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General guidelines concerning the use of the Belgian NtM are described in the annual edition no. 1 of the Belgian Notices to Mariners.

Positions are given in the reference system World Geodetic System 84 (WGS84). Incorrect interpretation of the reference system can lead to errors in the position of several hundred of metres.

Depths (in metres): are reduced to Lowest Astronomical Tide (LAT) for tidal areas and to local dock datum for non-tidal areas.

Heights (in metres): drying heights are above LAT. Vertical clearance is above Mean High Water Spring (MHWS). Other heights are above Mean Sea Level (MSL). Heights for non-tidal areas are above local dock datum.

Directions, bearings, leading lines and light sectors (in degrees) are true reckoned from seawards.

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## GENERAL NOTICES

### 2020-16/256(T) GENERAL NOTICES - MEASURES COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS IN THE GNB MANAGEMENT AREA - SCHELDT PORTS - BELGIAN COASTAL PORTS

NtM 2020-14/238(T) is cancelled.

In connection with the outbreak of the COVID-19 Coronavirus, the following measures are issued. These are valid until **1 September 2020**. If extension is required, this will again be announced.

#### **Maritime Declaration of Health (MDH):**

All incoming ships must submit a Maritime Declaration of Health (MDH), whereby the captain must indicate 24 hours before arriving if there are sick or suspected ill on board. The master must also submit a list of the last ten ports called. Depending on the destination port, the ship is screened for this by a competent health authority appointed by the government.

If the health situation during the stay in the GNB-area or during the port visit has changed compared to the situation when arriving, all ships must immediately submit another MDH.

Up to 14 days after leaving the GNB area, all ships must report crew members who develop Covid-19 relatable disease symptoms and / or test positive in a subsequent port within that period.

In Belgium, Saniport is the competent authority to monitor this. In the Netherlands, the competent authority is the GGD.

#### **Measures to be taken by both crew members and visitors such as government officials, pilots, quartermasters, shipping agents, dockers, etc. on board all vessels, including shortsea and inland navigation vessels, calling harbours within the Scheldt estuary, including the Belgian Coastal Ports (Zeebrugge, Oostende and Nieuwpoort):**

- contacts between crew members and visitors have to be limited to a strict minimum, do not shake hands
- in case contacts cannot be avoided (e.g. pilots on the bridge of a vessel), a social distance of minimum 1.5 meters has to be maintained
- a suitable cleaning solution has to be provided for:
  - o pilots in order to enable them to clean 1 VHF and 1 radar for personal use of the pilot during the pilotage job
  - o quartermasters, shipping agents, surveyors, ...for cleaning desks, screens, ...and other ship-related equipment they need to use during their stay on board
- both crew members and visitors should apply the general hand and respiratory hygienic measures:
  - o frequent hand washing using soap and hot water and/or alcohol-based hand rub
  - o avoidance of touching the face including mouth, nose and eyes with unwashed hands
  - o cover nose and mouth with a disposable tissue when sneezing, coughing, wiping and blowing the nose
  - o if a tissue is not available, cover nose and mouth and cough or sneeze into a flexed elbow
- visitors and crew members must avoid exchange of food and drinks. Again, at all circumstances, the social distance of 1.5 meters has to be maintained.

Personnel with symptoms of COVID-19 and fever will not be on the job. Checking the temperature of visitors is not necessary and the visitor is allowed to refuse. The visitor will not have to sign any declaration which can lead to any liability issues later on. Moreover, the unnecessary exchange of forms might increase the risk of contamination and must be avoided.

The use of face masks by all persons present on the bridge is highly recommended by medical doctors. Masks and gloves offered to visitors will not be accepted, nor can they be exchanged.

