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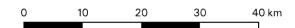




WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE FLEMISH REGION



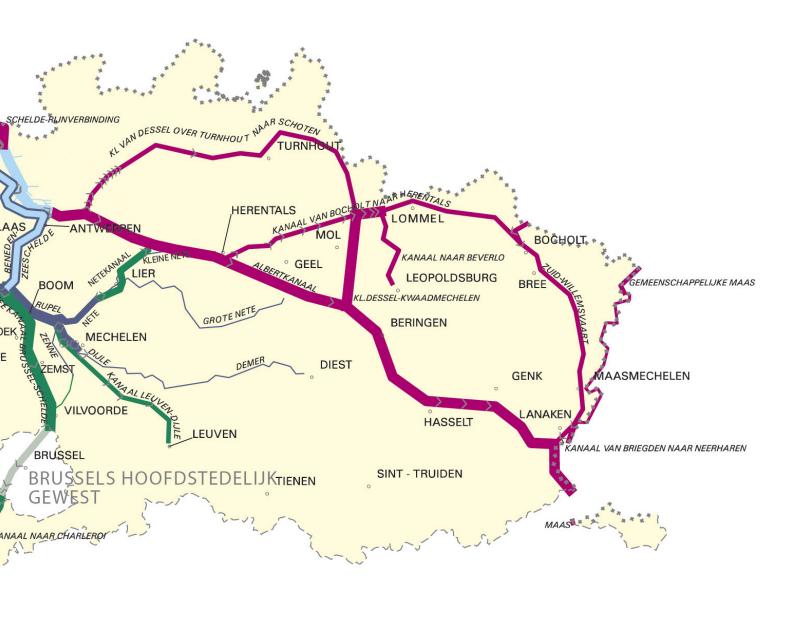
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Foreword

Dear sailing enthusiast,

Flanders is a waterland, with no less than 1,056 km of navigable waterways.

Flemish waterways have numerous functions and many types of use.

As waterway managers we therefore talk of the multifunctional use of the waterway. We think in particular of the transport of goods by waterway, the draining of large quantities of rainwater, recreational use on and along the waterway, the strengthening of environmental and landscape assets, and water supply.

In order to reconcile correctly all these functions and uses, agreements and rules are necessary. In this booklet, specific attention is paid to pleasure boating.

Both the enhancement of natural and scenic value and improved infrastructure have ensured that the Flemish waterways in recent years have become an ideal habitat for water recreation in all its facets.

Despite the difficult economic climate of the past few years, we are experiencing sustained interest in the wide range of recreational opportunities offered by waterways.

The Consultation Forum for Water Recreation, Sports and Tourism for the Flanders Waterways and Coast was established in 2006, leading to structured dialogue between the public authorities and the water sports sectors. One of the tasks assigned to the Consultation Forum was to work on information exchange between the public authorities and the water sports sectors.

We are therefore happy to offer you this updated, digital booklet, full of interesting information about the potential for recreational use of the waterways. The information contained in this booklet enables you to find your way on the waterways quickly and safely.

If you still have questions or comments about a particular waterway, please contact the relevant waterway manager.

At the back of this booklet you will find a map showing who is responsible for which waterways in the Flemish Region. Their contact details are at the end of the booklet.

We would like to wish you a sunny and safe journey.

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1. **REGULATIONS**



1.1 The pleasure craft

1.1.1 Registration tax

A tax is levied on pleasure craft longer than 7.5 m where a registration certificate exists or where one has to be issued.

The tax is EUR 2,478.00. For vessels acquired second-hand which have been registered previously, the tax is reduced by EUR 247.80 per year of vessel registration to a minimum tax of EUR 61.50. There is no derogation for DIY boats.

The initiative for the payment of this tax will be taken by the competent authority (see below).

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Flemish Tax Service, section Taxation Vaartstraat 16, 9300 Aalst Tel. 1700 or via the contact form on the website www.belastingen.be

1.1.2 Matriculation of pleasure vessels

In order to be able to use the waterways or their ancillary facilities, every pleasure vessel which has a connection with Belgium (the main exceptions are surfboards, rafts, inflatable boats that are unsuitable for engines, canoes and kayaks, pedal boats and gondolas) must have a matriculation document. There is a connection with Belgium where:

- with respect to natural persons, at least 50% belongs to persons registered in Belgium;
- with respect to legal persons, 100% belongs to a legal entity registered in the Crossroads Bank for Enterprises.

The matriculation document or a copy must be kept on board. The matriculation number must be applied to the middle of the hull or to the prow, on both sides of the vessel (height 0.10 m or 0.20 m). The matriculation number is definitive and will always belong to the pleasure vessel. Vessels in possession of a matriculation plate are compliant.

Voluntary request: Vessels with a matriculation plate, as well as some to which the new matriculation document rules do not apply (canoes and kayaks, pedal boats and gondolas), may, by the same procedure, voluntarily request a matriculation document insofar as a connection with Belgium can be demonstrated.

Foreign pleasure vessels must fly their national flag or display their country's letter or letter combination as defined in Appendix 1 of the General Police Regulations for Navigation on the Inland Waterways (APSB) and must have on board the ship's papers required in their country. Where ownership changes, the new owner must submit a new application. In addition, changes to the vessel's characteristics, scrapping of the vessel, sale of the vessel abroad, or withdrawal from use must all be reported.

