TRANSPORT MALTA

Avviż lill-Baħħara Nru. 5 tal-2026

Vessel Traffic Services u l-użu ta' International Marine VHF Channels

Il-baħħara kollha huma mfakkra li taħt l-Authority for Transport in Malta Act (Cap. 499 of the Laws of Malta), hija funzjoni ewlenija tal-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta (l-"Awtorità") li teżerċita kontroll ġenerali għall-preservazzjoni u l-ordni fl-ibħra territorjali u interni ta' Malta, u li tipprovdi, topera, u żżomm fi ħdan il-portijiet u l-approċċi tal-port servizzi u faċilitajiet adegwati u effiċjenti meħtieġa għall-funzjoni xierqa, sigura u effiċjenti ta' dawn il-portijiet.

Biex iwettqu dawn il-funzjonijiet, il-Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) ġew implimentati skont il-Vessel Traffic Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Regulations (S.L. 499.34) (the "Regulations"). Il-VTS jikkontribwixxi għas-sigurtà tal-ħajja fil-baħar, is-sigurtà u l-effiċjenza tan-navigazzjoni, u l-protezzjoni tal-ambjent marittimu.

L-Awtorità, permezz tad-Direttorat tal-Portijiet u l-Yachting fil-kapaċità tagħha bħala Awtorità portwali, hija l-Awtorità kompetenti responsabbli għall-implimentazzjoni ta' dawn ir-Regolamenti u għall-eżerċizzju tal-funzjonijiet imsemmija hawn fuq, inkluż il-provvista tal-VTS. Il-Forzi Armati ta' Malta joperaw Malta VTS, li hija responsabbli għall-monitoraġġ tal-merkanzija u r-riċeviment ta' informazzjoni dwar il-vapuri skont ir-Regolamenti.

Iċ-ċentri operattivi tal-VTS li jipprovdu VTS huma dawn li ġejjin:

VALLETTA VTS u MARSAXLOKK VTS, operati mill-Awtorità biex jirregolaw u jissorveljaw il-moviment sigur tat-traffiku tal-vapuri ġewwa u bejn il-portijiet, fil-portijiet u l-approċċi tal-port u ġewwa l-ilmijiet territorjali waqt li l-vapuri jkunu involuti f'attivitajiet marittimi.

MALTA VTS, operat mill-Forzi Armati ta' Malta (AFM), huwa responsabbli biex jissorvelja l-informazzjoni dwar il-vapuri u r-riċeviment tal-vapuri ġewwa l-ilmijiet territorjali. Skont Regolament 8 tar-Regolamenti, Malta VTS tista' titlob informazzjoni addizzjonali mingħand vapuri li jaħdmu lil hinn mill-ilmijiet territorjali.

Barra minn hekk, Local Port Service (LPS) jopera fil-Port ta' l-Mġarr, Għawdex kif gej:

MĠARR LPS, immaniġġjat mill-Awtorità, jgħin fil-koordinazzjoni tal-moviment tal-vapuri li jidħlu jew joħorġu

TRANSPORT MALTA

Notice to Mariners No. 5 of 2026

Vessel Traffic Services and Use of International Marine VHF Channels

All mariners are reminded that under the Authority for Transport in Malta Act (Cap. 499 of the Laws of Malta), it is a core function of the Authority for Transport in Malta (the "Authority") to exercise overall control for the preservation of good order in the territorial and inland waters of Malta, and to provide, operate, and maintain within ports and port approaches adequate and efficient services and facilities necessary for the proper, safe, and efficient functioning of such ports.

In pursuit of these functions, Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) have been implemented in accordance with the Vessel Traffic Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Regulations (S.L. 499.34) (the "Regulations"). VTS contribute to the safety of life at sea, the safety and efficiency of navigation, and the protection of the marine environment.

The Authority, through its Ports and Yachting Directorate in its capacity as port authority, is the competent authority responsible for the implementation of these Regulations and for exercising the functions referred to above, including the provision of VTS. The Armed Forces of Malta operate Malta VTS, which is responsible for monitoring shipping and receiving vessel information in accordance with the Regulations.

The VTS operational centres to provide VTS are as follows:

VALLETTA VTS and MARSAXLOKK VTS, operated by the Authority to regulate and monitor safe movement of vessel traffic within and between ports, in port and harbour approaches and within territorial waters while vessels are engaged in maritime activities.

