



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

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Navigational Hazard in the area of the West Coast of Malta

The Ports and Yachting Directorate of Transport Malta would like to inform mariners and vessel owners regarding shore-based activities along the coastlines, cliffs, and shorelines of the Maltese Islands that may pose a risk to navigation.

These activities may relate to the deployment of fishing lines, equipment, or other gear that extends from shore-based locations into the waters nearby. This equipment might not always be easily visible to approaching vessels, posing a hazard to navigation, especially during periods of reduced visibility or at night.

Mariners navigating near shorelines, coastal cliffs, and other nearshore areas are advised to exercise caution and maintain a proper lookout at all times.

Vessel operators are reminded that, in accordance with local navigation regulations, vessels navigating within 200 meters of the shoreline must not exceed a speed of 10 knots.

Mariners are encouraged to report any navigational hazards observed in coastal waters to Valletta VTS on VHF Channel 12/16 or Malta VTS on VHF Channel 69.