



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS N° 028 of 2025

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Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) Surveys within Maltese Territorial Waters

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies mariners that Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) surveys will be carried out within Maltese Territorial Waters.

The AUV surveys will be carried out by the vessel "*Furbana*", who will be restricted in her ability to manoeuvre (RAM).

During the surveys the vessel "*Furbana*" will exhibit the appropriate lights and shape signals in accordance with the Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at sea. 1972 (COLREGS) and with the International Code of Signals. AIS operational.

The surveys will start with immediate effect and are expected to be completed by Sunday 30th November 2025, weather permitting.

Mariners are instructed to navigate with caution when the above-mentioned vessel is sighted and maintain a safe distance of 1 Nautical Mile from the vessel.

Moreover, any instructions given on VHF Channels **12, 14** and / or **16** by Valletta VTS, Marsaxlokk VTS and the Armed Forces of Malta are to be strictly observed.

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

Positions referred to **WGS 84 DATUM**