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## **POPE'S BOAT TRIP FROM KALKARA CREEK TO THE VALLETTA WATERFRONT**

All boat owners are encouraged to participate with their boats, sailing boats, yachts, etc. on the trip with Pope Benedict XVI, which shall depart from Kalkara Creek to the Valletta Waterfront next Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April between 16.45 and 17.15.

The intention is for the sea craft to create a festive atmosphere, whilst moving along together at the same time, as an escort to the Catamaran. At the same time, they are advised to adhere to the distance stipulated by the organisers. The Pope will travel on the Catamaran San Pawl, same as Pope John Paul II did, way back in 1990, when he entered the Grand Harbour accompanied by several boats.

The Malta Regatta Boats will also accompany the Catamaran during the journey.

Boats of 12 metres in length or less may accompany the Catamaran all the way, maintaining a minimum distance of 50 metres from the catamaran. Boats over 12 metres are to follow instructions indicated to them by the Patrol Craft of the Armed Forces of Malta which will be stationed in the area. For more information kindly visit the Transport Malta Website:

[http://www.transport.gov.mt/mediacenter/PDFs/1\\_NTM%2018-10.pdf](http://www.transport.gov.mt/mediacenter/PDFs/1_NTM%2018-10.pdf)

We urge all participants in this event to co-operate with the Organisational Team in order that the crossing may proceed efficiently and without difficulty.

We thank all those involved in organising this event especially the Transport Malta, Valletta VTS, the Armed Forces of Malta and the Police.

For more information and if you wish to obtain a commemorative flag for this event kindly contact the Royal Malta Yacht Club, Ta' Xbiex Seafront, Ta' Xbiex, XBX 1028, Tel. No. (356) 21333109, 21318417, Website: [www.rmyc.org](http://www.rmyc.org), or e-mail on: [info@rmyc.org](mailto:info@rmyc.org)