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Federal Public Service for Mobility and Transport www.mobilit.belgium.be tel. 02 277 35 36

1.1.3 Speed - speed number

A speed number must be attached to vessels which sail at more than 20 km/h. The speed number is the same as the matriculation number (the letter B followed by the number in 0.20 m-high characters). Vessels which, because of their construction, cannot comply with this size may limit character height to at least 0.10 m.

1.1.4 The measurement certificate

Pleasure craft with a hull length equal to or greater than 20 m must have a measurement certificate for inland craft on board. Smaller vessels can also be measured on request of the owner.

This document lists the principal characteristics of the vessel (length, beam, draught, displacement, ...), is valid for 15 years, and is renewable thereafter.

To obtain a measurement certificate, the vessel must be measured by an accredited ship measurer. After measuring and checking the necessary documents (deed of ownership, engine power certificate and possibly the construction plans) the measurement certificate will be sent out.

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Federal Public Service for Mobility and Transport
Maritime Transport
One-stop Planning and Information Centre
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(open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.00 to 12.00)
e-mail epic@mobilit.fgov.be

1.1.5 Identification markings

Insofar as certain rules must be met, certain identification markings must be applied to the vessel. If these markings are self-created (e.g. by painting), they must be clearly legible and indelible; they must be light on a dark background, or dark on a light background. The width and the line thickness of characters must be in proportion to their height.

	Mark	Height	How to apply?
	Name vessel	0,20 m	On both sides and the stern
Large vessel	Home port	0,15 m	On both sides or the stern
(length ≥ 20 m)	Country (code)	0,15 m	
	Unique European Vessel Identification No.	0,20 m	On both sides and the stern
Small vessel (length < 20 m) Vessel name		0,10 m	On both sides, except for: · vessels < 5 m · vessels propelled by muscle-power

Matriculation 17673	Matriculation	-	Op een duidelijk zichtbare plaats aan stuurboord aan de buitenkant van de achtersteven of aan de achterzijde van het vaartuig. Indien de plaat daar niet kan worden aangebracht, dient ze op een daartoe geschikte en voldoende zichtbare plaats te worden bevestigd.
D 15/50	Matriculation number	0,10 m	In the middle of the hull or on the prow, on both sides of the vessel.
B 17673 (Bxxxxx)		0,20 m	If speed > 20 km/h.
Measurement certificate	Measurement mark	0,10 m	On the stern. Recommended height.
Flag registration	Vessel name	0,10 m	On the stern, or, if this is not possible, on
certificate	Home port		both sides. Recommended height.

1.1.6 Flag registration certificate

Pleasure craft sailing on the open sea or in foreign or Belgian waters (its territorial waters, the coastal ports, the port of Ghent, the Ostend-Bruges and Zeebrugge-Bruges canals, the Belgian part of the Ghent-Terneuzen canal and the Lower Sea Scheldt) must be in possession of a flag registration certificate. The issue of this certificate also constitutes an entry in the register of pleasure craft. Craft shorter than 2.5 m, kayaks, and pedal boats do not need a flag registration certificate. Vessels longer than 24 m, or those that undertake sea angling with paying passengers, or those that are used or intended for the transport of more than 12 paying passengers, are not considered pleasure craft. They receive a certificate of registry ("zeebrief") (information: Maritime Inspectorate (Scheepvaartcontrole), Natiënkaai 5, 8400 Ostend, tel. 059 56 14 85, pleziervaart.oostende@mobilit.fgov.be

There are two types of flag registration certificate:

- non-commercial flag registration certificates for pleasure craft which cannot be rented out or used for the transport of paying passengers, goods or animals;
- commercial flag registration certificates for pleasure craft rented out or used for the transport of a maximum of 12 passengers but not for the transport of goods or animals.

PLEASE NOTE: whosoever transports paying (charter) passengers, irrespective of their number, must be in possession of an suitable STCW certificate, or must have a skipper on board with this qualification. More information: www.mobilit.belgium.be (Scheepvaart / Pleziervaart / Bestuurder / Commerciële yachting op zee).

The flag registration certificate expires:

- if registration in the register of pleasure craft is cancelled (see the procedure below);
- if a change occurs in the data which must be stated on the flag registration certificate;
- after the expiry date stated on the flag registration certificate.

A pleasure craft under foreign flag must have on board the documentation confirming its nationality (registration, matriculation, for example the International Certificate for Pleasure Craft (ICP)), in accordance with its national regulations.

The flag registration certificate must be renewed if there is any change in the data stated on it (e.g. new owner or engine) and when the expiry date is exceeded. The flag registration certificate must also be renewed in case of loss or theft.

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www.mobilit.belgium.be

1.1.7 VHF radio installation

Motor vessels on inland waterways with a hull length of over 7 m must have a VHF radio installation. Since one must be able to listen to two channels (ship-to-ship and nautical information) simultaneously with this apparatus, this requires the purchase of two separate devices. For small vessels (<20 m) the requirement to be able to listen simultaneously has been suspended until a date still to be determined, so that one device is sufficient.

