



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

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Rhodolith/Maerl Seabed Survey and Bentix Survey within the Maltese Territorial Waters

The Ports and Yachting Directorate of Transport Malta would like to inform mariners and owners of vessels about two upcoming surveys: the Rhodolith/Maerl Seabed Survey and the Bentix Survey. These surveys will take place within the Maltese Territorial Waters.

Weather permitting, the surveys are scheduled to begin on Saturday 8th November 2025 and are expected to be completed by Friday 28th November 2025.

The Rhodolith/Maerl Survey will utilize a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) to record seabed data along designated transect lines.

Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)	To	Latitude(N)	Longitude (E)
T1	36° 04.509'	14° 18.809'	36° 04.173'	14° 19.334'
T2	36° 04.068'	14° 20.435'	36° 03.735'	14° 20.962'
T3	36° 03.532'	14° 19.910'	36° 03.215'	14° 20.443'
T4	36° 03.085'	14° 22.446'	36° 02.750'	14° 22.968'
T5	36° 02.917'	14° 21.235'	36° 02.575'	14° 21.754'
T6	36° 01.555'	14° 21.461'	36° 01.187'	14° 21.971'
T7	36° 02.310'	14° 23.904'	36° 01.976'	14° 24.445'
T8	36° 01.539'	14° 23.153'	36° 01.200'	14° 23.686'
T9	36° 01.624'	14° 25.570'	36° 01.297'	14° 26.104'
T10	36° 00.498'	14° 24.967'	36° 00.185'	14° 25.511'
T11	36° 01.039'	14° 27.396'	36° 00.710'	14° 27.944'
T12	36° 00.595'	14° 26.406'	36° 00.266'	14° 26.963'
T13	35° 59.461'	14° 26.351'	35° 59.148'	14° 26.901'
T14	35° 58.563'	14° 25.672'	35° 58.220'	14° 26.192'
T15	35° 59.819'	14° 28.317'	35° 59.505'	14° 28.866'
T16	35° 58.373'	14° 27.428'	35° 58.052'	14° 27.969'



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T17	35° 59.066'	14° 30.016'	35° 58.731'	14° 30.532'
T18	35° 58.139'	14° 29.358'	35° 57.787'	14° 29.872'
T19	35° 57.187'	14° 28.859'	35° 56.874'	14° 29.405'
T20	35° 56.985'	14° 30.723'	35° 56.656'	14° 31.296'

The Bentix Survey will involve collecting sediment samples using a grab sampler. Both surveys will be conducted along the coast of Malta and Gozo, close to the specified coordinates.

	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)
M1	36° 03.078'	14° 11.124'
M2	36° 02.810'	14° 11.453'
M3	36° 04.164'	14° 17.010'
M4	36° 00.924'	14° 16.950'
M5	36° 01.002'	14° 19.266'
M6	35° 58.386'	14° 21.474'
M7	35° 57.516'	14° 25.908'
M8	35° 55.644'	14° 29.460'
M9	35° 56.352'	14° 56.352'
M10	35° 53.940'	14° 30.132'
M11	35° 54.099'	14° 30.475'
M12	35° 53.976'	14° 31.320'
M13	35° 53.635'	14° 30.991'
M14	35° 53.118'	14° 34.068'
M15	35° 53.185'	14° 34.045'
M16	35° 52.027'	14° 34.882'
M17	35° 49.802'	14° 34.033'
M18	35° 49.823'	14° 34.009'
M19	35° 49.239'	14° 33.402'
M20	35° 48.728'	14° 32.945'
M21	35° 49.661'	14° 32.714'
M22	35° 49.230'	14° 25.860'
M23	35° 57.180'	14° 20.370'
M24	35° 55.854'	14° 20.286'

During the surveys, the survey vessel SIMO (9HB6482) will be restricted in her ability to maneuver. Therefore, all other vessels are to give way to the survey vessel when it is spotted.



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Masters and operators of vessels are advised to keep a sharp lookout, navigate with caution and at safe speed (no wake) when navigating in the above indicated areas. They are to comply with instructions given on VHF Channel 12 and/or 16 by Valletta VTS, or by any enforcement agency on site.

Charts Affected: **BA 36, 177, 194, 2537, 2538**