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LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS Nº 214 of 2026

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Military underwater explosive detonation training – AFM

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies mariners and owners of vessels that the Armed Forces of Malta will conduct military underwater explosive detonation training.

This training is scheduled for Sunday 15th November 2026, from 1000 hours to 1300 hours within the designated Firing Practice Area, as indicated on the attached chart.

During the training, scuba divers will be accompanied by two AFM RHIB support vessels displaying the International Code of Signals flag "A." These RHIBs will also be positioned on either side of the military practice area to direct traffic.

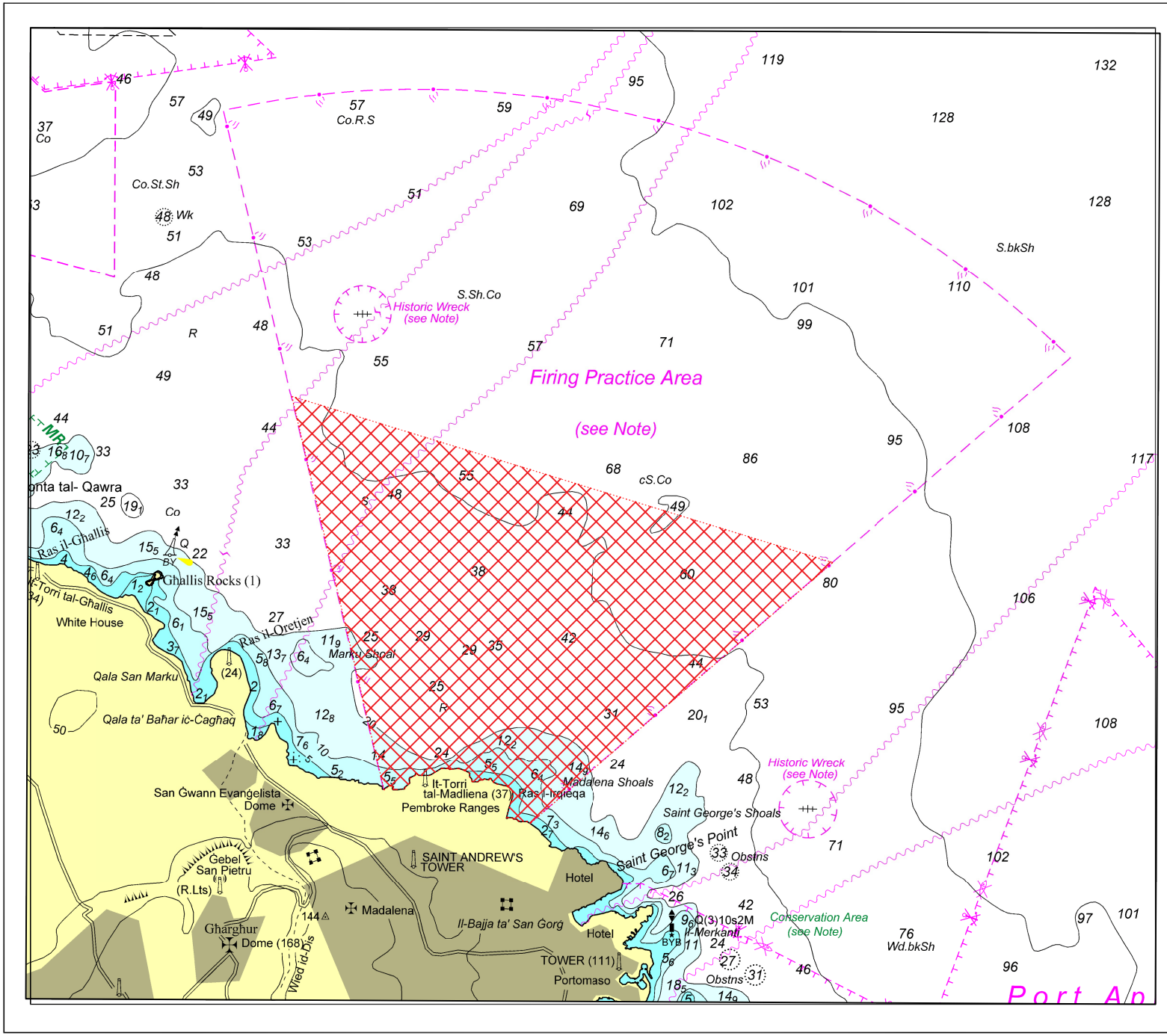
Red flags indicating danger will be posted on land to warn of the training activities.

Valletta VTS will issue a SECURITE message to announce that the training is in progress.

Mariners, vessel owners, and divers are advised to keep the Firing Practice Area clear during the mentioned date and times and to maintain a distance of at least 1.5 nautical miles from the coast as indicated on the attached chart.

Mariners are advised to navigate with caution at slow speed (No Wake) and give a wide berth when in the vicinity. They are also to keep out of the above-mentioned area and to comply with instructions and directions issued on VHF channel 12 and/or 16 by Valletta VTS and by any Enforcement Officers on site.

Chart Affected: **BA 177, 194, 2537, 2538**



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