Anyone who has a VHF radio installation on board, even if this is not mandatory, must have the requisite licence for radio-electrical equipment for the device and an operating certificate for its use.

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Tel 02 226 88 53
e-mail bmr@bipt.be
www.bipt.be

1.1.8 Community Certificate

The Community Certificate is part of a European Directive on the technical requirements which inland waterway vessels must meet, depending on where they sail (see technical specifications). As of December 30 2008, new technical regulations are in place that also apply to all vessels \geq 20 m. Newly built vessels will thus have to comply. For existing vessels, a transitional arrangement was devised and a timetable was published for carrying out the necessary inspections.

The Community Certificate is issued following a technical inspection.

Vessels in possession of a Community Certificate or an inspection certificate must also be in possession of a Unique European Vessel Identification Number.

More information (including technical regulations) can be found at www.mobilit.belgium.be (Scheepvaart / Binnenvaart / Schip / Communautair Certificaat).

Conditions

- Partial inspection relative to the hull is to be demonstrated by a classification certificate issued by a classification society.
- The ship must still be inspected for further compliance with the applicable regulations. This inspection takes place on Belgian territory. If the vessel is outside Belgium, application must be made to the recognised committee or body in that country.

Application

One-stop Planning and Information Centre tel. 03 229 00 59 (open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.00 to 12.00), epic@mobilit.fgov.be.

1.1.9 Declaration of conformity

The EC declaration of conformity is a statement from the manufacturer certifying that the vessel, personal water craft or engine is built according to current European regulations (defined in ISO standards). It mentions the description, the CIN code (the identification number of the vessel or personal water craft and, for the engine, the name of the engine model or engine family), the ISO standards used during construction, etc ...

These regulations do not apply to some vessels, such as canoes, kayaks, and race boats.

Issue

The declaration of conformity must be drawn up in Belgium's official languages. For a vessel or engine bought second-hand it is sufficient that it be written in one of these languages. If this is not the case, then a declaration in one of these languages must be attached. The vendor of a vessel, personal water craft or engine must hand it over to the buyer depending on the date on which it was brought onto the market in the European Economic Area (Member States of the European Union, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein):

- 16/06/1998: for pleasure craft (2.5 m \leq length \leq 24 m)
- 01/01/2006: for personal water craft (length < 4 m)
- 01/01/2006: for engines (excluding two-stroke spark ignition engines)
- 01/01/2007: for two-stroke spark ignition engines.

If a vessel, personal water craft or engine is purchased which is not EC-approved, it must not be brought onto the market nor into use without previously being made to conform with the regulations. The intervention of a "notified body" is mandatory. After an inspection and any adjustments, that body will be able to issue a certificate. A declaration of conformity can then be made on the basis of the certificate.

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Federal Public Service for Mobility and Transport, Maritime Transport, Maritime Inspectorate Pleasure Craft (Scheepvaartcontrole pleziervaart), Natiënkaai 5, 8400 Ostend, tel. 059 33 95 02 - 059 33 95 04.

1.1.10 Mandatory equipment

For inland waterways, the following prescribed equipment is required on board pleasure craft:

Excluding Common Maas (Gemeenschappelijke Maas) and Brussels-Scheldt (see below) Pleasure craft (excluding canoe, kayak and surfboard):

- Rescue equipment: life belt (or preserver or jacket) for each person on board; people on jet boats must wear a life belt;
- Nautical instruments: VHS radio installation for motor boats longer than 7 m;
- Further equipment (except for jet boats): anchor or grapnel, pump or bailer, spare means of propulsion, two ropes at least equal to the length of the vessel, fire extinguisher for motor yachts.

Common Maas and Brussels-Scheldt

Pleasure craft:

- Rescue equipment: life belt (or preserver or jacket) for each person on board;
- Nautical instruments: foghorn or hooter;
- Further equipment: anchor or grapnel, pump or bailer, one or more paddles or oars, two ropes (30m and 10m), fire extinguisher for motor yachts.

Equipment hints

The Maritime Police, in collaboration with the Federal Public Service for Mobility and Transport, Maritime Transport, has set up a prevention campaign for pleasure boats. This campaign consists initially of an information campaign in which the recreational sailor is informed how to practise his hobby safely. It can be found at www.mobilit.belgium.be (Scheepvaart / Pleziervaart / Vaartuig / Uitrusting / Publicaties).

1.2. The operator of a pleasure craft

1.2.1 Sailing a pleasure craft

The operator of a pleasure craft on the waterways must have adequate steering skills. He must constantly be able to perform all the steering manoeuvres required to keep his vessel under control at all times.

Furthermore, depending on the vessel's individual characteristics, the pilot must be at least of a minimum age and have a steering certificate.

The operator of a pleasure craft that pulls one or more water skiers must be accompanied by a fellow crew member at least 15 years old.

Vessel			Cond	itions
Length	Speed	Output	Age	Steering certificate
< 15 m		No engine	NONE	Not required
< 15 m	≤ 20 km/h	< 7,355 kW	16	Not required
< 15 m	≤ 20 km/h	≥ 7,355 kW	18 (16, if accompanied by someone ≥18)	Niet verplicht
≥ 15 m			18	YES
	> 20 km/h		18	YES

1.2.2 Steering certificate for pleasure craft

Steering certificate

A steering certificate is the driving licence for operating vessels on the Belgian waterways.

