



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

NOTICE TO MARINERS N° 12 of 2024

Our Ref: **TM/PYD/0001/24**

29 April 2024



Transport Malta

Malta Transport Centre,
Triq Pantar, Hal Lija, LJA 2021
Malta

Tel: (356) 2122 2203
Fax: (356) 2125 0365
Email: info.tm@transport.gov.mt

www.transport.gov.mt

MALTA - ITALY Bilateral Exercise (BARRACUDA 2024)

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies mariners that the MALTA - ITALY Bilateral Exercise (BARRACUDA 2024) will be carried out within the Maltese Territorial Waters.

The Exercise will be carried out by personnel from the Armed Forces of Malta (AFM), the Italian Coast Guard (ITCG), Transport Malta (TM) and other Government and private entities. The Exercise is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 7th May and Wednesday 8th May 2024.

The Exercise will simulate various scenarios including a mass rescue operation, boarding a vessel, and evacuating personnel by helicopter. A pollution response operation will also be simulated and will involve the use of booms and various vessels.

The exercise on Tuesday 7th May 2024 is expected to commence at 0800 hours and be completed by 1500 hours, while on Wednesday 8th May 2024 it is expected to commence at 0630 hours and be completed by 1600 hours.

During the exercise the VHF channel 20, channel 67, channel 73 and channel 74 will be used to communicate between the participating vessels and ground control. It is being requested that the above-mentioned channels are kept free, on both days throughout the entire exercise.

The exercises are to be carried out in any of the following three locations, as can be seen on the attached chart.

Position	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)
A	36° 02'.100	014° 26'.500
B	35° 46'.500	014° 39'.000
C	35° 56'.200	014° 15'.800

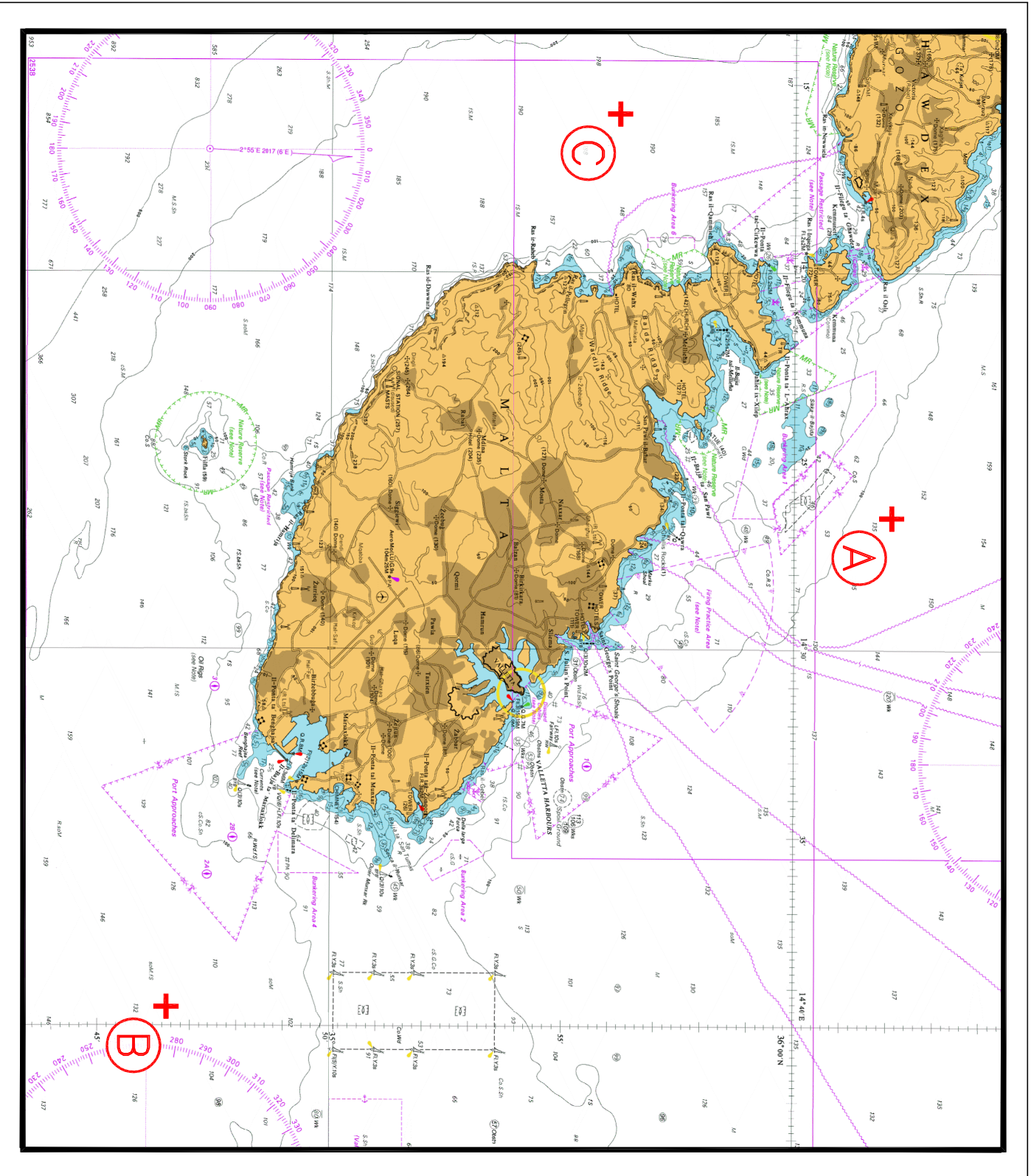


The use of drones during the Exercise is also possible.

Mariners are to take note of the time and location of these exercise and are to navigate with caution if operating in the area. When any of the vessels engaged in the Exercise are spotted, they are to be given a wide berth of at least 1NM from the participating vessels.

They are to comply with any instructions issued on VHF channel 69 Malta VTS and by AFM craft patrolling the area.

Chart affected: **BA 194, 2537, 2538, 36.**



© British Crown Copyright 1970, 1983, 1986, 1988, 1999, 2000
All rights reserved.

The UK Hydrographic Office makes the accompanying data
Available to Malta Maritime Authority (Transport Malta)
Under the terms and conditions of agreement HO 1427/020930/01.

DISCLAIMER

Whilst the UK Hydrographic Office has endeavoured to ensure
That the material supplied is suitable for the purpose described,
It accepts no liability (to the maximum extent permitted by law)
For any damage or loss of any nature arising from its use.
The material supplied is used entirely at the Recipient's own risk.