



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

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Swimming events from Il-Ponta ta' L-Aħrax, Malta to Ġebel tal-Ħalfa, Gozo - Swimtrek

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta notifies mariners that a series of swimming events starting from Il-Ponta ta' L-Aħrax, Malta and finishing in Ġebel tal-Ħalfa, Gozo will be held on each of the following days:

Monday 23rd September 2024,
Monday 30th September 2024,
Monday 7th October 2024 and

Thursday 26th September 2024,
Thursday 3rd October 2024,
Friday 11th October 2024.

The participants will depart from Il-Ponta ta' L-Aħrax, Malta, point A, at approximately 0830 hours and finish at Ġebel tal-Ħalfa, Gozo, point D, at approximately 1330 hours. They will be following the route along the points A, B, C, and D as shown on the attached chart.

The participants will be accompanied by RHIBs and a support vessel "*The Neptune*".

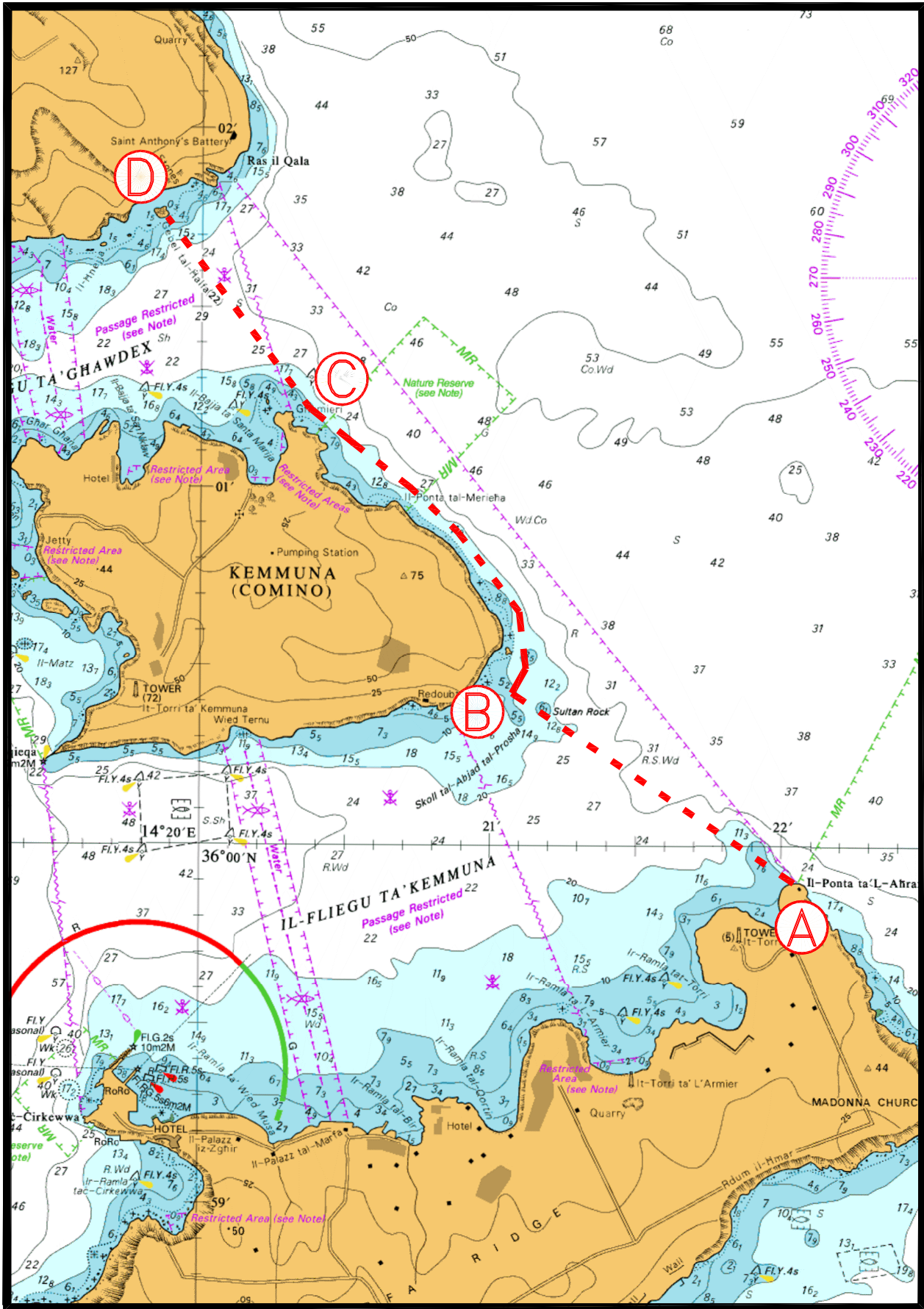
Il-Fliegu ta' Kemmuna will be restricted to navigation from 0830 hours to 1100 hours and Il-Fliegu ta' Ghawdex will be restricted to navigation from 1130 hours to 1330 hours.

If on any of the days mentioned above, the events cannot be held from point A to point D, they will try to hold the event from point D to point A on the same day, shifting navigation restriction accordingly.

If any of the swimming events cannot be held in either direction on the dates mentioned, they will try again on the day after the postponed event.

Mariners are advised to keep a sharp lookout, to proceed at slow speed and to keep well clear of the area during the stipulated dates and time, giving the swimmers and support vessel and RHIB a wide berth. They are to observe closely, any instructions issued on VHF channel 12 and/or 16 by Valletta VTS and by any maritime enforcement assets in the area.

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