



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

## LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS N° 223 of 2023

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### **Fireworks display from a barge at Entrance of Kalkara Creek - New Year**

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies mariners that fireworks will be let off from a barge anchored off Bighi at point P, as shown on the attached chart.

Position	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)
P	35° 53' .629	014° 31' .255

Mariners are to note that in the early morning on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, the barge will be towed from the shipyard to where it will be moored alongside the quay at point A inside Rinella Bay

The barge will then be set-up and loaded with the fireworks by 1100 hours and towed to the anchoring position P, at approximately 1200 hours.

The fireworks will then be let off between Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 at 2355 hours and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 at 0015 hours.

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024, in the early morning, the barge will again be towed to the quay in Rinella Bay, point A, to be unloaded and later towed back to the shipyard by 0800 hours.

Since the barge will remain in position at point P, during the dark hours, it will be exhibiting lights.

In view of the above, mariners are to give a wide berth of 200 meters from the barge, they are also to keep the quay at Kalkara Creek vacant between Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 at 0600 hours and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 at 0800 hours.

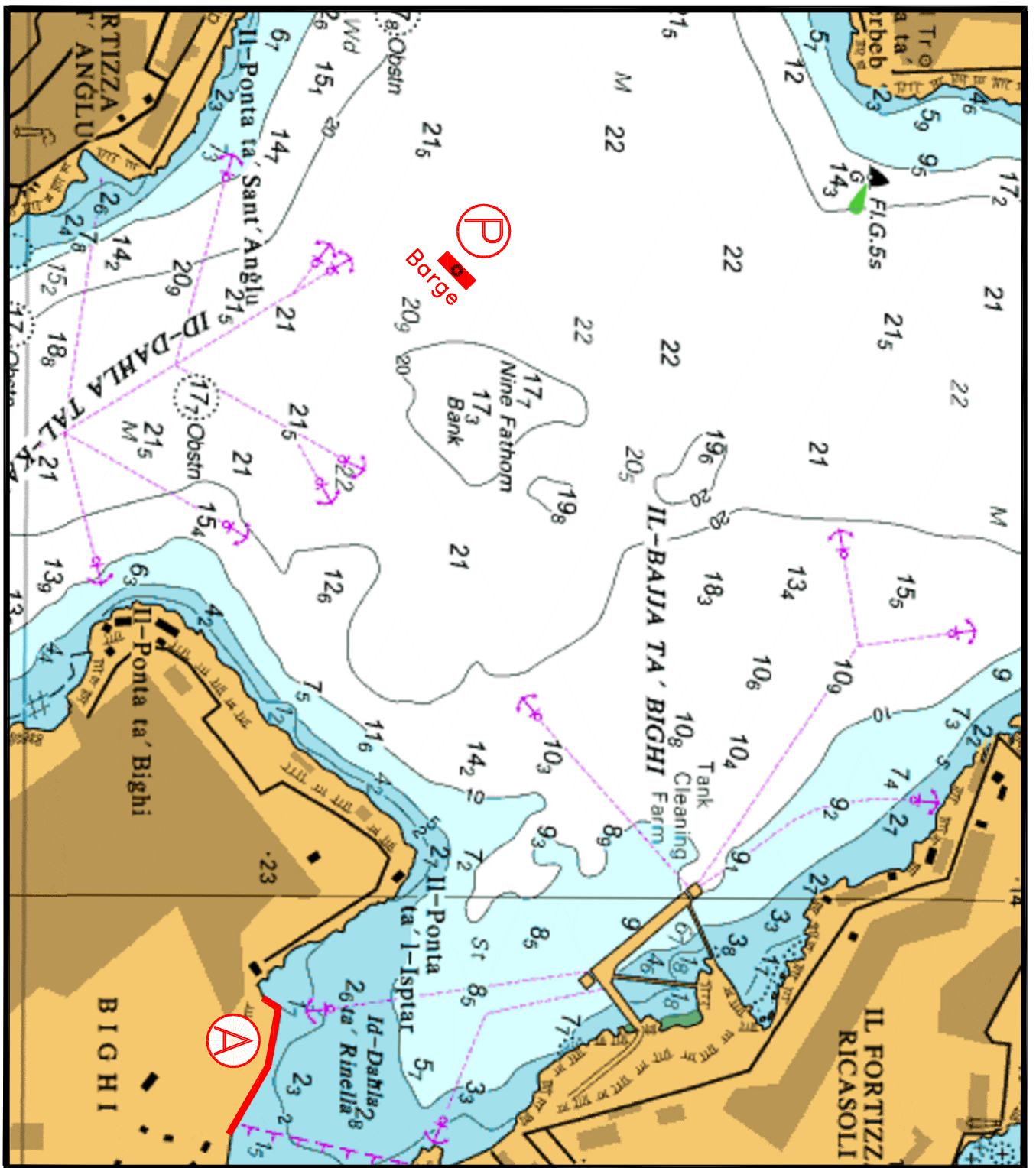
Transport Malta will accept no liability whatsoever for any damage caused by the firework displays to any vessel and her ancillary equipment, whether such vessel and her ancillary



equipment is left within the safety zone, or outside such safety zone, from the point from which the fireworks are let off.

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

Chart Affected: BA 177



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