



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

NOTICE TO MARINERS N° 25 of 2023

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MEDIAS 2023 Survey and Research between Malta and Sicily

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies mariners that acoustic survey and research will be carried out between Malta and Sicily.

Weather permitting the survey/research is planned to commence on Sunday 16th July 2023 and be completed by Saturday 22nd July 2023 and will be working day and night within the area A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H I and J.

Point	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)
A	35° 58'.949	014° 26'.116
B	35° 43'.150	014° 31'.344
C	35° 33'.233	014° 42'.604
D	35° 29'.367	014° 55'.674
E	35° 30'.544	015° 09'.346
F	36° 28'.866	015° 24'.628
G	36° 35'.421	015° 18'.194
H	36° 37'.102	015° 10'.553
I	36° 38'.783	015° 02'.108
J	36° 40'.463	014° 53'.462

Part of the work consists of the survey vessel towing a pelagic net and sometimes she will also be stationary therefore she will be restricted in her ability to manoeuvre.

The survey vessel shall 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.

Mariners are instructed to navigate with caution when the above-mentioned vessel is sighted and maintain a safe distance of 0.50 Nautical Miles from the vessels.



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They are to observe any instructions given on VHF channel 69 and /or 16 by Malta Coastal Station (Malta VTS) and on VHF channel 12 by Valletta VTS when crossing the channel between Sicily and Malta.

Charts Affected: **BA 194, 2123, 2124, 2537, 2538 and Int. 301**