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Ocean festival - Swimming round Gozo

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta notifies mariners that an Ocean Festival - swimming round Gozo - will be held on Monday 1st July 2024.

The swimmers will depart from Il-Bajja ta' Hondoq ir-Rummien, point A and will be staying close to the shore carrying a lit floating device, towards Il-Port ta' Imġarr, point B. The swimmers will then continue to Point C, across the entrance to Mgarr harbour, and it is estimated that this will take approximately 15 minutes. The swimmers will then continue swimming in a clockwise direction around Gozo from point C back to point A (Il-Bajja ta' Hondoq ir-Rummien). Points A, B and C are as shown on the attached chart.

The swimmers will start at point A at approximately 0400 hours and arrive at point B at approximately 0430 hours, where they will cross the entrance of Mgarr Harbour to point C by approximately 0445 hours. They will then proceed in a clockwise direction back to point A and should arrive by not later than 2000 hours.

Due to the above, traffic to and from Mgarr Harbour will be restricted from 0430 hours to 0445 hours while the swimmers are crossing the entrance.

During the swim there will be a number of support vessels including sea ambulances accompanying the swimmers, with rescue personnel also on land.

If due to inclement weather conditions the swim cannot be held as scheduled, it will be held either Tuesday 2nd or Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at the same times.

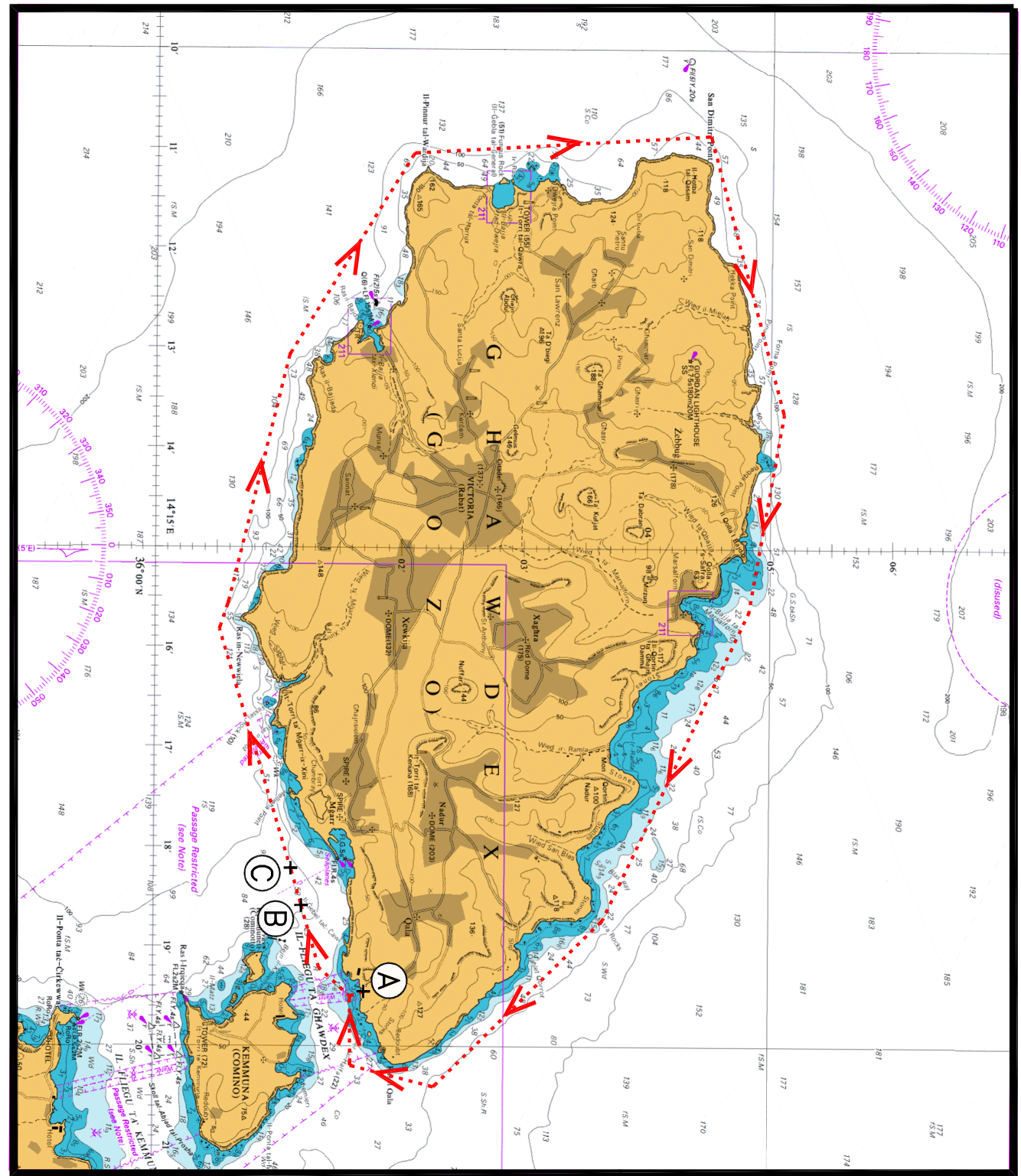
Masters and operators of vessels are advised to keep a sharp lookout, navigate with caution, and at slow speed (no wake), they are to give a wide berth to the swimmer and the accompanying support vessels. All ferries and other vessels shall not enter and/or depart from Mgarr harbour, while the swimmers will be transiting the entrance to the harbour i.e. between points B and C.



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All vessels are to comply with any instructions given on VHF Channel 12 and/or 16 by Valletta VTS and by any Enforcement Personnel on site.

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