There are two types of steering certificate:

- the limited steering certificate entitles you to sail on all Belgian inland waterways, except for the Lower Sea Scheldt;
- the general steering certificate entitles you to sail on all Belgian internal waterways.

Four requirements:

- 1- the minimum age for applying is 17. The certificate is however only valid from 18;
- 2- *medical fitness:* The doctor selected may examine your overall condition and test your vision and hearing:
- 3- passing the theory test: the theoretical exam tests your knowledge of traffic regulations on the water, manoeuvring, safety regulations, navigation, etc. You don't have to follow a course.
- 4- practical experience: you sail with someone who has a steering certificate and learn by doing. Once you have gained a minimum of twelve hours of experience, you give your log book to the organisation, which sends your application to the Federal Public Service for Mobility and Transport, Maritime Transport, which issues the certificate. It is possible to do this faster by following a practical course in a sailing school, in which case six hours of practical experience is enough. Foreign recreational sailors: A number of official foreign certificates are equivalent to the limited or general steering certificate.

Registration for the theoretical examination

You can register for the steering certificate exam using the registration form available at www.mobilit.belgium.be (Scheepvaart / Pleziervaart / Bestuurder / Binnenwateren / Formulieren). The form should be sent to one of the recognised federations which are responsible for the practical organisation of the exams. All federations have the same conditions.

Contact the recognised federation of your choice so that they can compile your file. They will help

you through the entire procedure. They can also give you all the information you'll need about dates for the theoretical exam, the exam syllabus, additional documentation, training, etc..

No.	Organisation	Telephone	e-mail
E01	Fédération Francophone du Yachting belge Avenue du Parc d'Amée 90, 5100 Jambes	081 30 49 79	info@ffyb.be
E02	Vlaamse Yachting Federatie Zuiderlaan 13, 9000 Gent	09 243 11 20	info@vyf.be
E03	Nautibel Priester Cuypersstraat 3, 1040 Brussel	02 741 24 44	info@nautibel.be
E04	Ligue Motonautique belge Rue de Bayemont 74, 6040 Jumet	071 70 36 56	liguelmb@skynet.be
E05	Nautisch Instituut voor de Pleziervaart Het Heiken 11, 2930 Brasschaat	03 653 18 90	nip@skynet.be
E06	Vlaamse Vereniging voor Watersport: Beatrijslaan 25, 2050 Antwerpen	03 219 69 67	info@vvw.be
E07	Fédération francophone du Ski nautique et de Wakeboat Rue des Fours à Chaux 88a, 5190 Balâtre	081 46 26 83	brevet@euroboat.be
E08	Waterski Vlaanderen vzw Beatrijslaan 25, bus 2, 2050 Antwerpen	03 271 19 59	wsv@waterski.be
E09	Channel Sailing Navigation School vzw Tingelhof 20, 8301 Knokke Heist	050 81 53 40	info@channelsailing.be
E10	Offshore Navigation School vzw Beekstraat 45, 9800 Deinze	09 386 14 38	offshore@offshorenavigation.be

New or duplicate steering certificate

If the steering certificate is lost or stolen, is damaged or becomes illegible, or if the information on the certificate is no longer accurate (e.g. change of address), a new certificate can be requested using a form at www.mobilit.belgium.be, Scheepvaart / Pleziervaart / Bestuurder / Binnenwateren / Formulieren. Address: Federal Public Service for Mobility and Transport, Maritime Transport, City Atrium, Vooruitgangstraat 56, 1210 Brussels, tel: 02 277 35 36.

The ICC

The ICC (International Certificate of Competence for Operators of Pleasure Craft) is an international sailing certificate which is recognised in most European countries. This is in contrast to national certificates (such as the (Belgian) steering certificate, yachtsman and yacht navigator qualifications) which are not always readily accepted by the local authorities or boat rental companies abroad as evidence of sailing skills.

To obtain a Belgian ICC it is sufficient to be Belgian or have an official residential address in Belgium, and to have an appropriate Belgian certificate. It is thus not necessary to take an additional test or exam The ICC is valid for life.

There are various categories of ICC:

- 1. Depending on where you want to sail:
 - "I" (inland): for inland waterways
 - "C" (coast): for coastal waters
- 2. Depending on the type of vessel:
 - "M" (motor): for motor boats
 - "S" (sail): for sailing boats

Your certificate	Entitles you to an ICC			
four certificate	1	С	M	S
General steering certificate	X	X	X	If you want an ICC
Limited steering certificate	X		X	which is (also) valid
Yachtsman certificate		X	X	for a sailing vessel, you will be required to state on your honour
Yacht navigator certificate		X	Х	
Sailing certificate A	X	X	X	that you have acquired
Sailing certificate B	X		X	the necessary sailing
Rhine Patent	X	X	X	skills

Other valid certificates

The holder of one of the five certificates listed below may sail on Belgian navigable waterways without a steering certificate.

