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Valletta Pageant of the Seas – July 2026

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies mariners that the “Pageant of the Seas” event will be held in the Grand Harbour on Friday 24th July 2026.

Preparatory and setup works for the Valletta Pageant of the Seas will commence at Quarry Wharf Side on Friday 17th July 2026. These works will include the installation of vent infrastructure, technical equipment, staging, and ancillary facilities, and will be carried out daily between 0800 and 1800 hours.

On Tuesday 21st July 2026, water fountain and laser rehearsals within area Y, as shown on the attached chart, will be held between 1900 hours and 2230 hours, depending on vessel traffic movements.

The positions of floating platforms related to the water fountains and lasers are as follows:

POSITION	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (E)
G	35°53'.724	014°30'.858
H	35°53'.742	014°30'.912
I	35°53'.778	014°30'.954

On Wednesday 22nd July 2026 and Thursday 23rd July 2026, full rehearsals (water fountain, lasers, boat pageantry) within both areas Y and Z, as shown on the attached chart to be held between 1900 hours and 2230 hours, depending on vessel traffic movements.

On the day of the actual event, Friday 24th July 2026, fireworks will be loaded on the pontoons at point A, between 0700 hours and 1500 hours.

The pontoons loaded with fireworks will then be shifted from point A, to point B, as shown on the attached chart.

POSITION	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (E)
A	35°53'.605	014°31'.542
B	35°53'.579	014°30'.993
C	35°53'.559	014°31'.012
D	35°53'.629	014°31'.071



All traffic movements between 18th July 2026 to Thursday 23rd July 2026 are to be coordinated on VHF channel 12 by Valletta VTS.

Owners of vessels, both moored and anchored in Il-Bajja tar-Rinella are to remove their vessels and the area is to be kept clear from Wednesday 22nd July at 0700 till Friday 24th July 2026 at 2359 hours. Quay at il- Bajja tar- Rinella must not be used as well due to fireworks material being on site.

Owners of vessels, both moored and anchored at Quarry Wharf, are required to remove their vessels from Sunday 19th July 2026, at 0800 hours until Sunday 26th July 2026, at 1800 hours. Mariners should maintain an 80-meter safety distance from Quarry Wharf during this period.

The Grand Harbour will be closed to all traffic on Friday 24th July 2026 from 2030 hours to 2300 hours while the events are being held, within the area enclosed by the imagery lines joining points J – K, L – M, N – O, P – Q, R – S, T – W and the intermediate coastline as shown on the attached chart.

POSITION	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (E)
J	35°54'.170	014°31'.234
K	35°54'.172	014°31'.286
L	35°54'.157	014°31'.528
M	35°53'.965	014°31'.374
N	35°53'.722	014°31'.538
O	35°53'.658	014°31'.477
P	35°53'.556	014°31'.361
Q	35°53'.452	014°31'.228
R	35°53'.431	014°31'.155
S	35°53'.363	014°31'.032
T	35°53'.260	014°30'.921
W	35°53'.319	014°30'.465

During the events, ship movements in the Grand Harbour will be restricted. No vessels will be allowed within the restricted area, except by arrangement through the organizing Committee / Valletta VTS. Authorized vessels MUST be secured and moored by not later than 2030 hours in the designated areas, as shown in blue on the attached chart.

Dismantling and the removal of event equipment and infrastructure will take place on Saturday, 25 July 2026.

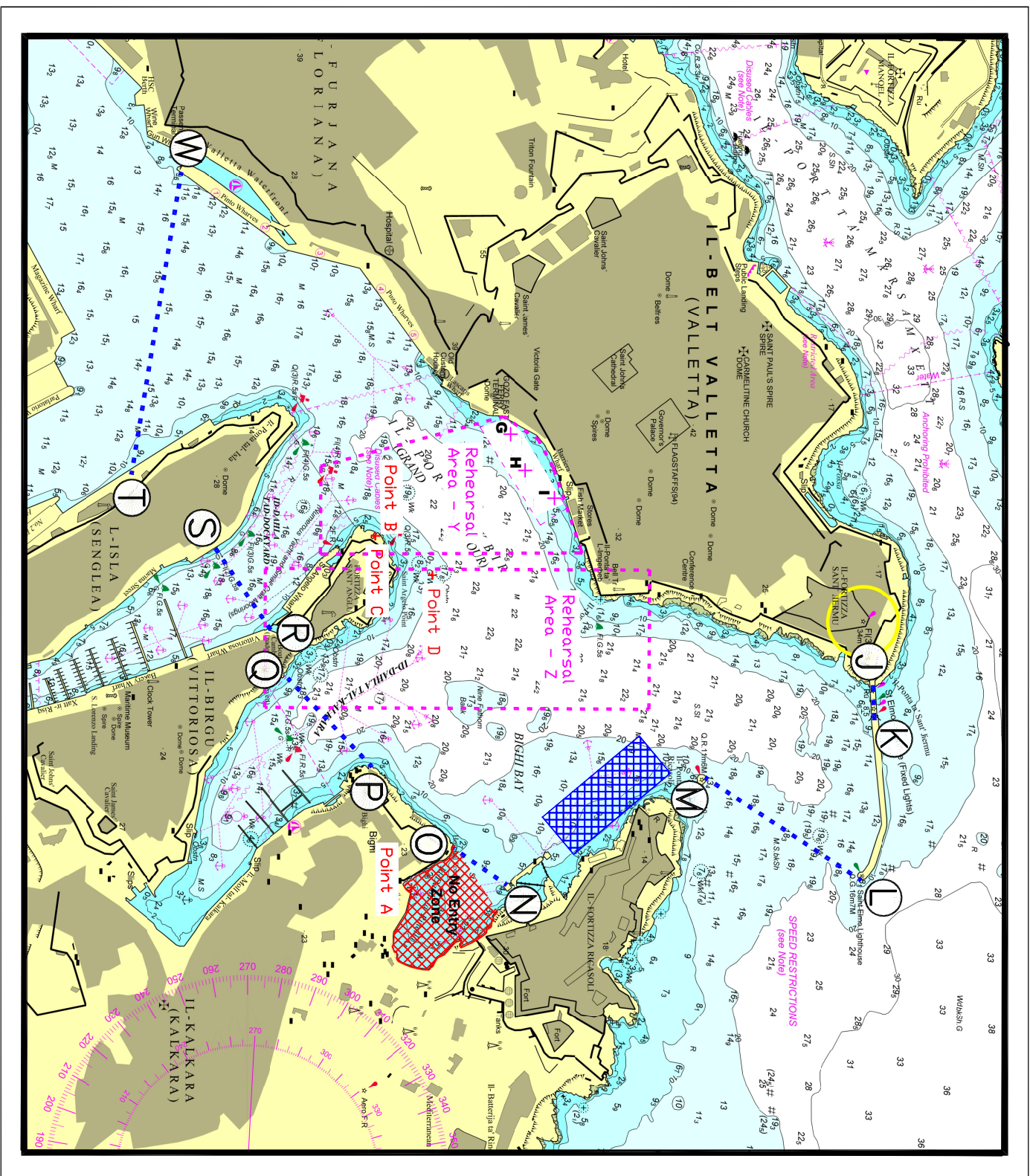
Mariners are to comply with instructions and directions issued on VHF Channels 12 and/or 16 by Valletta VTS, and by the Police, the Armed Forces of Malta and Transport Malta Enforcement units that will be in the area.



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