



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

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### **Live firing practice exercise at Sea – Gunex 01/2023**

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta notifies that the Armed Forces of Malta shall conduct a live firing practice exercise at sea from either Pembroke Ranges (LM-D01) or south of Malta (LM-D05) between Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

The area to be used on the day, will be determined by the prevalent weather conditions.

The exercise will take place within either of the areas as mentioned below, between 0800 hours and 1800 hours local time, (0600 hours to 1600 hours UTC).

#### **At Pembroke ranges LM-D01 (PEMBROKE HIGH)**

From Position A:	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (E)
	35° 55'.900	014° 28'.533

thence on a bearing of 335 True x 8.5 nautical miles to:

Position B:	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (E)
	36° 03'.620	014° 24'.100

thence on an arc of a circle radius 8.5 nautical miles centred on position A to:

Position C:	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (E)
	36° 00'.150	014° 37'.600

thence on a bearing of 240 True to position A.



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All vessels in the vicinity must proceed with caution and keep at least eight and a half nautical miles (8.5NM) off the Pembroke Coast, on the dates and times indicated.

Mariners are also informed that a corridor of four nautical miles (4NM) between the coast and the line M to N (as shown on the attached chart A) has been established for the passage of all vessels on the above-mentioned dates and times. Any vessel intending to transit through this corridor within these times is to communicate with Malta VTS (Malta Coast Radio Station) on VHF channel 69 for final approval prior to entering the area.

	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (E)
M	36° 02'.869	014° 24'.532
N	35° 58'.387	014° 33'.834

**At south of Malta LM-D5 (MELITA)**

The exercise will be held within a circular area of 8 Nautical Mile Radius, centred on point Z:

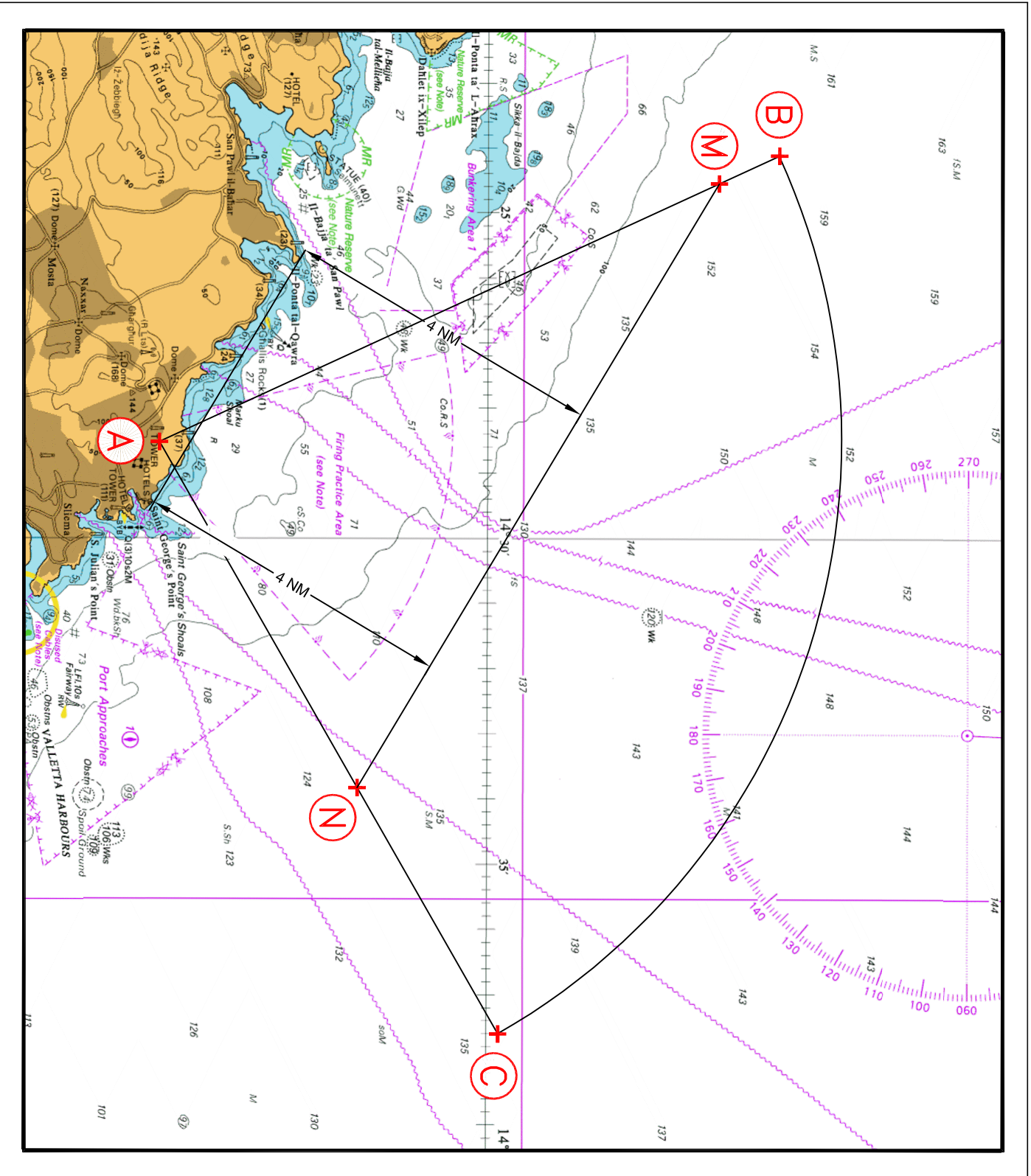
Position Z:	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (E)
	35° 30'.500	014° 11'.000

as shown on the attached chart B.