Certificate	In Belgium, equivalent to
Yacht navigator (Royal Decree 21/05/1958)	General steering certificate
Yachtsman (RD 21/05/1958)	General steering certificate
Sailing certificate A (RD 23/12/1998)	General steering certificate
Rhine skipper's patent	General steering certificate
Sailing certificate B (RD 23/12/1998)	Limited steering certificate

The following foreign certificates for recreational boating are recognised in Belgium (this does not however mean that there is automatic recognition of Belgian certificates in those countries):

Country	Certificate	Equivalent to
Bulgaria	Vaarbewijs (issued by the Bulgarian Administration)	General steering certificate
Denmark	Duelighedsprove i sejlads for fritidssejlere	General steering certificate
Denmark	Duelighedsbevis i sejlads for fritidssejlere	General steering certificate
Cormany	Sportschifferzeugnis	General steering certificate
Germany	Sportbootführerschein-Binnen	General steering certificate

Country	Certificate	Equivalent to
Finland	Vaarbewijs (issued by the National Navigation Authority)	General steering certificate
	Certificat National de Capacité S	General steering certificate
France	Certificat National de Capacité PP	General steering certificate
Trance	Permis de conduire les bateaux de plaisance à moteur «option eaux intérieures»	General steering certificate
Hungary	Vaarbewijs (issued by the General Inspection of Transport)	General steering certificate
Luxembourg	Brevet de Conduite de Catégorie 1 & 2	General steering certificate
	Klein Vaarbewijs I	Limited steering certificate
Netherlands	Klein Vaarbewijs II	General steering certificate
Netherialius	Groot Pleziervaartbewijs I	Limited steering certificate
	Groot Pleziervaartbewijs II	General steering certificate
Poland	Vaarbewijs (issued by the High Commission for Culture and Sports)	General steering certificate
Slovakia	Vaarbewijs (issued by the National Navigation Administration of Bratislava)	General steering certificate
Czech Republic	Vaarbewijs (issued by the National Navigation Administration of Prague)	General steering certificate
	RYA/MCA Certificate of Competence Yachtmaster Offshore	General steering certificate
United Kingdom	RYA/MCA Certificate of Competence Yachtmaster Coastal	General steering certificate
	RYA/MCA Shorebased Dayskipper + Practical motorcruising Helmsman	General steering certificate
Switzerland	Permis de conduire les bateaux de navigation intérieure	General steering certificate

ICC	International Certificate for operators of pleasure Craft with letter I (Inland waters)	Limited steering certificate
	International Certificate for operators of pleasure Craft with letters I (Inland waters) and C (Coastal waters)	General steering certificate

Rhine	Sportpatent	Limited steering certificate
Killie	Klein patent	Limited steering certificate

The holder of one of the aforementioned certificates may sail on the Belgian inland waterways without a Belgian steering certificate. In no case will he be issued a Belgian steering certificate unless he goes through the full official process. For foreign certificates that are not on the list, contact the Evaluation Commission.

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FPS Mobility and Transport City Atrium rue du Progrès 56 1210 Brussels www.mobilit.belgium.be tel. 02 277 36 39

1.3. Shipping regulations

1.3.1 Sailing - rules

Sailing on the navigable waterways of the Flemish Region (except the sea canal from Brussels to the Scheldt and the Belgian section of the canal from Ghent to Terneuzen, and with the exception of the Lower Sea Scheldt and the Belgian part of the boundary-forming sections of the Maas) is governed by:

- The "General Regulations for the Waterways of the Kingdom" (Royal Decree October 15 1935, amended by subsequent decrees), also known as ASRK.
- "General Police Regulations for Navigation on the Inland Waterways" (Royal Decree September 24 2006), also known as APSB.
- For most waterways, in addition to the general regulations, there are "Special Regulations for Some Shipping Waterways", which impose local regulations for individual waterways (The Royal Decree of 7 September 1950 was amended in 2014);
- Notices to Skippers, which announce changes to the regulations listed above, mostly due to temporary requirements. These notices are issued by waterway managers for the waterways within their jurisdiction. The notices can be found on the website http://nts.flaris.be. In principle these notices have a merely temporary character and expire when the conditions mentioned therein end, or when the period ends. Permanent notices are also available on this website under the link "downloads".

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website www.descheepvaart.be en http://ris.vlaanderen.be

- For ports (such as Antwerp and Ghent) specific police regulations may be issued.
- Separate shipping regulations apply on the following waterways:

Waterway	Regulations
Ghent-Terneuzen Canal	Shipping Regulations for the Ghent-Terneuzen Canal
Lower Sea Scheldt	Police Regulations for the Lower Sea Scheldt
Lower Sea Scheidt	Shipping Regulations for the Lower Sea Scheldt
Brussels-Scheldt Canal	Regulations concerning the sea canal from Brussels to the Rupel and the Brussels port facilities, amended by the Flemish Region through the decisions of the Flemish Government of November 18 2005 regarding the shipping and tariff regulations for the Brussels-Scheldt Canal
Common Maas	Shipping Regulations for the Common Maas

These regulations can be obtained from the website www.mobilit.belgium.be (Scheepvaart / Belgische scheepvaartwegen / Vaarregels).

1.3.2 Stopping

Pleasure craft must not stop in the shipping channel. After use they must be safely and securely moored. They may not hinder shipping in any way whatsoever.

