

PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

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Water sampling in the Grand Harbour

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies mariners and owners of vessels that water sampling will be carried out (weather permitting) within the Grand Harbour on Friday 17th September 2021 between 0800 hours and 1400 hours.

Water sampling will be carried out from the following approximate positions A, B and C as shown on attached chart.

Position	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)
А	35° 53'.782	014° 31'.081
В	35° 53'.977	014° 31'.329
С	35° 54'.125	014° 31'.496

The works will be carried out with the assistance of the vessel BEEZER.

A safety zone of 50m round the support vessel is to be kept during the sampling.

The sampling will be carried with the use of a *Niksin* bottle, and the vessel will be unable to manoeuvre for the few minutes while the sampling is being carried out.

If due to weather conditions the sampling cannot be carried on the stated date it will be carried out either on Wednesday 22nd or Thursday 23rd September 2021 at the same time.

Masters and operators of vessels are advised to keep a sharp lookout, navigate with caution, and at slow speed when navigating close to the above indicated area.

They are to comply with any instructions and directions issued on VHF channel 12 and/or 16 by Valletta VTS and by any maritime enforcement assets in the area.

Chart affected: **BA 177**

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