MALTA VTS, operated by the Armed Forces of Malta (AFM) is responsible to monitor shipping and receiving vessel information within territorial waters. In terms of Regulation 8 of the Regulations, Malta VTS may request additional information from ships operating beyond territorial waters.

In addition, a Local Port Service (LPS) operates at Mġarr Harbour, Gozo namely:

MĠARR LPS, operated by the Authority, assists in the coordination of vessel movement entering or leaving the

mill-port, inkluż vapuri li jankraw barra mill-port ta' l-Mġarr għall-għan li jġorru passiġġieri lejn Għawdex.

Il-parteċipazzjoni ma' Valletta VTS, Marsaxlokk VTS, Malta VTS u Mġarr LPS hija obbligatorja għall-bastimenti kollha, irrispettivament mit-tip, id-daqs jew in-natura tal-operazzjonijiet. Dan ir-rekwiżit japplika mingħajr eċċezzjoni għat-tipi kollha ta' bastimenti, inkluži dgħajjes kummerċjali, mhux kummerċjali u rikreattivi.

Il-baħħara kollha għandhom jużaw l-Standard Marine Communication Phrases (SMCP) u l-message markers assoċjati kif definiti mill-International Maritime Organization (IMO) f'rizoluzzjonin A.918(22) biex jiffaċilitaw komunikazzjoni ċara bil-VHF u mingħajr ambigwità. Dawn il-markers għandhom jintużaw biex jidentifikaw b'mod ċar l-iskop tal-messaġġ u jiżguraw ftehim xieraq bejn il-vapur u l-art.

1) ŻONI TA' VTS

a) Valletta VTS u Marsaxlokk VTS

Valletta VTS u Marsaxlokk VTS huma magħmula prinċipalment mill-portijiet u l-approċċi tal-port, u Żoni VTS iddedikati.

L-Ispazji designati taz-zoni tal-VTS huma magħluqa mill-koordinati WGS 84 DATUM li ġejjin:

Valletta Harbours – Port Approaches[1]

Latitudni (T) *Latitude (N)*	*Longitudni (L)* *Longitude (E)*
35° 55'.731	014° 29'.564
35° 54'.959	014° 31'.339
35° 57'.182	014° 32'.343
35° 54'.481	014° 35'.089
35° 54'.175	014° 32'.970
35° 53'.429	014° 33'.252
35° 53'.299	014° 32'.981

harbour, including vessels anchoring outside Mġarr for the purpose of ferrying passengers to Gozo.

Participation with Valletta VTS, Marsaxlokk VTS, Malta VTS and Mġarr LPS is mandatory for all vessels, irrespective of type, size or nature of operations. This requirement applies to all types of vessels, including commercial, non-commercial and recreational crafts, without exception.

All mariners are to use Standard Marine Communication Phrases (SMCP) and the associated message markers as defined by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in resolution A.918(22) to facilitate clear and unambiguous VHF communication. These markers must be used to clearly identify the purpose of the message and ensure proper understanding between ship and shore.

1) VTS AREAS

a) Valletta VTS and Marsaxlokk VTS

Valletta VTS and Marsaxlokk VTS are made up of primarily the ports and the port approaches, and the designated VTS Areas.

The designated VTS Areas are enclosed by the following WGS 84 DATUM co-ordinates:

Marsaxlokk – Port Approaches

Latitudni (T) *Latitude (N)*	*Longitudni (L)* *Longitude (E)*
35° 49'.188	014° 33'.739
35° 48'.002	014° 37'.795
35° 45'.052	014° 33'.650
35° 48'.459	014° 32'.140

Channels between
Malta and Għawdex (Gozo)

Latitudni (T) *Latitude (N)*	*Longitudni (L)* *Longitude (E)*
36° 00'.990	014° 16'.470
35° 58'.310	014° 19'.150
36° 01'.893	014° 20'.095
35° 59'.891	014° 22'.059

[1] 'Valletta Harbours – Port Approaches' tirreferi kemm għall-Port il-Kbir kif ukoll ghall-Port ta' Marsamxett.
[1] 'Valletta Harbours – Port Approaches' refers to both the Grand Harbour and Marsamxett Harbour.

