

2017

BEACH NEWSLETTER

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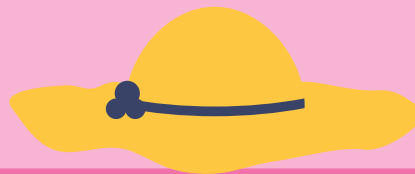
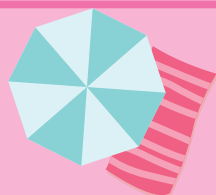
Beach Newsletter 2017 *International year for Sustainable Tourism for Development*



Two new Blue Flag beaches for Gozo: Hondoq ir-Rummien and Marsalforn.

For 2017 the Islands are again celebrating a record of Blue Flag Awards for sustainable beach management. Hondoq ir-Rummien and Marsalforn are being managed by the Ministry for Gozo assisted by the Malta Tourism Authority. Well Done to the team!

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Blue Flag International celebrates 30 years.

The Federation for Environmental Education (FEE) this year is celebrating it's 30 years of operating the Blue Flag Programme. More than 4,000 beaches were awarded last year around the globe and 12 of them were won by the Maltese Islands.

This is the 10th year that the MTA started to implement the Blue Flag's beach management criteria. The first prestigious award was won by St George's Bay in 2009. It has been awarded every year ever since.





New carpets
and walkways.

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Another effort
in making the
beaches accessible for
all was again a priority for
MTA. During winter new
beach carpets, wooden
walkways and ramps
were installed so that
more access points of
beaches can be used by
the elderly and mobility
impaired persons.



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An additional hoist
at ta' Fajjata
Marsascala

Ta' Fajjata in Marsascala
is also being made
accessible with the
introduction of a chair hoist
that assists people into the
water. This chair is the forth
one that will be operated in
Malta during this summer.

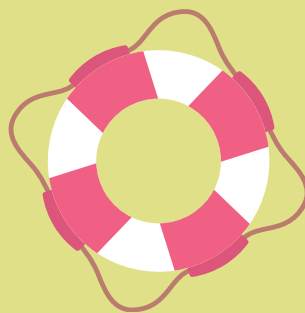


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Beaches fit to host
new comers –
Newly born turtles!

For the first time in many years, hatched baby turtles were seen dashing to the sea at Golden Bay. When the turtle crawled to lay its eggs in the sand during the night, the area was immediately cordoned off and protected for the full incubation period. As from this year, all beaches will be monitored early in the morning in search of fresh turtle tracks.

Every year, Nature Trust Malta cures turtles that get entangled in fisherman's nets and after the healing process they are released to gain their freedom, once more. This year is no exception and a small number of cured turtles will be returned to the sea.



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For 2017, the MTA will continue its effort for litter-free beaches. Colour coded bags will be in waste separation bins on all beaches, clay ashtrays will be deposited on beach access points and different cigarette ashtrays will be available for smokers at the beach supervisors' office.