Pleasure boats must not halt less than 50 m from dams, locks, bridges, etc. The waterway manager may designate moorings for pleasure boats.

The owners of pleasure craft must take all necessary steps, or ensure they are taken, to remove their craft to complete safety during high tides.

It is forbidden to offer pleasure craft for sale on the waterways.

Trailers or mobile vehicles used to take craft into or out of the water must be removed immediately from the waterway facilities.

1.4 Sailing abroad

Before going abroad, either with your own boat, or with the intention of renting a pleasure boat when you arrive, it is strongly recommended to check in advance whether any document is required and whether your Belgian documents (matriculation, speed number, steering certificate for pleasure craft) are regarded in that country as equivalent to the local ones. To do this, you can contact the tourism office, the embassy, or consulate of the country concerned here in Belgium, or the relevant service in the country in question:

- Germany: Bundesministerium für Verkehr, Invalidenstr.44,10115 Berlin tel. 00 49 30 18300-3060
 www.bmvbs.de
- France: VNF Béthune, 175 rue Ludovic Boutleux, BP 820, F-62408 Béthune Cedex, tél. 00 33 321
 63 24 24 www.vnf.fr
- Luxembourg: Ministère des Transports, Service de la Navigation, Route de Machtum 36, BP 86701, L 6753 Grevenmacher, tel. 00 352 75 00 480, service.navigation@sn.etat.lu
- Netherlands: ANWB-watersport, Postzone H1C, Postbus 93200, NI-2509 BA Den Haag www.anwb.nl

Further, it may be useful for you to get the booklet about the Belgian official certifications, available at www.mobilit.belgium.be (Scheepvaart / Pleziervaart / Varen buitenland / Publicaties / Folder stuurbrevet) in which the applicable regulations and conditions are explained in five languages (French, Dutch, German, English, Spanish) and in brief.

Finally, you can purchase an **ICC** (International Certificate of Competence for Operators of Pleasure Craft). This is an international sailing certificate which is recognised in most European countries.

Vessels which sail at sea abroad, in areas where a flag registration certificate is required, and which possess a Belgian flag registration certificate, are regarded as vessels to which Belgian law is applicable. In concrete terms, this means that in such cases no steering certificate is required, as this is not required in Belgium. Nota bene, if you, as a Belgian, rent a vessel in a country where a steering certificate is required, the regulations of that country also apply to you!

1.5 Foreign pleasure craft

Foreign pleasure craft which wish to make use of the navigable waterways in the Flemish Region must have a waterway licence sticker.

The operators of foreign pleasure boats who enter Belgium along a waterway must report their arrival at the first reception office they encounter on the waterway.

When these craft leave Belgium, the operators must declare their departure at the last lock they encounter.

The same applies to domestic pleasure craft taken into or out of the water in the Belgian waterway network.

The operators of foreign pleasure craft must be in possession of the ship's papers required by their country of origin.

High-speed foreign pleasure craft must fly their national flag and display on the prow the letter of their country of origin.



2. WATERWAY LICENCE STICKER AND SALES OUTLETS



The waterway licence stickers (and accompanying identification certificate) are applicable from January 1 2014 to vessels which:

- are suitable for the transport of persons, and do not aim to make a profit (no charges for passenger transport):
- are longer than 6 m and/or sail faster than 20 km/h;
- sail, or are moored at a mooring, whether licensed or concessional or not, on the navigable waterways of the Flemish Region.

The sticker is renewed annually and must be attached in a clearly visible place on the port side of the stern by at the latest March 31 of that year. The price of waterway licence sticker depends on the total length of the vessel, whether it sails at high speed, and where appropriate the period during which you wish to sail. If you do not wish to sail during the whole year in question, then the purchase of a temporary sticker is therefore sufficient.



Vessel		Price (including 21 % BTW)	
Length	High speed	Annual stickers: 01/01 to 31/03 of the following year	Part-time stickers Periods: - 01/01 to 30/06 - 16/04 to 15/07 - 01/05 to 31/07 - 16/05 to 15/08 - 01/06 to 31/08 - 16/06 to 15/09 - 01/07 to 30/09 - 16/07 to 15/10 - 01/08 to 31/10 - 16/08 to 15/11 - 01/09 to 31/03 of the following year
≤6 m	yes	80 EUR*	40 EUR
>6 m and ≤ 12 m	no	80 EUR*	40 EUR
	yes	160 EUR*	80 EUR
> 12 m		160 EUR*	80 EUR

^{*}There is a price reduction for the 2015 annual stickers. The 160 EUR annual sticker will be discounted by 35 EUR, costing 125 EUR in 2015. The 80 EUR annual sticker will be discounted by 5 EUR, costing 75 EUR in 2015.

A boat that has been transformed into a vessel to which the above is applicable (e.g. a houseboat) still needs a waterway licence sticker.

Vessels which do not display a valid sticker can incur a fine equal to twice the price of the requisite sticker, and must then still purchase the sticker. Systematic checks are carried out both in facilities and on the water.

The sticker can be purchased at various outlets (see list). Stickers, both individually and as a group, can also be requested using the application forms available on the website www.descheepvaart.be/pleziervaart/recreatie. For part-time stickers the required sailing period must be chosen on purchase. This is indicated on the sticker and is registered with the waterway managers.