#### **Guidelines for pilot and quartermaster boarding and pilotage:**

- Where possible, one hour before the pilot embarkation time, non-essential crew should remain clear of the designated route from the pilot embarkation point (either pilot ladder, accommodation ladder etc.) to the wheelhouse, especially where the route is within enclosed spaces.
- As a general rule we request that all crew that is not involved in the navigation is clear from the workspace. During duration of the voyage the distance between persons should be a minimum of one and a half meter.
- Immediately prior to pilot and quartermaster embarkation, all surfaces and equipment in the wheelhouse, or on the bridge wings, that the pilot or quartermaster may touch must be cleaned with a suitable cleaning solution.
- The wheelhouse, where possible, should remain well ventilated via the opening of external doors or windows.
- Where possible, the route from the embarkation point to the wheelhouse should be via the open deck, as opposed to within enclosed spaces.
- The wheelhouse should be cleared of all crew not essential to the navigation of the vessel.
- Crew entering the bridge should thoroughly clean hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water, hand sanitation is key in preventing transmission of the virus!

- On board the pilot will use his own equipment and will not touch the bridge equipment. If he needs to adjust the settings on the bridge equipment he will leave this to the ship's crew. A suitable cleaning solution has to be provided to disinfect the equipment if before mentioned is not practicable.
- The use of face masks by all persons present on the bridge is highly recommended by medical doctors. Masks and gloves offered to visitors will not be accepted, nor can they be exchanged.

**Guidelines in case a possible infected person is on board:**

- Follow-up closely the instructions of the Public Health Organization of Belgium (Saniport) or The Netherlands (GGD).

Source: GNA Bass 083-2020



**BELGIUM****2020-16/257 TSS - WESTHINDER - WESTHINDER - OOSTDYCK-KWINTE - BATHYMETRY - CHART CORRECTION**

**Charts:** 102 (INT 1480), D11

Chart 102 (INT 1480):

Delete sounding 19,3 m in position 51°24,46'N 002°38,63'E.  
 Insert sounding 18,8 m in position 51°24,53'N 002°38,55'E.  
 Replace sounding 21,5 m in position 51°22,94'N 002°31,08'E by 21 m.  
 Replace sounding 17,5 m in position 51°23,30'N 002°31,52'E by 17,4 m.  
 Replace sounding 17,4 m in position 51°23,07'N 002°36,89'E by 17,3 m.  
 Delete sounding 18,6 m in position 51°22,34'N 002°34,33'E.  
 Insert sounding 18,2 m in position 51°22,47'N 002°34,51'E.  
 Insert sounding 22 m in position 51°22,27'N 002°35,31'E.  
 Replace sounding 13,6 m in position 51°21,52'N 002°31,67'E by 13,1 m.  
 Replace sounding 14,9 m in position 51°21,50'N 002°32,31'E by 14,4 m.  
 Delete sounding 16,6 m in position 51°20,62'N 002°36,31'E.  
 Insert sounding 15,9 m in position 51°20,50'N 002°36,15'E.  
 Insert sounding 10,3 m in position 51°19,81'N 002°35,06'E.  
 Delete sounding 15,7 m in position 51°19,64'N 002°35,81'E.  
 Insert sounding 14,9 m in position 51°19,84'N 002°35,72'E.

Chart D11:

Insert sounding 18,8 m in position 51°24,53'N 002°38,55'E.  
 Replace sounding 21,5 m in position 51°22,94'N 002°31,08'E by 21 m.  
 Delete sounding 15,2 m in position 51°21,43'N 002°30,11'E.  
 Insert sounding 14,6 m in position 51°21,42'N 002°30,38'E.  
 Delete sounding 28,5 m in position 51°21,82'N 002°35,94'E.  
 Insert sounding 27,5 m in position 51°21,89'N 002°36,19'E.  
 Delete sounding 14,8 m in position 51°20,37'N 002°35,61'E.  
 Insert sounding 13,5 m in position 51°20,20'N 002°35,62'E.

Source: Vlaamse Hydrografie

**2020-16/258 COASTAL ROUTE - DE PANNE - OOSTENDE - VICINITY NIEUWPOORT - WAVE RECORDER BUOY AKUST98 REPLACED BY AKUST11**

**Charts:** 102 (INT 1480), D11, 107/2

The wave recorder buoy aKust98 is replaced by aKust11 in the same position 51°09,65'N 002°41,43'E.