Bunkering Area 1

Latitudni (T)	*Longitudni (L)*
Latitude (N)	*Longitude (E)*
36° 01'.739	014° 22'.564
36° 01'.729	014° 23'.479
36° 00'.824	014° 24'.931
36° 00'.617	014° 24'.739
36° 00'.119	014° 25'.425
35° 59'.557	014° 26'.088
35° 59'.611	014° 26'.518
35° 59'.226	014° 23'.767
36° 01'.739	014° 22'.564

Bunkering Area 2

Latitudni (T)	*Longitudni (L)*
Latitude (N)	*Longitude (E)*
35° 52'.522	014° 35'.421
35° 53'.041	014° 35'.063
35° 53'.317	014° 35'.443
35° 52'.768	014° 35'.828
35° 52'.522	014° 35'.421

Bunkering Area 3 Punent
Bunkering Area 3 West

Latitudni (T)	*Longitudni (L)*
Latitude (N)	*Longitude (E)*
35° 54'.930	014° 44'.560
35° 54'.931	014° 46'.991
35° 51'.930	014° 46'.991
35° 51'.930	014° 44'.559
35° 54'.930	014° 44'.560

Bunkering Area 3 Lvant
Bunkering Area 3 East

Latitudni (T)	*Longitudni (L)*
Latitude (N)	*Longitude (E)*
35° 54'.933	014° 48'.763
35° 51'.932	014° 48'.762
35° 51'.930	014° 46'.999
35° 54'.931	014° 46'.991
35° 54'.933	014° 48'.763

Laden Tankers għandhom juzaw dan is-settur biss
Laden Tankers are to use this sector only

Żona mhux attiva ġewwa Area 3 Punent
Area not active within Area 3 West

Latitudni (T)	*Longitudni (L)*
Latitude (N)	*Longitude (E)*
35° 53'.024	014° 44'.648
35° 53'.024	014° 44'.886
35° 54'.084	014° 46'.597
35° 54'.511	014° 45'.998
35° 53'.504	014° 44'.648
35° 53'.024	014° 44'.648

Bunkering Area 4

Latitudni (T)	*Longitudni (L)*
Latitude (N)	*Longitude (E)*
35° 50'.619	014° 35'.958
35° 48'.894	014° 34'.849
35° 48'.895	014° 35'.956
35° 50'.619	014° 35'.958

Bunkering Area 6

Latitudni (T)	*Longitudni (L)*
Latitude (N)	*Longitude (E)*
35° 57'.826	014° 19'.056
35° 57'.828	014° 19'.355
35° 57'.231	014° 19'.654
35° 56'.824	014° 19'.349
35° 56'.824	014° 19'.058
35° 57'.826	014° 19'.056

Waiting Area
għall-Valletta u Marsaxlokk
Waiting Area
for Valletta and Marsaxlokk

Oil Rigs Area
(skont ENC MT300194)
(*as per ENC MT300194*)

Latitudni (T)	*Longitudni (L)*
Latitude (N)	*Longitude (E)*
35° 51'.594	014° 41'.929
35° 51'.602	014° 45'.320
35° 50'.000	014° 45'.325
35° 49'.988	014° 41'.929
35° 51'.594	014° 41'.929

b) Mġarr LPS

Qabel ma jidħlu jew joħorġu mill-Port tal-Imġarr, il-bastimenti kollha – inklużi dawk li biħsiebhom jankraw barra l-limiti tal-port jew li jittrasferixxu passiġġieri lejn l-art permezz ta' tender - għandhom jinnotifikaw lill-Imġarr LPS permezz tal-VHF dwar il-wasla, it-tluq u l-intenzjonijiet tagħhom. Il-parteċipazzjoni hija obbligatorja għall-bastimenti kollha, irrispettivament mit-tip, id-daqs jew in-natura tal-operazzjonijiet.

Valletta VTS għandu wkoll jiġi nfurmat biex jiġi vverifikat il-pożizzjoni tal-ankraġġ barra l-limiti tal-port.

c) Malta VTS

Malta VTS tkopri l-ilmijiet territorjali (sa 12-il mil nawtiku mill-linja bażika).

2) PUNTI TA' RAPPURTAR

Meta jċempel lil VTS jew LPS, il-Kaptan tal-vapur għandu jipprovdi l-isem tal-vapur u/jew il-call sign jew in-numru uffiċjali, l-estimated time of arrival (ETA), l-aħħar port of call, il-length overall, in-numru ta' persuni abbord, u l-operazzjoni li maħsuba ssir (eż. rmiġġ, bunkering jew conveyance).

