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Malta International Fireworks Festival 2020 Fireworks Display in Grand Harbour

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies mariners that a fireworks display will be held in Grand Harbour on Friday 7th August 2020.

Fireworks will be let off from a row of pontoons and two barges placed off St. Angelo Point.

A copy of part of BA Chart 177 showing arrangement of pontoons and the barges is attached.

On Tuesday 4th August 2020 at 0730 hours, both barges will berth alongside the quay at Id-Dahla ta' Rinella in Kalkara. They will remain berthed there until Friday 7th August 2020 at 1700 hours.

Vessel owners moored in Rinella Bay are to remove their vessels and the area to remain clear from Monday 3rd August 2020 at 2359 hours to Monday 10th August 2020 at 1200 hours. Transport Malta will accept no liabilities whatsoever for any damage caused to vessels that are left within Rinella Bay on the mentioned dates and times.

The pontoon sinkers, which will be marked with lit buoys, will be laid in position on Friday 7th August 2020 at 0900 hours at points X, Y and Z while the pontoons will be placed along the lines X-Y and Y-Z, on Friday 7th August 2020 from 1400 hours onwards, and will be removed immediately after the displays finish.

The barges and sinkers off St. Angelo Point centred in position W will be towed loaded with fireworks and placed in position on Friday 7th August 2020 after 1845 hours.



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Barriera Wharf and Lascaris Wharf are to be clear of all vessels from Thursday 6th August 2020 at 0800 hours to Saturday 8th August 2020 at 0800 hours.

Fish Market is to be kept clear on Friday 7th August 2020 from 0001 hours to 2359 hours, except for authorised vessels.

The fireworks will be let off on Friday 7th August 2020, between 2100 hours and 2230 hours local Time.

In view of the above, mariners are informed that part of Grand Harbour, between the imaginary lines A - B, C - D, E - F, G - H, I - J and the intermediate coastline (as shown on attached chart), will be closed to all vessels.

The port closure and prohibited area will be effective as of Friday 7th August 2020 from 1600 hours to 2300 hours local Time (1400 hours to 2100 hours UTC), except for authorised vessels.

Position	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)
A	35° 53'.590	014° 30'.699
B	35° 53'.458	014° 30'.831
C	35° 53'.417	014° 30'.937
D	35° 53'.512	014° 31'.031
E	35° 53'.541	014° 31'.155
F	35° 53'.545	014° 31'.359
G	35° 53'.653	014° 31'.479
H	35° 53'.840	014° 31'.112
I	35° 54'.143	014° 31'.221
J	35° 53'.963	014° 31'.376
W	35° 54'.766	014° 30'.957
X	35° 53'.736	014° 31'.008
Y	35° 53'.715	014° 30'.914
Z	35° 53'.647	014° 30'.867

During the event shipping movements in Grand Harbour will be restricted. No vessel will be allowed within the restricted area, except by arrangement through the organizing Committee / Valletta Port Control (Valletta VTS). Authorized vessels **MUST** be securely moored by not later than 2030.

All vessels and bathers are warned to keep well clear and maintain a safe distance of not less than 200 metres from the barge while it is being towed.



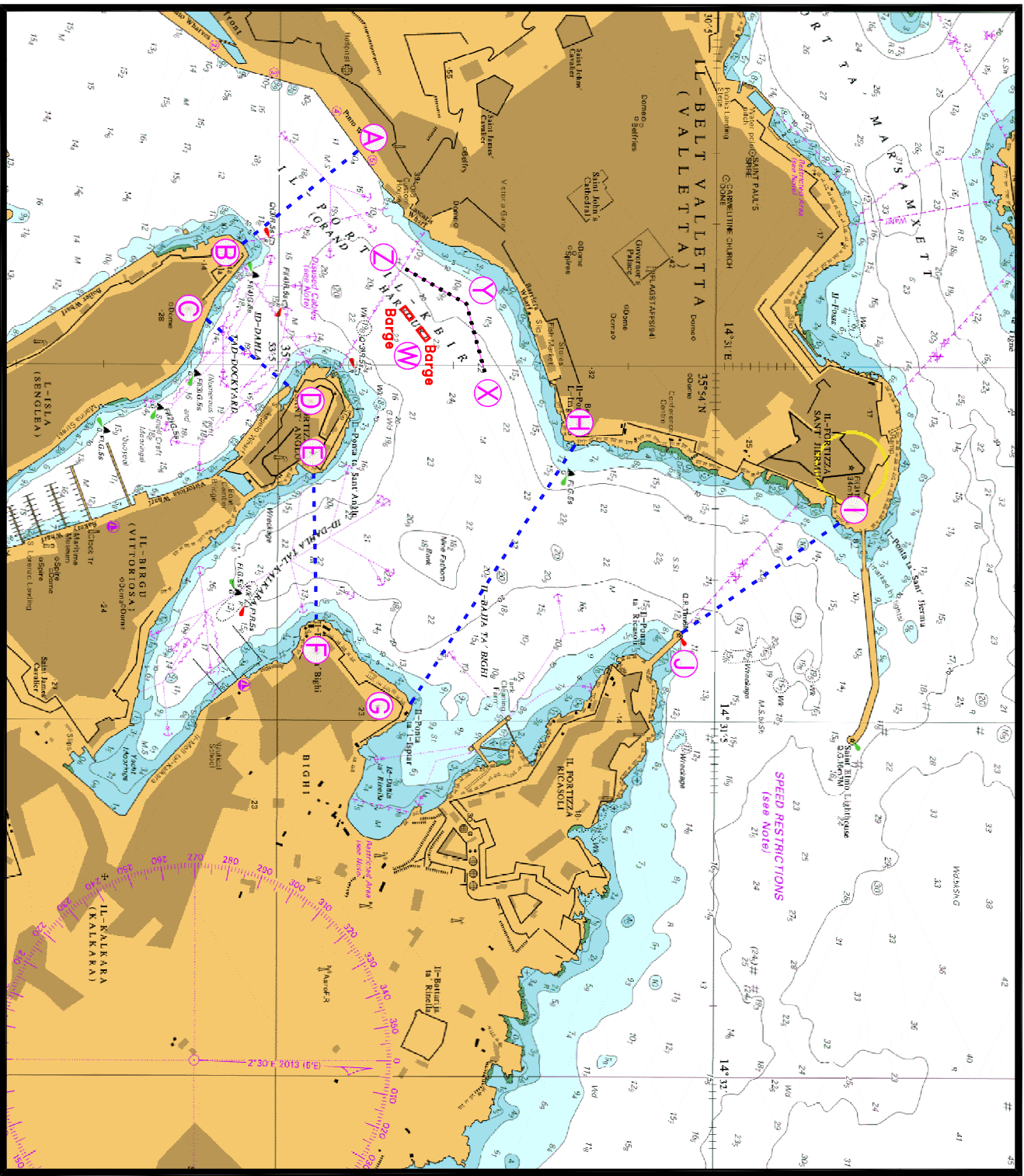
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Authorized vessels are to give the display pontoons and barges a wide berth of at least 200m. No movements whatsoever will be allowed during the actual displays.

Mariners are to comply with instructions and directions issued by Valletta Port Control (Valletta VTS) on VHF Channel 12 and Maritime Enforcement Officers that will be in the area.

Positions are in WGS 84 DATUM

Chart Affected: **BA 177**



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