



MALTA MARITIME AUTHORITY

Notice to Mariners No 5 of 2008

CONSERVATION AREAS AROUND WRECKS

The Veterinary Regulation and Fisheries Conservation and Control within the Veterinary and Fisheries Affairs Division (VAFD) has set a number of conservation areas around wrecks.

In view of the above, mariners are to note that conservation areas have been established within the points as follows:

LOCATION	WRECK	POINT	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (E)
Wied iz-Zurrieq	Um el Faroud	A	35° 49.200'	14° 26.917'
		B	35° 49.150'	14° 27.200'
		C	35° 48.067'	14° 27.067'
		D	35° 49.083'	14° 26.833'
Off Xatt l-Ahmar	MV Xlendi Cominoland Karwela	A	36° 01.067'	14° 16.967'
		B	36° 01.083'	14° 17.367'
		C	36° 00.867'	14° 17.367'
		D	36° 00.867'	14° 16.983'
Marsacala	Tug St. Michael Tug 10	A	35° 52.100'	14° 34.550'
		B	35° 51.900'	14° 34.650'
		C	35° 51.817'	14° 34.417'
		D	35° 52.017'	14° 34.300'
Off Qawra point	Imperial Eagle	A	35° 57.983'	14° 26.033'
		B	35° 57.833'	14° 26.233'
		C	35° 57.683'	14° 26.033'
		D	35° 57.833'	14° 25.850'
Off Cirkewwa	Rozi P29	A	35° 59.224'	14° 19.645'
		B	35° 59.148'	14° 19.555'
		C	35° 59.299'	14° 19.365'
		D	35° 59.491'	14° 19.588'
		E	35° 59.387'	14° 19.716'
Off Xrobb l-Ghagin	Blenheim bomber	A	35° 50.267'	14° 34.467'
		B	35° 50.117'	14° 34.667'
		C	35° 49.950'	14° 34.467'
		D	35° 50.117'	14° 34.283'
Off Exiles point	Bristol Beaufighter	A	35° 55.617'	14° 30.183'
		B	35° 55.467'	14° 30.367'
		C	35° 55.300'	14° 30.183'
		D	35° 55.467'	14° 29.983'

These areas are considered as "NO STOPPING AREAS". Anchoring is allowed to divers' vessels ONLY after pre-notification to the Valletta VTS. Masters of diving support vessels are to ensure that the appropriate signals in accordance with the International Convention for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea and the International Code of Signals, are shown at all times. Furthermore, spear fishing and the use of fishing gear such as set bottom lines, trammel nets, gill nets and entangling nets, encircling nets, demersal pots and traps are prohibited in these areas. Only surface fishing is allowed including trolling lines (*rixa*) and angling for pelagic fish.

Charts Affected: BA 177, 194, 211A, 211B, 2537, 2538

Positions are referred to WGS84 DATUM