0800 hours to 0810 hours, from 1200 hours to 1210 hours and from 2030 hours to 2045 hours.
Tuesday 8 th August 2023	from 0800 hours to 0810 hours, from 1200 hours to 1210 hours and from 2045 hours to 2115 hours.
Wednesday 9 th August 2023	from 1000 hours to 1020 hours, from 1200 hours to 1210 hours, from 1900 hours to 1920 hours and from 2200 hours to 2300 hours.
Thursday 10 th August 2023	from 0800 hours to 0810 hours, from 1200 hours to 1220 hours and from 1915 hours to 2300 hours.

The three barges will be towed back to their respective shipyards on Friday 11th August 2023.

A wide berth of 200 meters is requested from the position of the barges on the days indicated above as the barges might be loaded with fireworks.

The barges shall exhibit the appropriate signals for a vessel at anchor in compliance with the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea. (COLREGS). When loaded with fireworks they shall exhibit the International Code of Signals flag 'Bravo' by day and an all-round red light by night.

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 navigate with caution and at slow speed when in the vicinity. They are to cooperate with the organisers. Instructions and directions given on VHF channel 12 and/or 16 by Valletta VTS and any enforcement personnel are to be complied with.

Chart affected: **BA 177**

