



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

## LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS N° 159 of 2023

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### **Seabed clean-up near Sikka il-Bajda, outside Mellieha Bay - 2023**

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies mariners that a seabed clean-up operation by divers near Sikka il-Bajda outside Mellieha Bay, will be held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023, between 1200 hours and 2000 hours.

The divers will be assisted by a support vessel which will be exhibiting the international code of Signals flag "A" while diving is being carried out.

During the clean-up each diver will have a delayed surface marker buoy (DSMB) just in case of an emergency. There will also be a large bright highlighted orange buoy to indicate where the divers are to surface unless in an emergency.

Mariners are advised to keep a sharp lookout and navigate with extreme caution and at slow speed when in the vicinity. They are also to keep a minimum safety distance of at least 200m from the support vessel and the large bright highlighted orange buoy used to indicate the area where divers will be surfacing, on the stipulated date and time.

They are to cooperate with the organisers and to comply with any instructions issued on VHF channel 12 and/or 16 by Valletta VTS and by any Enforcement Personnel on site.

Charts affected: **BA 177**