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Swimming events from II-Ponta ta' L-Aħrax, Malta to Ġebel tal-Ħalfa, Gozo -Swimtrek

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta notifies mariners that a series swimming events starting from II-Ponta ta' L-Aħrax, Malta and finishing in Ġebel tal-Ħalfa, Gozo will be held on each of the following days:

Tuesday 26th September 2023, Saturday 30th September 2023, Tuesday 3rd October 2023, Friday 6th October 2023 and Wednesday 11th October 2023.

The participants will depart from II-Ponta ta' L-Aħrax, Malta, point A, at approximately 0830 hours and finish at Ġebel tal-Ħalfa, Gozo, point D, at approximately 1300 hours. They will be following the route along the points A, B, C, and D as shown on the attached chart.

The participants will be accompanied by a RHIB and a supported vessel.

II-Fliegu ta' Kemmuna will be restricted to navigation from 0830 hours to 1100 hours and II-Fliegu ta' Ghawdex will be restricted to navigation from 1130 hours to 1330 hours.

If on any of the days mentioned above, the events cannot be held from point A to point D, they will try to hold the event from point D to point A on the same day.

If any of the swimming events cannot be held in either direction on the dates mentioned, they will try again on the day after the postponed event.

Mariners are advised to keep a sharp lookout, to proceed at slow speed and to keep well clear of the area during the stipulated dates and time, giving the swimmers and support vessel and RHIB a wide berth. They are to observe closely, any instructions issued on VHF channel 12 and/or 16 by Valletta VTS and by any maritime enforcement assets in the area.

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