No waterway licence sticker is needed on the Lower Sea Scheldt, the Border Lys, the Scheldt-Rhine Canal, and the Common Maas.

Organisers of international or interregional events may obtain an exemption from the sticker for participating vessels, not only for the days on which the events are held, but also for a period of up to three days before and/or three days afterwards. The cost per event-day of this exemption is 200 Euros (including 21% BTW), regardless of the number of participating vessels. The exemption may be obtained from the department or agency under which the relevant waterway falls.

Foreign pleasure craft are subject to the same regulations and must buy a waterway licence sticker.

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RIS Vlaanderen:

http://ris.vlaanderen.be

tel. 0800 30 440 (from Belgium)

Ris Hasselt

tel.: +32 11 29 84 00

e-mail: ris.hasselt@descheepvaart.be

Ris Evergem

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e-mail: ris.evergem@wenz.be

Sales outlets for the waterway licence sticker

The waterway licence sticker is sold at the following addresses during official opening hours unless stated otherwise, given submission of the requisite official documents (owner's ID and the matriculation registration or the deed of ownership, measurement certificate, or flag registration certificate):

- District Kampenhout Sas, Haachtsesteenweg 670, 1910 Kampenhout, district building, work days from 9 am to 12 pm and from 1 pm to 4 pm.
- Management nv De Scheepvaart, Havenstraat 44, 3500 Hasselt, work days from 9 am to 12 pm and from 1 pm to 4 pm.

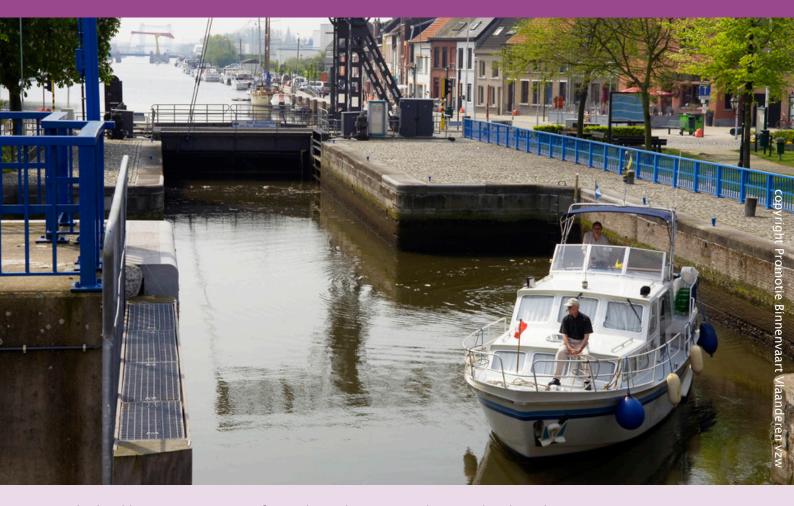
Annually at the Belgian Boat Show, Flanders Expo in Ghent.

- RING CANAL AROUND GHENT Lock Complex, Ringvaartweg 1, 9030 Mariakerke
- RING CANAL AROUND GHENT Lock Complex Merelbeke, Sluisweg 366, 9820 Merelbeke
- CANAL GHENT-TERNEUZEN Toll Lock, Tolhuiskaai 5, 9000 Gent
- UPPER SCHELDT Asper Lock, Scheldekant 9, 9890 Asper
- UPPER SCHELDT Lock Berchem Kerkhove, Scheldekaai 1, 9690 Kluisbergen
- CANAL BOSSUIT KORTRIJK Bossuit Lock, Doorniksesteenweg 515b, 8583 Bossuit Avelgem
- LYS St.-Baafs-Vijve Lock, Hooiestraat 2, 8710 Wielsbeke
- LYS Harelbeke Lock, Tweebruggenstraat 32, 8530 Harelbeke
- LYS Menen Lock, Ropswalle 100, 8930 Menen
- DENDER Dendermonde Lock, Nieuwe Tijsluis 2, 9200 Dendermonde
- DENDER Geraardsbergen Lock, Sasweg 2, 9500 Geraardsbergen
- CANAL GHENT OSTEND Dammepoort Lock, Sasplein 3, 8000 Bruges
- CANAL PLASSENDALE NIEUWPOORT Plassendale Lock, Zwaanhoek 45, 8460 Oudenburg
- CANAL PLASSENDALE NIEUWPOORT Sint-Joris Lock, Sluizen 12, 8620 Nieuwpoort
- CANAL NIEUWPOORT DUINKERKEN Nieuwpoort Lock, Sasstraat 21, 8630 Veurne
- NETE CANAL Duffel Lock, Binnenweg 169, 2570 Duffel
- NETE CANAL Viersel Lock, Nederviersel 2, 2240 Zandhoven
- CANAL TO CHARLEROI Lock no 6, Klabbeeksteenweg 6, 1502 Lembeek
- SEA CANAL BRUSSELS-SCHELDT Wintam Sea Lock, Eduard De Blockstraat 60, 2880 Bornem
- ALBERT CANAL Genk Lock