Jekk il-vapur huwa tanker – kemm jekk mgħobbi jew f'ballast, u jekk inert jew mingħajr gass – il-Kaptan għandu wkoll jiddikjara n-natura tal-merkanzija abbord.

Il-vapuri għandhom jistabbilixxu komunikazzjoni ma' Valletta VTS, Marsaxlokk VTS jew Mġarr LPS, kif applikabbli, skont ir-rekwiżiti li ġejjin:

a) Inbound

i) Vapuri li jersqu lejn Valletta, Marsaxlokk jew il-Port tal-Imġarr:

sagħtejn qabel il-wasla (ETA)	2 hours before arrival (ETA)
siegħa qabel il-wasla	1 hour before arrival
5 mil nawtiku mill-breakwater	5 nautical miles from the breakwater
1 mil nawtiku mill-breakwater	1 nautical mile from the breakwater
Fil-breakwater	At the breakwater
Fl-irmiġġ (ATA)	At berth (ATA)
Kif ukoll dirett minn VTS/LPS	As otherwise directed by VTS/LPS

Latitudni (T)	*Longitudni (L)*
Latitude (N)	*Longitude (E)*
35° 49'.063	014° 27'.643
35° 47'.670	014° 32'.456
35° 44'.275	014° 33'.967
35° 44'.265	014° 27'.388
35° 49'.063	014° 27'.643

b) Mġarr LPS

Prior to entering or departing Mġarr Harbour, all vessels – including those intending to anchor outside the harbour limits or to transfer passengers ashore by tender - must notify Mġarr LPS by VHF of their arrival, departure and intentions. Participation is compulsory for all vessels, irrespective of type, size or nature of operations.

Valletta VTS should also be informed to verify the anchorage position outside the port limits.

c) Malta VTS

Malta VTS covers the territorial waters (up to 12 nautical miles from the baseline).

2) REPORTING POINTS

When calling VTS or LPS, the Master of the vessel shall be prepared to provide the vessel name and/or call sign or official number, estimated time of arrival (ETA), last port of call, length overall, number of persons on board, and the intended operation (e.g. berthing, bunkering, conveyance).

If the vessel is a tanker – whether laden or in ballast, and whether inerted or gas-free – the Master shall also state the nature of the cargo onboard.

Vessels shall establish communication with Valletta VTS, Marsaxlokk VTS or Mġarr LPS, as applicable, in accordance with the following requirements:

a) Inbound

i) Vessels approaching Valletta, Marsaxlokk or Mġarr Harbour:

Jekk ikun meħtieġ pilota, il-vapur għandu barra minn hekk jirrapporta:

Il-pilot boarding position
Meta l-pilota jitlaq
Meta l-pilota jinżel

Ir-rapporti kollha għandhom jiġu magħmula qabel tibda kwalunkwe manuvra li tista' taffettwa b'mod negattiv in-navigazzjoni sigura.

ii) Vapuri li jkunu sejrin fuq l-rmiġġ, bunkering waiting area (fejn hemm bżonn ta' ankraġġ), jew li jmorru għall-conveyance position:

sagħtejn qabel il-wasla fid-designated position (ETA)
5 mil nawtiku mid-designated position
Wara l-wasla fil-pożizzjoni magħżula
Kif ukoll dirett minn VTS/LPS

Għal vapuri li għandhom l-intenzjoni li jankraw (fl-ankraġġ, fil-bunkering, jew f'żona ta' stennija):

Irrapporta mill-ġdid qabel ma jiġi ankrat il-vapur
Meta l-ankra tkun secured u l-vapur ikun ankrat b'mod sigur (ATA)

Għal vapuri f'pożizzjoni ta' conveyance :

Ir-rapport " upon arrival " għandu jikkostitwixxi l-ATA fil-pożizzjoni tal-conveyance

Ir-rapporti kollha għandhom jiġu magħmula qabel tibda kwalunkwe manuvra li tista' taffettwa b'mod negattiv in-navigazzjoni sigura.

b) Outbound

Meta fuq l-irmiġġ, il-Kaptan għandu jikkuntattja lill-aġent tal-vapur biex jikkonferma l-ħin mistenni tat-tluq u għandu jinforma lill-VTS dwar il-vjaġġ propost mill-inqas 2 (sagħtejn) qabel it-tluq. Għandha tingħata konferma finali mhux aktar tard minn 1 (siegħa) qabel it-tluq biex tippermetti l-arranġament fil-ħin tal-marine pilots, persunal tas-servizz tal-mooring, u kwalunkwe servizz ieħor li jista' jkun meħtieġ.

