



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

Transport Malta

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Speed Restricted in Close Proximity to Small Craft, Mooring Areas and Marinas

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, wishes to remind mariners, boaters and operators of commercial vessels on the importance of proceeding at a safe speed at all times subject to the prevailing circumstances and conditions and with extra caution and slow speed when operating and manoeuvring in close proximity to small craft, mooring areas and Marinas. Mariners are also reminded on the importance of keeping a proper lookout at all times.

The following shall apply:

1. In terms of the Yachting Centres Regulations (SL499.10) the speed limit in the approaches to and fairways near yachting centres, Marinas and mooring areas shall be a maximum of 3 knots;
2. Further to the Ports Regulations (SL499.01) and the Small Ships Regulations (SL 499.52) it is determined that within the other areas of the ports of Valletta, Marsamxett and Mgarr (Gozo) mariners are to proceed at a maximum speed of 5 knots and keeping wash as a minimum. In other ports and harbours, within 300m from the foreshore of a sandy beach and within 200m from other part of the foreshore are to proceed at a speed which is not in excess of 10 knots; and
3. When Speed Marker Buoys (IALA Special Mark) are sighted, speed as indicated on buoy is not to be exceeded.

Operators of Commercial Vessels are further requested to contact and inform the Valletta VTS on VHF Channel 12 prior to proceeding on Harbour Cruises within the Ports and also inform the respective Marina Operator on VHF Channel 13 when navigating within creeks and marina fairways.

Notice to Mariners No. 107 of 2011 and Local Notice to Mariners No. 02 of 2015 of Transport Malta are hereby **CANCELLED**.