



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

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Monitoring of Marine Mammals and Reptiles

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta notifies mariners that a project regarding the monitoring of marine mammals and reptiles round the Maltese Islands will be carried out.

As part of the monitoring project, the sailing boat "*Moormist*" will be sailing around the Maltese Islands towing a 150m cable, part of which shall be at the surface.

The project will start on Thursday 10th June 2021 and is expected to be completed by mid-September 2021. The monitoring is expected to take place every day between 0600 hours and 1800 hours.

Masters and operators of vessels are advised to keep a sharp lookout, navigate with caution, and at slow speed when the sailing boat "*Moonmist*" is spotted.

They are to give the sailing boat "*Moonmist*" a wide berth.

All vessels are to comply with any instructions given on VHF Channel 12 and/or 16 by Valletta VTS.

Chart affected: **BA 36, 177, 194, 211, 2537, 2538**