



Transport Malta

**PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE**

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**North and South Channels to Comino (*Il-Fliegu ta' Ghawdex* u *l-Fliegu ta' Kemmuna*) –  
Passage Restricted**

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The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, hereby brings to your attention the charted passage restrictions of the two channels to the North and to the South of Comino, known as *Il-Fliegu ta' Ghawdex* and *Il-Fliegu ta' Kemmuna* respectively, found on chart BA 2537, BA 2538, BA 211A and BA 194.

It is hereby being reminded that passage through these two channels is prohibited to all commercial vessels and other vessels over 50m in length.

Provided, that during inclement weather conditions, in the interest of the safety of navigation of conveyance vessels navigating from the eastern side of the island to the western side of the island and back, a request to the Authority, through Valletta VTS on VHF Channel 12, may be made to navigate through these two channels.

Prior to obtaining the necessary authorisation, vessels are to keep clear from these two channels and navigate at safe speed.

Any breach of the above will result in an immediate suspension of operations, without prejudice to any other legal and enforcement action that may be taken for such non-compliance.

Capt David Bugeja  
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