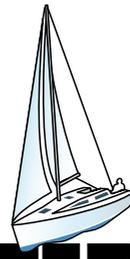


ON THE WATER TOGETHER

# SAFE BOATING TIPS

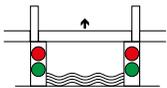


*Varen doe je Samen!* promotes safety on the Dutch waterways. This pocket guide offers you a quick overview of the rules for safe navigation. We wish you an enjoyable time on the water and a safe voyage!

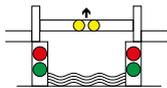
## GENERAL TIPS

- Preparation before your trip is key, use updated charts and check appropriate weather reports.
- Do not alter course unexpectedly.
- Use correct navigational lights.
- Ensure an uninterrupted line of sight and look over your shoulder regularly.
- Avoid causing unnecessary wake.
- Anchoring near bridges, locks, working vessels at anchor, underneath powerlines, or in the middle of a channel is to be avoided.
- Avoid tacking in busy channels. Leave the middle of the channel for larger vessels.
- Ensure larger vessels can see you.
- Do not navigate while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The legal limit for operators of all boats is 0,5 promille.
- A licence is mandatory to steer faster motorboats. This is applicable for vessels capable of speeds in excess of 20 kph.
- A Dutch small vessel licence "Klein Vaarbewijs" is required if the boat is longer than 15 metres.
- Navigate swiftly and safely through bridges and locks.
- Avoid fishing nets. These will normally be marked by small black or yellow flags.
- It's prohibited to swim in fairways, near bridges, locks and waiting areas.

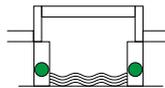
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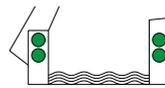
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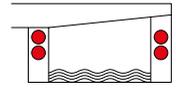
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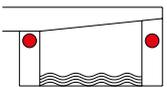
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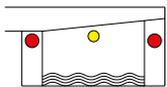
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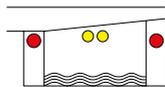
Bridge not in operation. It's not allowed to proceed.



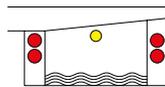
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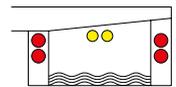
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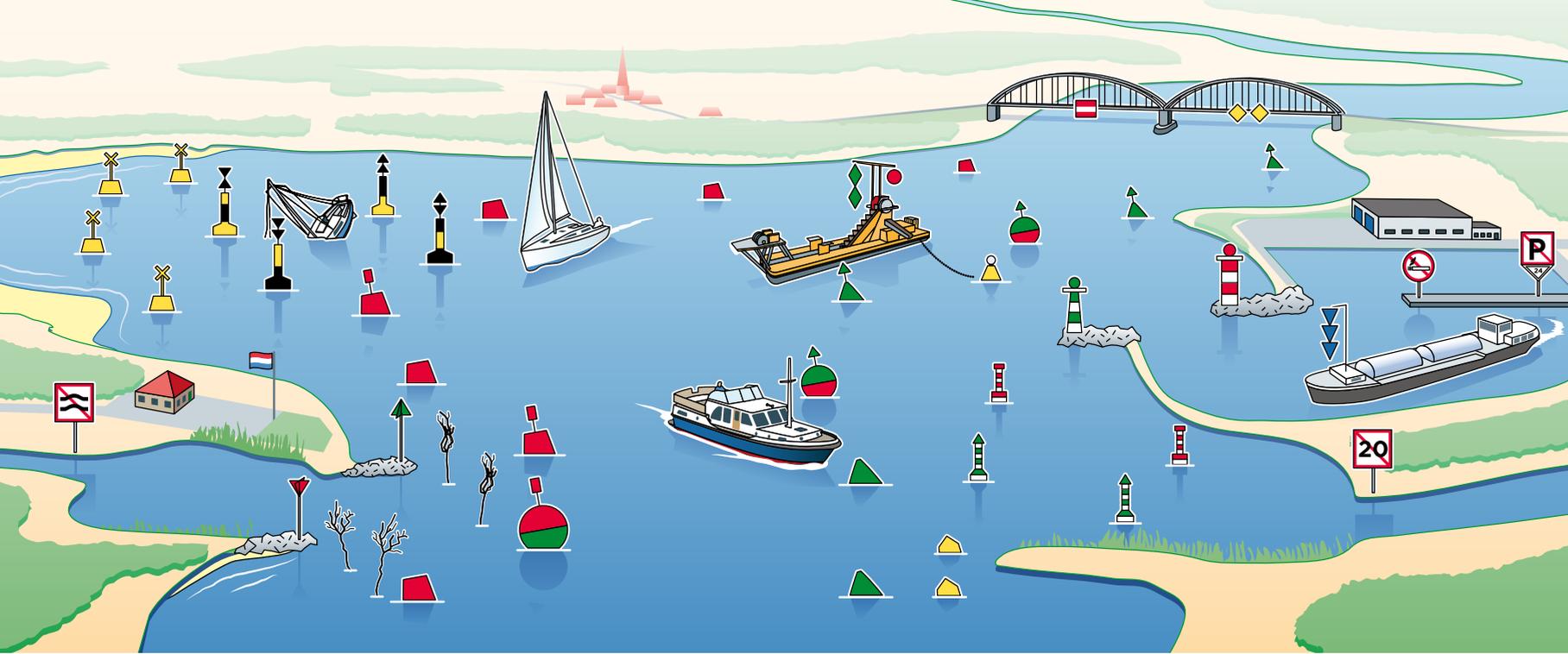
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## BUOYS AND CARDINALS

-  Port side harbour entrance with light
-  Lateral red cylindrical buoy
-  Additional lateral marks
-  Groyne and shore beacon
-  Lateral red cylindrical buoy with topmark and light
-  Main channel to starboard
-  Lateral green conical buoy
-  Groyne and shore beacon
-  Additional lateral marks
-  Green conical buoy with topmark and light
-  Special mark
-  Tied together: starboard hand mark
-  Open: port hand mark

## NAVIGATION LIGHTS



A small sailing vessel (<20 m) shows: sidelights (red/green) on the bow and a sternlight...



