



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

NOTICE TO MARINERS N° 29 of 2024

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Side Scan Sonar and Bathymetric Survey Outside Maltese Territorial Waters

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies mariners that a Side Scan Sonar and Bathymetric survey will be carried out on the Maltese Continental Shelf but outside Maltese Territorial Waters.

The survey will be carried out by the survey vessel 'Sea Express' within the areas formed by joining the following points:

Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)
35° 55'.790	014° 49'.332
35° 55'.790	014° 49'.492
35° 55'.682	014° 49'.492
35° 55'.682	014° 49'.332

The two-day survey will be held on any days between Wednesday 11th December 2024 and Monday 16th December 2024, depending on weather conditions.

The survey will be carried out using a side scan sonar and a multibeam echo sounder which will make the survey vessel 'Sea Express' restricted in her ability to manoeuvre.

The survey vessel shall exhibit the appropriate lights and shape signals in accordance with the Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at sea. 1972 (COLREGS) and with the International Code of Signals.

Mariners and operators of sea craft are advised to keep a sharp lookout and proceed with caution while navigating in the above area. They are to give the survey vessel 'Sea Express' a wide berth of at least 200m.

Moreover, they are requested to comply with instructions given by Malta VTS on VHF channel 69.

Chart affected: **BA 2124, 2123,194**

Positions referred to WGS 84 DATUM.