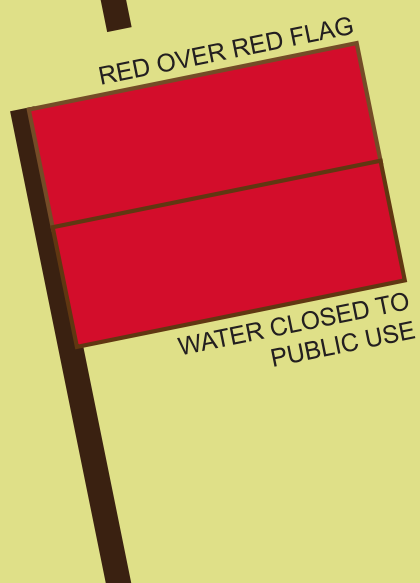
BEACH SAFETY FLAGS



MEDIUM HAZARD



HIGH HAZARD



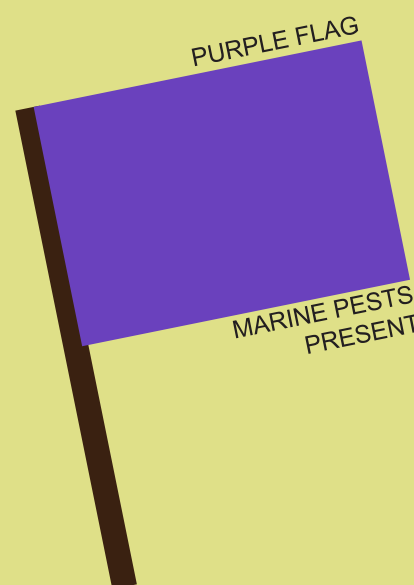
WATER CLOSED TO
PUBLIC USE



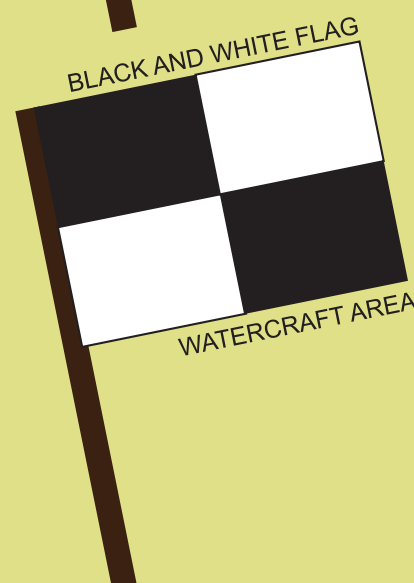
SWIMMING AREA WITH
LIFEGUARD
SUPERVISION



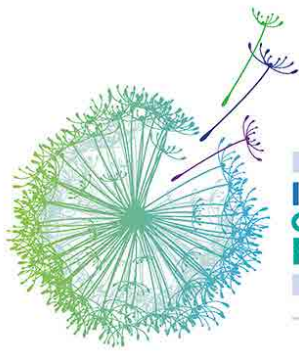
CALM WATER



MARINE PESTS
PRESENT



WATERCRAFT AREA



2017
INTERNATIONAL YEAR
OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM
FOR DEVELOPMENT

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"The contribution of the tourism sector to the three pillars of sustainability – economic, social and environmental...as the international community embraces the new Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), approved by the UN General Assembly last September."

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BEACH ACTIVITIES 2017

- VISIT TO THE GHADIRA NATURE RESERVE AND VISITOR CENTRE
- OZONE LAYER AND BEAT THE BURN ACTIVITY
- CREATING SALT ART
- BOAT TRIP TO UNDERSTAND THE ECOLOGY OF THE ISLAND OF COMINO
- BEACH NEWSLETTER AND BROCHURE
- SNORKELLING WITH SHARKLAB AND MARINE EXHIBITION
- VISIT TO MAJLISRAL PARK VISITOR CENTRE AND GOLDEN BAY CLIFF TREKKING
- TEARS OF ST LAWRENCE ASTRONOMY ACTIVITY



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Malta's Managed Beaches & Quality Awards

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Marsalforn Bay

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Ramla l-Hamra Bay

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Hondoq ir-Rummien

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Xlendi Bay

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Edge Lido Paradise Resort

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Mellieha Bay

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Bugibba Perched Beach

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Qawra Point

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St. George's Bay

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Fond Ghadir Beach

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The Westin Dragonara Resort

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Ta' Fajtata Rocky Beach

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Pretty Bay Birzebbuga

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Ghajn Tuffieha

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Golden Bay

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Blue Lagoon

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Santa Maria Bay

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Code of Conduct for Maltese Beaches

- All beach staff and lifeguards are there for your assistance and safety and are to be treated with respect.
- Swimmers are requested to remain in the swimming zone.
- Never swim under the influence of alcohol or medications. Swimmers with a medical condition are advised to swim with a friend.
- Children are their parents' and guardians' responsibility are to be accompanied by an adult when in the water.
- Impromptu beach games of very small groups are tolerated provided that they do not cause nuisance to others.
- Organised beach games of any kind require a permit from MTA and the Local Council.
- It is advisable to make use of protective sun creams.

IT IS PROHIBITED TO:

- Litter, throw cigarette butts in the sand, bury waste material or BBQ charcoal, or dispose of litter in the sea.
- Allow animals (except guide dogs) on managed sandy beaches. Dog friendly Beaches' in the Criminal Code are listed on the notice boards.
- Distribute free samples, promotional items or leaflets. A permit from the Local Council and MTA is required.
- Sell anything including food or give free services on the beaches without a written permit from MTA.
- Dig holes of a dangerous size in the sand.
- Make any form of fire on the beach.
- Drive motorized units on the beach.
- Erect tents or attach sheets or towels to umbrellas.
- Play loud music, create loud noise or use foul language that effect the enjoyment of others.
- Damage any beach or promenade items or furniture; offenders will be prosecuted.