Meta jiġi rrapurtat outbound jew meta jiġi ikkuntatjat il VTS/LPS għal clearance ta' tluq, il-Kaptan għandu jipprovdi next port of call, u kwalunkwe nformazzjoni oħra meħtieġa minn VTS jew LPS.

i) Vapuri li jitilqu minn Valletta, Marsaxlokk jew il-Port ta' Mġarr:

Qabel it-tluq mill-rmiġġ
Waqt it-tluq mill-irmiġġ (ATD)

If a pilot is required, the vessel shall additionally report:

At the pilot boarding position
When pilot embarks
When pilot disembarks

All reports must be made prior to commencing any manoeuvre that could adversely affect safe navigation.

ii) Vessels proceeding to anchorage, bunkering, waiting area (where anchorage is required), or proceeding to a conveyance position:

2 hours before arrival at the designated position (ETA)
5 nautical miles from the designated position
Upon arrival at the designated position
As otherwise directed by VTS/LPS

For vessels intending to anchor (at anchorage, bunkering, or waiting area):

Report again prior to letting go the anchor
When the anchor is secured and the vessel is safely anchored (ATA)

For vessels at a conveyance position:

The report "upon arrival" shall constitute the ATA at the conveyance position

All reports must be made prior to commencing any manoeuvre that could adversely affect safe navigation.

b) Outbound

When berthed, the Master shall liaise with the ship's agent to confirm the intended departure time and shall notify VTS of the proposed sailing at least 2 (two) hours prior to departure. A final confirmation shall be provided no later than 1 (one) hour before departure to enable the timely arrangement of marine pilots, mooring service personnel, and any other services that may be required.

When reporting outbound or calling VTS/LPS for departure clearance, the Master shall, provide the next port of call, and any other information required by VTS or LPS.

i) Vessels departing Valletta, Marsaxlokk or Mġarr Harbour:

Prior to departing from berth
On departing from berth (ATD)

Meta l-vapuri jgħaddu mill-breakwater
Kif dirett ukoll minn VTS/LPS

Jekk ikun meħtieġ pilota, il-vapur għandu addizjonalment jirrapporta:

Meta l-pilota jitla
Meta l-pilota jinżel

Ir-rapporti kollha għandhom jiġu magħmula qabel jibdew kwalunkwe manuvri li jistaw jaffettwaw b'mod negattiv in-navigazzjoni sigura.

ii) Vapuri li jitilqu mill-ankraġġ, bunkering, jew żona ta' stennija (fejn tkun intużat l-ankra), li jkunu ser jitilqu minn pożizzjoni ta' conveyance:

Qabel weighing anchor minn żona speċifikata jew waqt it-tluq mill- conveyance position
Kif ukoll dirett minn VTS/LPS

Għal vapuri weighing anchor:

Meta l-ankra tkun aweigh u l-vapur ikun under command (ATD)

Għal vapuri li jitilqu minn conveyance position:

Meta l-vapur ikun ħalla l-pożizzjoni u jkun qed jipproċedi (ATD)

Ir-rapporti kollha għandhom jiġu magħmula qabel tibda kwalunkwe manuvra li tista' taffettwa b'mod negattiv in-navigazzjoni sigura.

3) XANDIRIET TA' INFORMAZZJONI

Il-Valletta VTS jxandar informazzjoni dwar in-navigazzjoni u t-temp fuq VHF Channel 11 fit-8.03 a.m., 12.03 p.m., 6.03 p.m. u 11.03 p.m. (ħin lokali), u f'kull ħin ieħor meta jkun meħtieġ.

Barra minn hekk, VTS se joħroġ sécurité (messaġġi ta' sigurtà), traffic alerts, navigational warnings u trasmissjonijiet oħra relatati mas-sigurtà fuq VHF Channels xierqa kull meta jkun hemm bzonn. Dawn il-messaġġi se jkun fihom informazzjoni essenzjali għas-sigurtà tan-navigazzjoni (per eżempju: twissijiet ta' periklu u twissijiet ta' temp mhux favorevoli). Il-Kaptana għandhom iżommu listening watch kontinwu fuq il-VHF Channel magħzul u jirrikonoxxu jew jikkonformaw mal-istruzzjonijiet tal-VTS meta mitlub.