Source: MRCC MSI 460/20

**THE NETHERLANDS****2020-16/259 APPROACH WESTERN SCHELDT - BOTKIL - TEMPORARY ANCHORS CANCELLED**

NtM 2019-22/275(T) is cancelled.

**Charts:** 101 (INT 1474), D11

Temporary anchors on the seabed cancelled.

Source: NLHO BaZ wk 30/2020

**2020-16/260(P) WESTERN SCHELDT - EVERINGEN AND GEUL VAN BAARLAND - NEW CHANNEL**

**Charts:** 104/09

**List of Lights**

Due to natural movement of sandbanks, the buoyage of the fairways 'Geul van Baarland' and 'Everingen' will change significantly.

The fairway 'Geul van Baarland' will be closed. The fairway 'Everingen' will be moved in the direction of the old fairway 'Geul van Baarland'.

Shipping is requested to navigate with caution.

A block correction will be published as soon as possible.

Source: GNA Bass 081-2020; NLHO BaZ 2020-30/227(P)

**MARITIME SAFETY INFORMATION (MSI)  
in force**

**MSI > 19/664 TSS - WESTHINDER**

TRIPODE WITH HYDROGRAPHICAL INSTRUMENT ESTABLISHED IN POS 51-22.867 N 002-27.162 E UNMARKED. SHIPPING IS REQUESTED NOT TO FISH AND TO PASS AT A SAFE DISTANCE .

**MSI > 19/780 TSS - WESTHINDER**

WESTHINDER MEASURING POLE, 51-23.31 N 002-26.26 E. LIGHT UNLIT .

**LB > 20/009 PORT OF OOSTENDE**

LIGHTBUOY OH10, 51-14.17 N 002-55.47 E. LIGHT UNLIT .

**LB > 20/039 PORT OF OOSTENDE**

WATERBOND ACTIVITIES AT THE PIERHEADS OF THE HARBOR OF OOSTENDE . IN THE VICINITY OF THE HALVE MAAN. SHIPPING IS REQUESTED TO PASS WITH REDUCED SPEED IN ORDER TO AVOID EXCESSIVE WAVES.

**MSI > 20/070 TSS - WESTHINDER**

M/V ROVA STONES. ANCHOR LOST IN POS 51-20,3 N 002-35,2 E.

**MSI > 20/274 OOSTDYCK - KWINTE**

OOSTDYCK ANCHORAGE. M/V DOLA ASIA. ANCHOR LOST IN POS 51-20.3 N 002-33.5 E.

**MSI > 20/283 BLIGHBANK - THORNTONBANK**

LIGHTBUOY VLIZ, 51-34.80 N 002-59.59 E. TEMPORARILY REMOVED .

**MSI > 20/342 OOSTDYCK - KWINTE**

OOSTDYCK ANCHORAGE. M/V LISA. ANCHOR LOST IN POS 51-19.41 N 002-37.43 E.

**MSI > 20/421 DE PANNE - OOSTENDE**

SPECIAL PURPOSE BUOY O, 51-14.28 N 002-52.09 E. TEMPORARILY REMOVED .

**MSI > 20/439 OOSTENDE - ZEEBRUGGE**

UNDERWATER PIPELINE AND FLOATING PIPELINE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN POSITIONS 51-15,47 N 002-58,40 E AND 51-15,79 N 002-58,14 E MARKED BY CARDINAL BUOY 'DC1'. SHIPPING IS REQUESTED NOT TO ANCHOR NOR TO FISH ABOVE THIS PIPELINE AND TO PASS CLEAR OF IT

**MSI > 20/442 TSS - NOORDHINDER SOUTH**

FISHING VESSEL DROPPED AIRCRAFT ORDNANCE. IN POS 51°32,019 N - 002°24,28 E. SHIPPING IS REQUESTED NOT TO ANCHOR NOR TO FISH IN THE VICINITY..