



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS N° 031 of 2023

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Speed Restricted in Close Proximity to Small Craft, Mooring Areas and Marinas (Revised)

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, wishes to remind mariners, boaters and operators of commercial vessels on the importance of proceeding at a safe speed at all times subject to the prevailing circumstances and conditions and with extra caution and slow speed when operating and manoeuvring in close proximity to small craft, mooring areas and Marinas. Mariners are also reminded on the importance of, keeping a proper lookout, at all times.

The following shall apply:

1. In terms of the Yachting Centres Regulations (SL 499.10), no person shall cause or permit any yacht or other craft to proceed at a speed in excess of three (3) knots within a yachting centre (Marina) or the established approaches thereto.
2. Further to the Ports Regulations (SL 499.01) and the Small Ships Regulations (SL 499.52), it is determined that within the ports of Valletta, Marsamxett and Mgarr (Gozo) mariners are to proceed at a speed not exceeding ten (10) knots; and were deemed appropriate, subject to the type of vessel and the prevailing weather conditions, at a lesser speed to keep wash to a minimum.
3. In other ports and harbours and internal waters, within 300m from the foreshore of a sandy beach and within 200m from other part of the foreshore, vessels are to proceed at a speed which does not exceed ten (10) knots.
4. When Speed Marker Buoys (IALA Special Mark) are sighted, the speed indicated on the buoy is not to be exceeded: and
5. This does not exempt vessels operating in line with a “permit to operate” from their obligations.



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Operators of Commercial Vessels are further requested to contact and inform Valletta VTS on VHF Channel 12 prior to proceeding on Harbour Cruises within the Ports and are to inform the respective Marina Operator on VHF Channel 13 when navigating within creeks and marina fairways.

Local Notice to Mariners N° 006 of 2023 of Transport Malta is hereby **CANCELLED**.