4) MARINE VHF CHANNELS INTERNAZZJONALI

d) Sakemm ma jkunx hemm struzzjonijiet oħra, il-vapuri għandhom jużaw VHF Channel 16 għall-emerġenza, l-urġenza, is-sigurtà u routine calling.

On passing the breakwater
As otherwise directed by VTS/LPS

If a pilot is required, the vessel shall additionally report:

When pilot embarks
When pilot disembarks

All reports must be made prior to commencing any manoeuvre that could adversely affect safe navigation.

ii) Vessels departing from anchorage, bunkering, or waiting area (where anchoring was used), departing from a conveyance position:

Prior to weighing anchor from a designated area or departing the conveyance position
As otherwise directed by VTS/LPS

For vessels weighing anchor:

When the anchor is aweigh and the vessel is under command (ATD)

For vessels departing a conveyance position:

When the vessel has cleared the position and is proceeding (ATD)

All reports must be made prior to commencing any manoeuvre that could adversely affect safe navigation.

3) INFORMATION BROADCASTS

Valletta VTS broadcasts navigational and weather information on VHF Channel 11 at 8.03 a.m., 12.03 p.m., 6.03 p.m. and 11.03 p.m. (Local Time), and at any other times when deemed necessary.

In addition, VTS will issue sécurité (safety) messages, traffic alerts, navigational warnings and other safety-related broadcasts on the appropriate VHF channel whenever the situation warrants. Such messages will contain information essential to navigational safety (for example: hazard warnings and adverse weather warnings). Masters shall maintain a continuous listening watch on the designated VHF channel and acknowledge or comply with VTS instructions when requested.

4) INTERNATIONAL MARINE VHF CHANNELS

a) Unless otherwise instructed, vessels shall use VHF Channel 16 for distress, urgency, safety and routine calling.

e) Il-komunikazzjonijiet bejn vapuri għandhom isiru fuq channels oħra minbarra dawk elenkati fil-lista tac-channels magħzula, jew kif ordnat minn VTS.

f) Fejn ikun prattiku, il-vapuri għandhom jużaw low power (1 watt) għat-trasmissjonijiet regolari biex titnaqqas il-konġestjoni tac-channel u jiffaċilitaw l-aċċess għal utenti oħra.

5) DETTALJI TA' KUNTATT

Valletta VTS

Call Sign: Valletta VTS
VHF Frequency: Channel 12
Telefon: +356 2555 4491
Email: (vts.tm@transport.gov.mt)
Sigħat tas-Servizz: Kontinwu (24/7)

Marsaxlokk VTS

Call Sign: Marsaxlokk VTS
VHF Frequency: Channel 14
Telefon: +356 2555 4492
Email: (vts.tm@transport.gov.mt)

Sigħat tas-Servizz: Kontinwu (24/7)

Mġarr LPS
Call Sign: Mġarr LPS
VHF Frequency: Channel 10
Telefon: +356 2125 5071
Email: (mgarrlps.tm@transport.gov.mt)
Sigħat tas-Servizz: Kontinwu (24/7)

Malta VTS

Call Sign: Malta VTS
VHF Frequency: Channel 69, 16
RT Frequency (kHz): 2182(Malta Radio)
Telefon: +356 2249 4202/4170
Email: opsroom.afm@gov.mt
Sigħat tas-Servizz: Kontinwu (24/7)

Channel 70 huwa riservat esklussivament għal DSC (Digital Selective Calling) distress, urġenza. sejħiet ta' sigurtà u routine calls u m'għandux jintuża għal skopijiet oħra.

Is-sidien, l-aġenti, l-operaturi u ic-charterers għandhom jiżguraw li l-kontenut ta' dan l-Avviż jiġi komunikat lill-kaptana, bridge teams u persuni oħra responsabbli mill-vapuri tagħhom.

b) Ship-to-ship communications should be conducted on channels other than those listed in the designated channels list, or as directed by VTS.

c) Where practicable, vessels should use low power (1 watt) for routine transmissions to reduce channel congestion and facilitate access by other users.