In view of the above all vessels in the vicinity must proceed with caution, they are advised to give the exercise areas a wide berth and comply at all times with any instructions given by AFM craft patrolling the area and Valletta VTS (Valletta Port Control Channel 12).

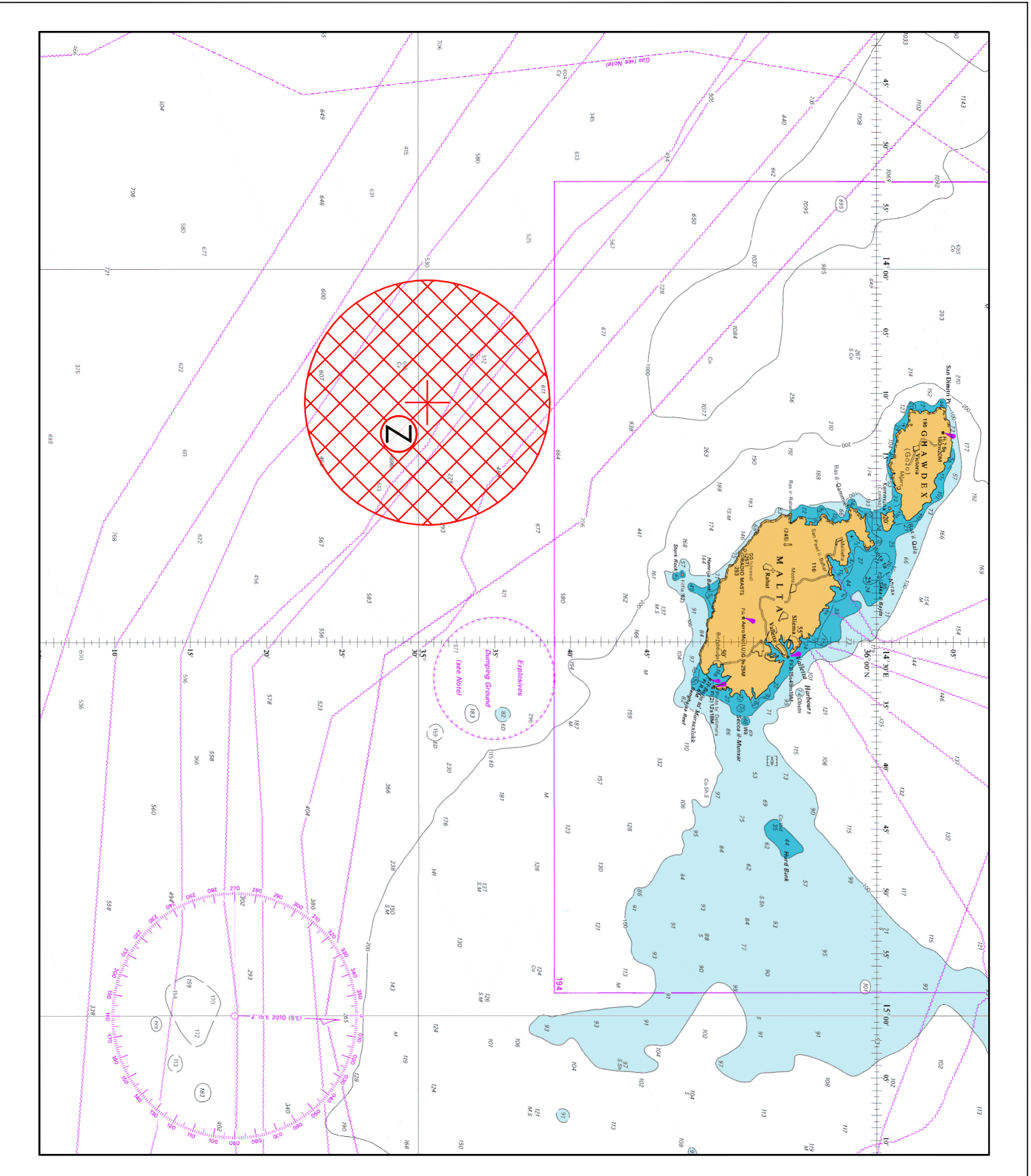
Chart affected: **BA 194, 2124, 2537 and 2538**

Positions referred to **WGS 84 DATUM**



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# Chart A



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**Chart B**