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Conservation Areas around Wrecks – Updated December 2023

The Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture has set several conservation areas around wrecks that are lying on the sea bottom, within Maltese territorial waters.

In view of the above, mariners are to note that conservation areas have been established as indicated below:

LOCATION	WRECK	POINT	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (E)
Wied iz-Zurrieq	Um el Faroud	A	35° 49'.200	014° 26'.917
		B	35° 49'.150	014° 27'.200
		C	35° 49'.067	014° 27'.067
		D	35° 49'.083	014° 26'.833
Off Xatt l-Ahmar	MV Xlendi	A	36° 01'.067	014° 16'.967
	Cominoland	B	36° 01'.083	014° 17'.367
	Karwela	C	36° 00'.867	014° 17'.367
		D	36° 00'.867	014° 16'.983
Marsacala	Tug St. Michael	A	35° 52'.100	014° 34'.550
	Tug 10	B	35° 51'.916	014° 34'.642
	P33	C	35° 51'.858	014° 34'.479
		D	35° 52'.017	014° 34'.399
Off Qawra point	Imperial Eagle	A	35° 57'.983	014° 26'.033
		B	35° 57'.833	014° 26'.233
		C	35° 57'.683	014° 26'.033
		D	35° 57'.833	014° 25'.850



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Off Cirkewwa	Rozi P29	A	35° 59'.224	014° 19'.645
		B	35° 59'.148	014° 19'.555
		C	35° 59'.299	014° 19'.365
		D	35° 59'.491	014° 19'.588
		E	35° 59'.387	014° 19'.716
Off Xrobb I-Ghagin	Blenheim bomber	A	35° 50'.267	014° 34'.467
		B	35° 50'.117	014° 34'.667
		C	35° 49'.950	014° 34'.467
		D	35° 50'.117	014° 34'.283
Off Exiles point	Bristol Beaufighter	A	35° 55'.617	014° 30'.183
		B	35° 55'.467	014° 30'.367
		C	35° 55'.300	014° 30'.183
		D	35° 55'.467	014° 29'.983
Off Il-Ponta ta' San Giljan	Tug 2	100m radius centred on 35° 55'.228	014° 29'.927	
South entrance Of Blue Lagoon	P 31	200m radius centred on 36° 00'.540	014° 19'.387	
Off Saint George's Point	Anadrian	100m radius centred on 35° 56'.967	014° 30'.466	
Off Il-Ponta Tal-Qawra	Barge 1	100m radius centred on 35° 58'.743	014° 29'.606	
Off Il-Ponta Tal-Qawra	Barge 2	100m radius centred on 35° 58'.684	014° 28'.735	
Off Ras Il-Qammieh	Scotts Craig	100m radius centred on 35° 57'.853	014° 20'.000	
Off Dahlet Ix-Xilep	MV Pippo	100m radius centred on 35° 59'.184	014° 23'.702	
Off Selmunett	HMS Stubborn	100m radius centred on 35° 58'.958	014° 26'.772	



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Within these Conservation Areas, vessels engaged in diving operations are permitted to drop anchor **ONLY** after pre-notification to the Valletta VTS on VHF channel 12. Masters of diving support vessels are to ensure that the appropriate signals in accordance with the International Convention for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea and the International Code of Signals, are always shown.

All other vessels are to remain clear of the Conservation areas, in the interest of safety, and maintain safe distance and navigate at safe speed at all times.

Furthermore, spear fishing and the use of fishing gear such as set bottom lines, trammel nets, gill nets and entangling nets, encircling nets, demersal pots and traps are prohibited within the Conservation Areas.

Surface fishing including trolling lines (rixa) and angling for pelagic fish is permitted within the Conservation Areas, subject that a safe distance is maintained from the position of the wrecks.

Local Notice to Mariners N° 208 of 2023 is hereby **SUPERSEDED**.

Charts Affected: BA 177, 194, 211A, 211B, 2537, 2538.

Positions are referred to WGS84 DATUM