5) CONTACT DETAILS

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VHF Frequency: Channel 14
Telephone: +356 2555 4492
Email: (vts.tm@transport.gov.mt)

Hours of Service: Continuous (24/7)

Mġarr LPS
Call Sign: Mġarr LPS
VHF Frequency: Channel 10
Telephone: +356 2125 5071
Email: (mgarrlps.tm@transport.gov.mt)
Hours of Service: Continuous (24/7)

Malta VTS

Call Sign: Malta VTS
VHF Frequency: Channel 69, 16
RT Frequency (kHz): 2182 (Malta Radio)
Telephone: +356 2249 4202/4170
Email: opsroom.afm@gov.mt
Hours of Service: Continuous (24/7)

Channel 70 is reserved exclusively for DSC (Digital Selective Calling) distress, urgency. safety and routine calls and must not be used for other purposes.

Owners, agents, operators and charterers shall ensure that the contents of this Notice are communicated to masters, bridge teams and other persons in charge of their vessels.

VHF Channel[2]	Għan tal-Komunikazzjoni	VHF Channel[2]	Purpose of Communication
Channel 09	Pilotage, Mooring u Pilot Launch (Marine pilots u mooring service personnel iżommu listening watch fuq dan iċ-channel biss matul l-użu tiegħu bħala working channel)	Channel 09	Pilotage, Mooring and Pilot Launch (Marine pilots and mooring service personnel maintain a listening watch on this channel solely during its use as a working channel)
Channel 10	Mġarr LPS (Bażi primarja)	Channel 10	Mġarr LPS (Primary basis)
Channel 10	Towage (Bażi sekondarja)	Channel 10	Towage (Secondary basis)
Channel 11	Navigational Warnings/ Trasmissjonijiet tat-Temp	Channel 11	Navigational Warnings/ Weather Broadcasts
Channel 12	Valletta VTS	Channel 12	Valletta VTS
Channel 13	Terminals u Marinas	Channel 13	Terminals and Marinas
Channel 14	Marsaxlokk VTS	Channel 14	Marsaxlokk VTS
Channel 20	Navigational Assistance/ Onshore Power Supply (OPS) u Management	Channel 20	Navigational Assistance/ Onshore Power Supply (OPS) & Management
Channel 22	Operazzjonijiet ta' Emerġenza / Oil Pollution Response	Channel 22	Emergency Operations/Oil Pollution Response
Channel 68	Towage	Channel 68	Towage
Channel 69	Malta VTS (Forzi Armati ta' Malta – Rescue Coordination Centre)	Channel 69	Malta VTS (Armed Forces of Malta – Rescue Coordination Centre)
Channel 74	Towage	Channel 74	Towage

Il-baħħara kollha għandhom jieħdu nota xierqa ta' dak imsemmi hawn fuq u huma meħtieġa jużaw ic-channels xierqa kif indikati f'dan l-Avviż u skont il-leġiżlazzjoni nazzjonali [1].

All mariners are to take due note of the above and are required to use the appropriate channels as designated in this Notice and in accordance with national legislation[1].

Avviż lill-Baħħara Nru 35 tal-2008 u L-Avviż lill-Bahhara Nru.. 20 tal-2021 huma b'dan ikkanċellati.

Notice to Mariners No. 35 of 2008 and Notice to Mariners No. 20 of 2021 are hereby cancelled.

L-20 ta' Jannar, 2026

20th January, 2026

[2] Dawn ic-channels jikkorrispondu ma l-international maritime mobile frequencies fil-VHF Band, kif definit fil-General Authorisations (Radiocommunications Apparatus) Regulations (S.L. 399.40).
[2] These channels correspond to the international maritime mobile frequencies in the VHF band, as defined in the General Authorisations (Radiocommunications Apparatus) Regulations (S.L. 399.40).

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Avviż Lokali lill-Baħħara Nru 3 tal-2026

Rhodolith Survey fl-Ibħra Territorjali Maltin

Id-Direttorat tal-Portijiet u l-Yachting, Transport Malta, jixtieq jinforma lill-baħħara u lill-proprjetarji tal-vapuri li se jsir rhodolith survey fl-ibħra territorjali Maltin.

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Local Notice to Mariners No. 3 of 2026

Rhodolith Survey within Maltese Territorial Waters

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, would like to inform mariners and owners of vessels that a rhodolith survey will be conducted within the Maltese territorial waters.