... or may show: sidelights and sternlight combined in a tricolour light at the masthead.

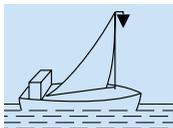


A small powerboat (<20 m) should display: sidelights (could be combined), a masthead light, and a sternlight (possibly combined).

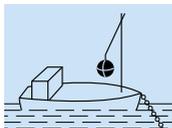


A small muscle-powered vessel, a small powerboat (<7 m and < 13 kph), and a small sailing vessel (<7 m) can suffice with displaying a white allround light.

## DAY MARKS



A sailing vessel under sail assisted by propulsion should display lights as a powerboat. The use of tricolour light is not allowed and a black cone should be displayed during daylight hours.



A vessel at anchor, both sail and powerboat are to display a black ball.

## SOUND SIGNALS

Pay attention	— — — —
Manoeuvrability restricted	— — — — — — — —
Distress signal	— — — — — — — — (repeat)
Request to open bridge	— — — — — — — —
Altering course to starboard	— — — — — — — —
Altering course to port	— — — — — — — —
Operating stern propulsion	— — — — — — — —

## IMPORTANT PRIORITY RULES

### Larger vessels (>20 m) usually take priority over smaller vessel

Usually vessels over 20 metres are restricted in their ability to manoeuvre and cannot stop quickly. Please stay out of the way and do not navigate too close in front of the vessel. Large vessels often have a blind spot in front of the bow, so the skipper cannot see you (properly). If you cannot see the wheelhouse, the skipper cannot see you!

### Starboard bank\* vessel is the stand-on vessel

On a marked waterway (channel or fairway) or on a natural waterway (river or canal), the vessel keeping nearest to the bank on her starboard side is the stand-on vessel.

### Sail takes priority over muscle-powered, takes priority over motorised

(Small) sailing vessels take priority over (muscle-powered) rowing boats/canoes and these in turn take priority over (small) motorised vessels. So sail takes priority over muscle-powered, takes priority over motorised vessels.

### Powerboats

Vessel from starboard has right of way on open water – without buoyage. Vessels on opposite course shall both alter course to starboard.

### Sailing boats

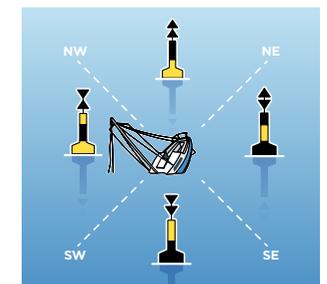
The vessel which has the wind on the port side shall keep out of the way of the other vessel.

### Windward vessel gives way to leeward vessel

When sailing vessels cross with the sails set on the same tack, the windward vessel gives way to the leeward vessel.

### Above all: display good seamanship!

Try to avoid a collision at all times, even when you are the stand-on vessel.



Cardinal buoys marking a wreck or other obstacle

*\*Keep in mind: Dutch inland waterways use SIGNI instead of IALA. Meaning if you're sailing upstream, "starboard bank" will be located on your port side!*

# MARINE NAVIGATION MARKS

## PROHIBITORY SIGNS

-  Entry, exit or transit ban
-  No entry, except for small vessels without engine
-  No overtaking
-  No mooring
-  No mooring or anchoring within 20 metres
-  No anchoring
-  No mooring
-  Do not create wash
-  Forbidden to sail outside the indicated boundary
-  Motorised vessels prohibited
-  All sports or pleasure vessels prohibited
-  Water skiing prohibited
-  Sailing vessels prohibited
-  All vessels propelled by muscle power prohibited
-  Surfboards prohibited
-  End of waterway for fast powerboats without speed restricters
-  Personal watercraft prohibited

## MANDATORY SIGNS

-  Mandatory heading
-  Keep to the starboard side of the channel
-  Obligation to stop in front of the sign
-  Do not exceed the speed indicated (in kph)
-  Obligation to give a sound signal.
-  Keep a particularly sharp lookout
-  Obligation to not impede traffic on the main channel
-  Do not hinder outgoing vessels
-  Obligation to listen to specified VHF channel

## RECOMMENDATION SIGNS

-  Recommended to navigate within indicated boundaries
-  Recommended heading

## RESTRICTION SIGNS

-  Limited water depth, possibly showing depth in metres
-  Limited clearance, possibly showing height in metres
-  Limited width of channel, possibly showing width in metres
-  Channel located 12 metres from bank

## INFORMATIVE SIGNS, ADDITIONAL SIGNS

-  Navigating in, out or through is permitted
-  Overhead cable crossing
-  Ferry moving independently
-  Ferry not moving independently
-  Mooring and anchoring permitted on side where sign is posted
-  Mooring and anchoring permitted up to max. width in metres
-  Anchoring permitted on side where sign is posted
-  Mooring permitted on side where sign is posted
-  Turning area
-  Main channel and secondary channel
-  End of a prohibition or obligation applying to traffic in one direction only, or end of a restriction
-  Warning for outgoing vessels
-  Drinking water outlet
-  Motorised vessels permitted
-  Sport and pleasure crafts permitted
-  Water skiing permitted
-  Sailing vessels permitted
-  Vessels propelled by muscle power permitted
-  Surfboards permitted
-  Fast cruising for small vessels allowed
-  Personal watercraft permitted
-  VHF channel for nautical information



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