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Rolex Middle Sea Race - 2022

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies that the Royal Malta Yacht Club will be holding the Rolex Middle Sea Race on Saturday 22nd October 2022. In addition, a coastal race will also be held on Wednesday 19th October 2022.

The race programme is as follows:

a. Wednesday, 19th October 2022

The coastal race starts at 1000 hours.

The start is from Marsamxett Harbour, at an imaginary line from the tower of Il-Fortizza ta' Tigne to the corner of the bastion on the western side of Il-Fossa in Valletta. When they exit Marsamxett Harbour they will proceed, to Comino and/or Gozo and finish at Marsamxett Harbour.

Mariners are requested to keep the Marsamxett fairway clear during the start of the coastal race between 0945 hours and 1045 hours and to keep a sharp lookout during the remaining hours of Wednesday 19th October 2022.

b. Saturday, 22nd October 2022

The Rolex Middle Sea Race starts at approximately 1100 hours.

The start is from the Grand Harbour, at an imaginary line from an inflatable buoy near Saint Angelo Point to the Valletta Saluting Battery mast.

The yachts shall then proceed in a North - Easterly direction along the Channel in the Grand Harbour to an inflatable buoy, bearing the sponsor's logo, positioned outside the Saint Elmo Breakwater. The buoy shown as 1 on attached charts 1 and 2 will be in the following approximate position:

LATITUDE (N)
35° 54'.160

LONGITUDE (E)
014° 31'.540



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A 200m restricted zone is being established around Buoy 1.

The yachts shall then proceed in a North – Westerly direction towards St George's shoals where a second inflatable buoy, bearing the sponsor's logo will be positioned. The buoy shown as 2 on the attached chart 2 will be in the following approximate position:

LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (E)
35° 55'.650	014° 30'.070

A 200m restricted zone is being established around Buoy 2.

They will follow the course as shown on the attached chart 2

The yachts shall then proceed in a North – North Easterly direction towards Sicily.

Mariners and spectators are to navigate with caution and to keep a sharp lookout when in the vicinity of the above-mentioned courses and when sighted, give the participants a wide berth.

They are also to keep at least 200m away from the inflatable buoys 1 and 2 mentioned above.

Mariners are advised that on Saturday 22nd October 2022 between 0900 hours and 1500 hours or such time as may be communicated on VHF channel 12 and/or 16 by Valletta VTS, if earlier, the Grand Harbour shall be closed for all traffic not directly related to the race.

During these times all other vessels shall be required to remain within designated areas in the inner harbour up to Ras Hanzir, in Dockyard Creek, Kalkara Creek and Rinella Bay. (areas are shown on attached chart 1).

No vessel will be allowed at the quay next to the fish market as this quay is being reserved for emergency vessels only.

Mariners are instructed to cooperate with the organizers and Maritime Enforcement officers in the area. Moreover, they are to obey any instructions given on VHF channel 12 and /or 16 by Valletta VTS.

Positions are in WGS 84 Datum.

Chart affected: **BA Chart 177, 2537,2538.**

