



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

## LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS N° 087 of 2024

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### Firework Displays in Grand Harbour - Vittoriosa Feast

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies mariners that fireworks will be let off from barges moored off Bighi Point.

Barges position:

	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (E)
P	35°53'.669	14°31'.200
Y	35°53'.629	14°31'.255
Z	35°53'.678	14°31'.317

The barges will be left in position during the night and will be lit.

Two barges will be towed from their shipyards on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024 and moored at points P and Z, as shown on the attached chart.

On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 fireworks will be let off from these two barges  
from 0800 hours to 0815 hours,  
from 1200 hours to 1215 hours and  
from 1945 hours to 2030 hours.

The other barge will be towed from its shipyard on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and moored at point Y, as shown on the attached chart.

Fireworks will then be let off from the three barges as follows:

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024 from 0800 hours to 0815 hours,  
from 1200 hours to 1215 hours and  
from 2030 hours to 2045 hours.



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Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	from 0800 hours to 0815 hours, from 1200 hours to 1215 hours and from 2030 hours to 2045 hours.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	from 0800 hours to 0815 hours, from 1200 hours to 1215 hours and from 2100 hours to 2145 hours.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	from 1000 hours to 1030 hours, from 1200 hours to 1215 hours, from 1900 hours to 1930 hours and from 2200 hours to 2315 hours.
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	from 0800 hours to 0815 hours, from 1200 hours to 1215 hours and from 1915 hours to 2300 hours.

The three barges will be towed back to their respective shipyards on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024 or Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

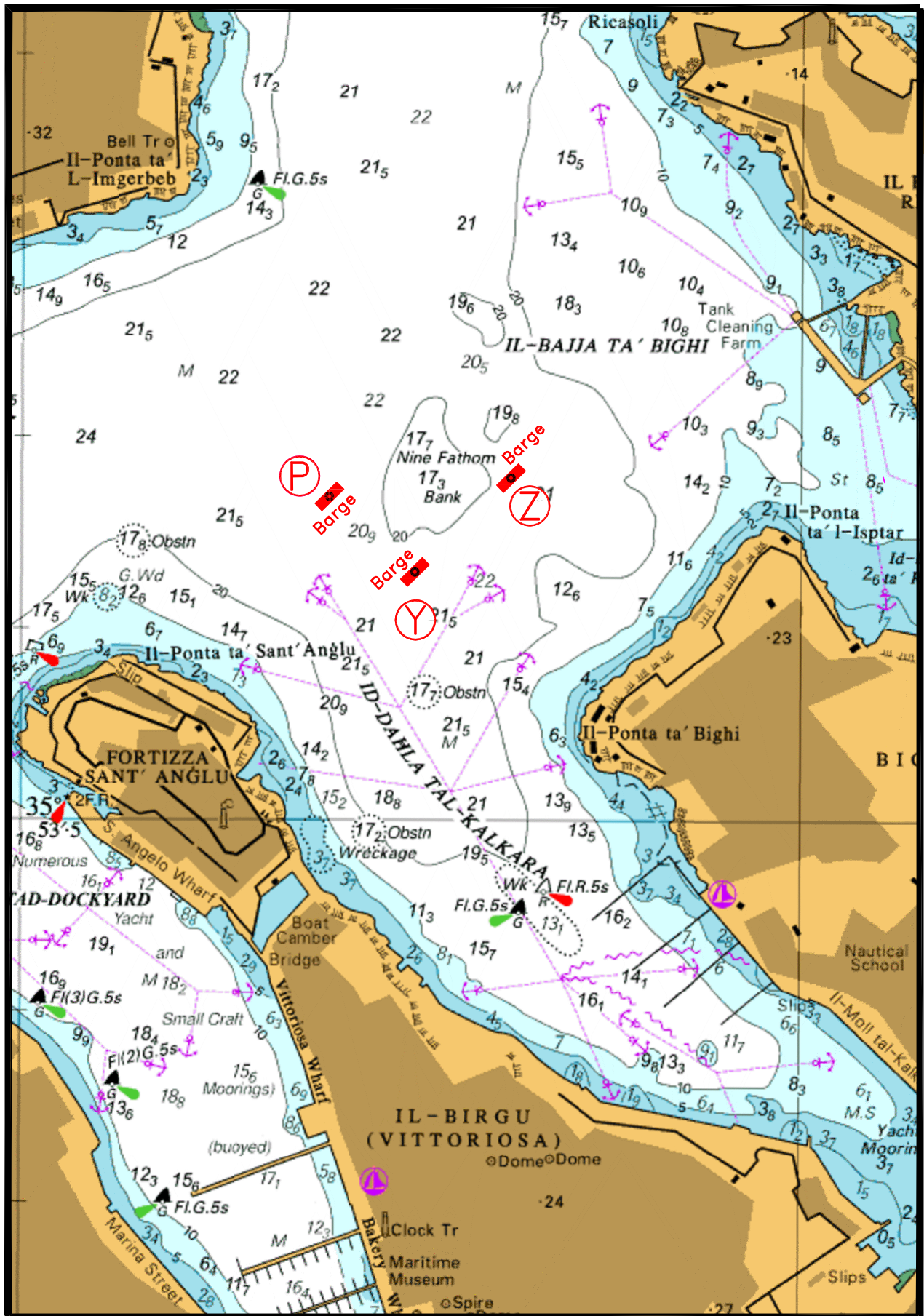
A wide berth of 200 meters is requested from the position of the barges on the days indicated above as the barges might be loaded with fireworks.

The barges shall exhibit the appropriate signals for a vessel at anchor in compliance with the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea. (COLREGS). When loaded with fireworks they shall exhibit the International Code of Signals flag 'Bravo' by day and an all-round red light by night.

Transport Malta will accept no liability whatsoever for any damage caused by the firework displays to any vessel and her ancillary equipment, whether such vessel and her ancillary equipment are left within the 200m safety zone, or outside such safety zone, from the point from which the fireworks are let off.

Mariners are to navigate with caution and at slow speed when in the vicinity. They are to cooperate with the organisers. Instructions and directions given on VHF channel 12 and/or 16 by Valletta VTS and any enforcement personnel are to be complied with.

Chart affected: **BA 177**



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