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Santa swimming event in Marsamxett Harbour

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies that a Santa swimming event will be held on Sunday 6th December 2026. The swimming event is estimated to commence at 1000 hours and will finish at approximately 1200 hours.

The Santa swimming event will be held within the area formed by joining the points A to B, C to D and the intermediate coastline. The swim will start from the Grand Hotel Excelsior Marina, point X, they will swim towards Manoel Island, point B and back to near the Grand Hotel Excelsior, point D, always swimming within the area, as shown in red on the attached chart.

The approximate positions are as follows:

Points	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)
A	35° 53'.831	014° 30'.194
B	35° 54'.083	014° 30'.170
C	35° 54'.076	014° 30'.311
D	35° 53'.913	014° 30'.312
X	35° 53'.867	014° 30'.262

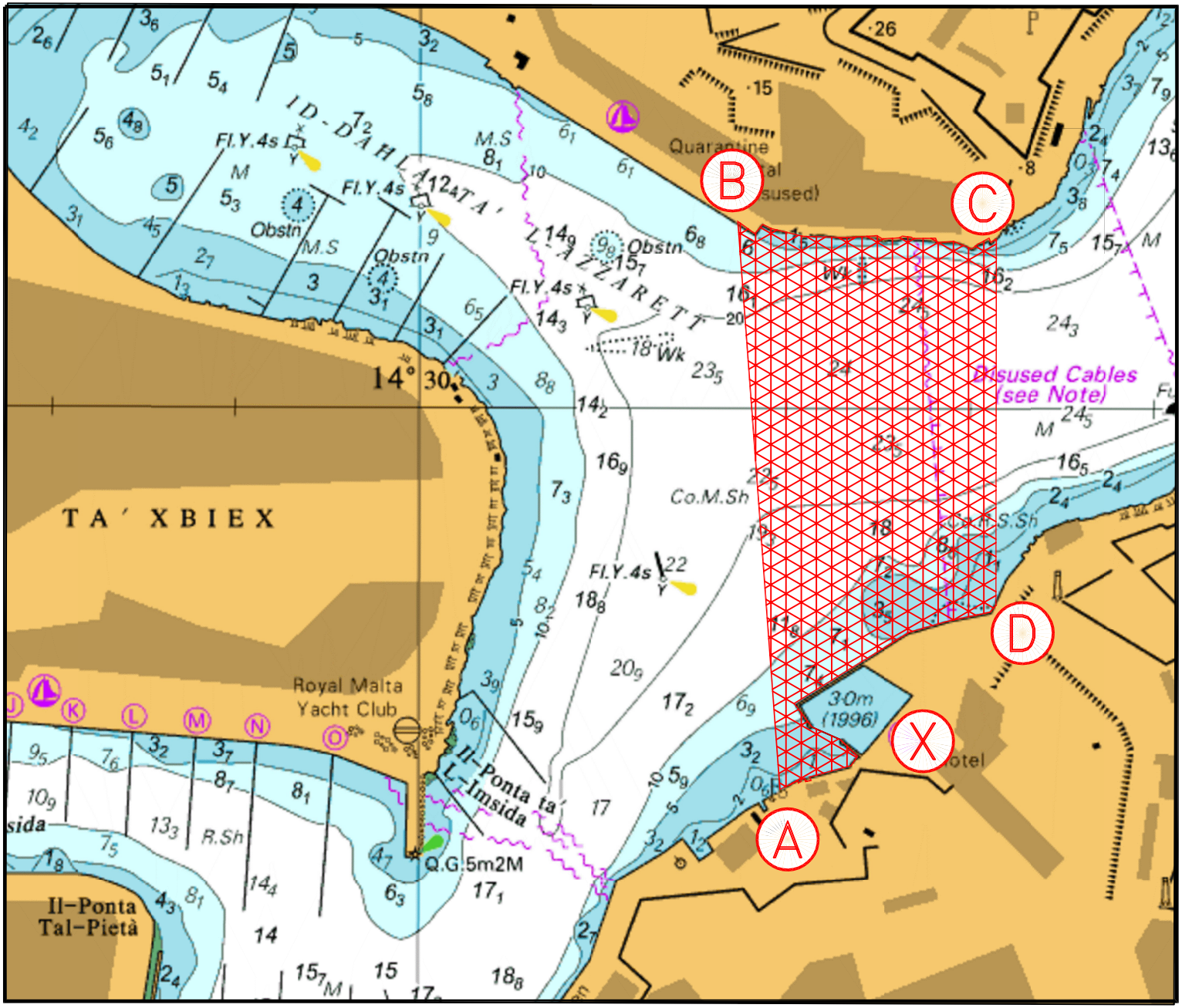
Support vessels will accompany the participating swimmers.

On Sunday 6th December 2026 from 1000 hours to 1200 hours (during the event) entry and exit to Id-Daħla ta' L-Azzarett and Id- Daħla ta' L-Imsida will be restricted.

Mariners are advised to keep a sharp lookout and navigate well clear of the area during the stipulated date and time, giving the swimmers and sailing vessels a wide berth.

They are to comply with any instructions given on VHF Channel 12 and/or 16, by Valletta VTS and by any Enforcement Officers on site.

Chart affected: **BA 177**



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