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Marine Scientific Research (Bathymetry survey) at Ras Hanzir / Corradino in the Grand Harbour

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies mariners that Marine Scientific Research (Bathymetric survey) will be carried out at Ras Hanzir / Corradino in the Grand Harbour.

The marine scientific research which consists mainly of a bathymetric survey but will also include sea current, tide and CTD measurements, will be carried out within the area formed by the imaginary lines joining the points A, B, C, D, and the intermediate coastline, as shown on the attached chart.

	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)
A	35° 52'.999	014° 30'.242
B	35° 53'.010	014° 30'.229
C	35° 53'.145	014° 30'.397
D	35° 53'.134	014° 30'.407

The survey will start with immediate effect and is expected to be completed by Sunday 15th January 2023.

A support vessel will be used during the survey and divers will also be deployed.

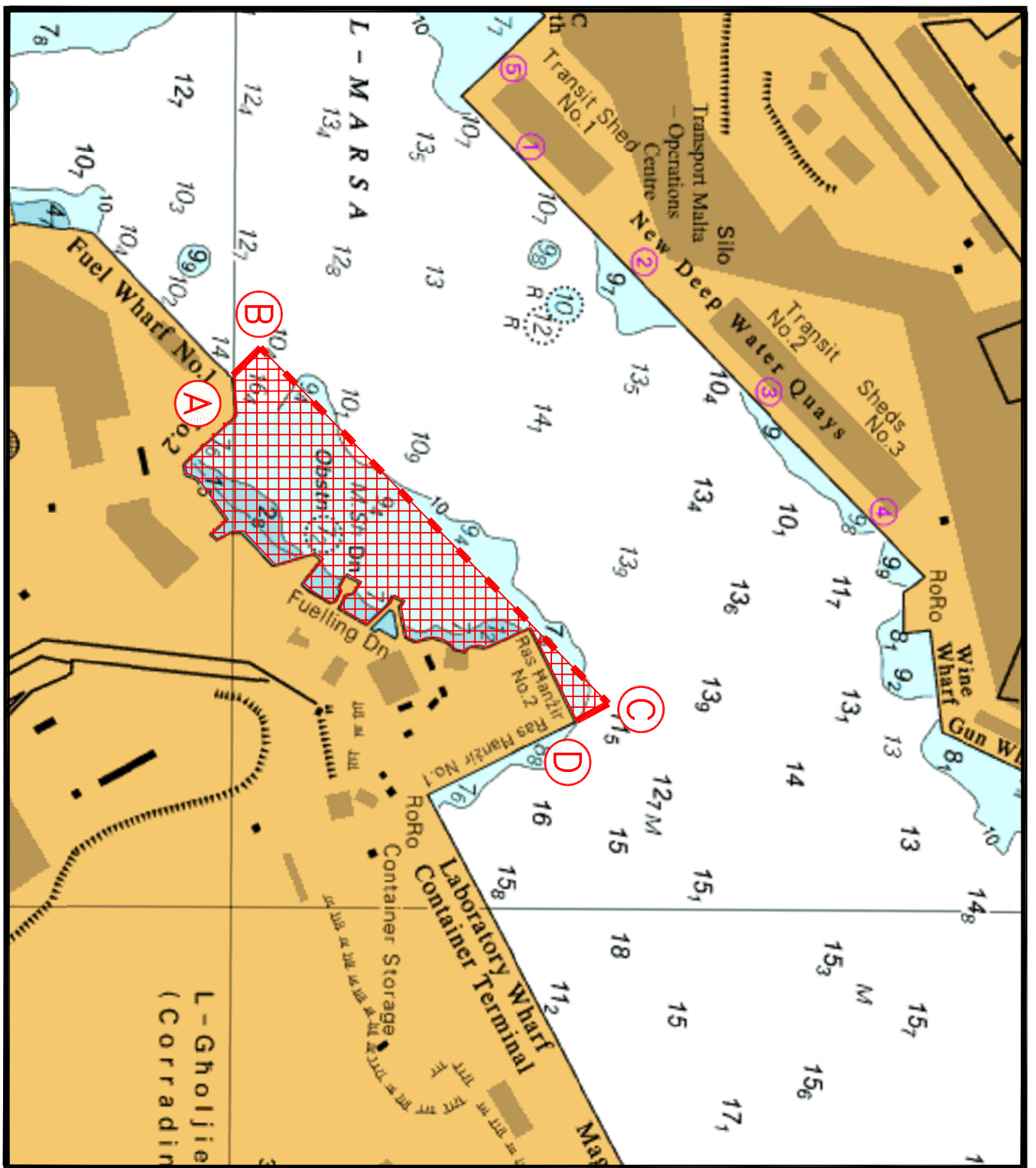
During the survey the vessel will be restricted in her ability to manoeuvre, therefore, a wide berth of 25m is requested. The vessels will be displaying the appropriate lights and shapes in compliance with the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at sea, 1972 (COLREGS).

The support vessel will be displaying the International Code of Signals flag "A" when diving operations are being carried out.

Masters and operators of vessels are advised to keep a sharp lookout, navigate with caution and at slow speed. All vessels shall give the support vessels and divers a wide berth and are to cooperate with the survey team.

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

Chart affected: **BA 177**



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