



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

Transport Malta

## Port Notice No. 06 of 2025

**To: Commercial Vessels Operators  
Commercial Vessels Owners  
Commercial Vessels Masters and Crew**

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### Operation, Use and Navigation of Commercial Vessels

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The attention of all concerned is hereby being directed to the operation, use and navigation of commercial vessels within the internal and territorial waters of Malta in terms of the Commercial Vessels Regulations (S.L. 499.23). They are reminded that:

- i. Commercial vessels must be duly registered, certified and licensed and operated only by Masters and Crew in possession of the appropriate certificates of competency.
- ii. Due caution, diligence and courtesy must be exercised at all times by all persons operating, using and handling such vessels.

Such persons should practice good seamanship and observe all the applicable legislation in force and lawful directives of the Authority issued from time to time, in particular those concerning safe navigation and operation. A safe speed is to be always maintained.

- iii. Account should always be taken of the prevailing circumstances, taking into consideration the state of the wind, sea and current, the proximity of navigational hazards, and other users of the sea present in the area. Prescribed speed limitations are to be complied with.
- iv. One must ensure that the vessel being operated is fit for purpose; operated and used solely in accordance with its intended and certified use; manned in accordance with the minimum safe manning; and equipped with all the required safety equipment and apparatus. Such equipment and apparatus must be in a good working condition and not expired.
- v. A logbook must always be kept on board the vessel wherein all daily operations, movements and occurrences must be logged in detail.
- vi. In the event of any incidents or accidents, or an emergency situation, whether already taken place or still developing, an immediate verbal report must be made to the Authority on VHF Channel 12 / 14 or by phone on 2555 4490/91/92.

This verbal report must be followed by a written report within twenty-four (24) hours of the occurrence by using the Incident Report Form found in Annex A to this Notice. This Form can also be downloaded from the Authority's website ([www.transport.gov.mt](http://www.transport.gov.mt)) under the tab 'Commercial Vessel Operations in Local Waters'. The applicable statutory provisions and any directions given by the Authority must be complied with.

In the event of any non-conformity or if transpires that dangerous navigation, use and operation is taking place which may endanger the safety of persons or the safety of navigation or could cause damage to property, enforcement and legal action in terms of law may be taken by the Authority.

Port Notice 03/2013 is hereby being revoked.



Captain Fritz Farrugia  
Chief Officer & Harbour Master  
Ports & Yachting Directorate

24<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## Annex A

### Incident Report Form

Issued under the COMMERCIAL VESSELS REGULATIONS, S.L.499.23

PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE - MARINE OPERATIONS & INCIDENT RESPONSE UNIT

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**Note:** This form must be forwarded to [response.tm@transport.gov.mt](mailto:response.tm@transport.gov.mt) by the Operator or Master of a Commercial Vessel within 24 hours of the incident.

#### PART A: VESSEL INFORMATION

Name		IMO/OFF No.	
Flag		Port of Registry	
L.O.A.		Type	
Operator			

#### PART B: DETAILS OF MASTER

Name		Surname	
Date of Birth		I.D. Number	
Telephone		Mobile	
Certificate of Competency			
Certificate Number		Expiry Date	

#### PART C: INCIDENT DETAILS

Date		Time	
Location			
Voyage	From:	To:	
Latitude		Longitude	
Wind Direction		Wave Height	
Visibility Good <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>			
Number of Persons on Board Crew: Passengers: Other:			
Cargo on board <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
If yes, type and quantity of cargo:			

Vessel activity at time of incident:

- ☐ Underway ☐ Anchored  
☐ Loading/Unloading ☐ Other(specify):  
☐ Berthed

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