- ALBERT CANAL Kwaadmechelen Lock
- ALBERT CANAL Olen Lock
- ALBERT CANAL Wijnegem Lock
- CANAL FROM BOCHOLT TO HERENTALS Lock 1 in Lommel
- CANAL FROM BOCHOLT TO HERENTALS Lock 4 in Dessel
- CANAL FROM BOCHOLT TO HERENTALS Lock 10 in Herentals
- SOUTH WILLEMS CANAL Lock 18 in Bocholt
- CANAL FROM DESSEL VIA TURNHOUT TO SCHOTEN Lock 1 in Rijkevorsel
- CANAL FROM DESSEL VIA TURNHOUT TO SCHOTEN Lock 10 in Schoten
- CANAL FROM BRIEGDEN TO NEERHAREN Lock in Lanaken

The opening hours of the above offices can be found in the booklet Operating Hours.

3. OPERATING HOURS



The booklet Operating Hours for Locks and Moving Bridges on the Flemish Waterways (Bedieningstijden voor Sluizen en Beweegbare Bruggen op de Vlaamse Waterwegen) contains the operating hours for each waterway. The booklet is available for free from the waterway managers. All operating hours are also published on the website http://nts.flaris.be under "overzicht bedieningstijden". For contact information see page 56-61.

As a rule, the facilities do not operate on Sundays and legal holidays. However, in the boating season, in the period from May 1 to September 30, the facilities operate from 10:00 to 18:00 (see booklet Operating Hours www.wenz.be/nl/burger/Recreatie and www.descheepvaart.be/Rubriek/Recreatie/Pleziervaart.aspx



4. SPEED LIMITS



The maximum speed limit for vessels is regulated by articles 58 and 59 of the General Regulations for the Waterways of the Kingdom (Royal Decree of October 15 1935, as amended by subsequent decrees)

Higher or lower limits may be established in the special shipping regulations (Royal Decree of September 7 1950, as amended by subsequent decrees) or in notices to skippers issued by the waterway managers.

The permitted speeds for each waterway are listed below:

Bossuit-Kortrijk Canal:

In the widened parts 15 km/h; In the other parts 8 km/h.

Charleroi Canal:

- 8 km/h on the whole canal;
- 4 km/h when the vessels sail along the shore in order to pass one another;
- 3 km/h in the constricted passages.

Ghent Ring Canal:

- 15 km/h for vessels with a draught of 1 m or less;
- 12 km/h for vessels with a draught of 1.01 m to 2 m.

Dender:

6 km/h for ascending vessels;

7 km/h for descending vessels.

The Moervaart and the Durme Canal (upstream from the weir in Lokeren):

6 km/h.

Lys Diversion Canal:

In the section between its origins in Deinze and Schipdonk: 15 km/h; In the section between Schipdonk and the Balgerhoeke weir in Maldegem: 8 km/h.

Spiere/Espierres Canal:

3.6 km/h.

Ghent-Ostend Canal:

15 km/h for vessels with a beam of less than 2.5 m; 12 km/h for vessels with a beam of 2.5 m or more.

Ghent-Terneuzen Canal (Belgian part):

16 km/h for vessels with a draught of 4.5 m or less; 12 km/h for vessels with a draught of between 4.5 and 10 m; 9 km/h for vessels with a draught of more than 10 m.

Nete Canal

9 km/h.

Upper Scheldt:

12 km/h for vessels with a draught of less than 1 m; 9 km/h for vessels with a draught of 1 m or more.

Albert Canal and the canal from Dessel to Kwaadmechelen:

15 km/h for vessels with a draught of 1 m or less;

12 km/h for vessels with a draught of 1.01 m to 2 m;

10 km/h for vessels with a draught of 2.01 m to 2.50 m;

8 km/h for vessels with a draught of more than 2.50 m.

Canal from Bocholt to Herentals, canal from Briegden to Neerharen, canal from Dessel via Turnhout to Schoten, canal to Beverlo and the South Willems Canal:

7.2 km/h.

Scheldt-Rhine Canal

18 km/h for vessels with a draught of less than 1.50 m; 14 km/h for vessels with a draught of 1.50 m and more.

Canal from Leuven to the river Dyle:

6 km/h.

Lys (Belgian part):

12 km/h for vessels with a draught of 1 m and less; 9 km/h for vessels with a draught of more than 1 m.

Canal from Roulers/Roeselare to the Lys:

15 km/h.

Canal from Plassendale to Nieuwpoort:

7 km/h.

Canal from leper/Ypres to the IJzer/Yser:

7 km/h.

Canal from Nieuwpoort to Dunkirk:

7 km/h.

The Lo Canal/Lokanaal:

7 km/h.

Yser:

7 km/h.

Ghent Verbindingskanaal/Connection Canal:

12 km/h for vessels with a draught of 1 m or less; 9 km/h for vessels with a draught of more than 1 m.

Upper Sea Scheldt:

Upstream high-speed zone 17 (2 km upstream of the mouth of the Dender):

15 km/h for vessels with a beam of less than 2.50 m;

12 km/h for vessels with a beam of 2.50 m or more.

Remaining part of the Upper Sea Scheldt: not limited (max. 60 km/h)

Skippers are reminded that, in the vicinity of the various ferry services, vessel speed should be reduced so that no troublesome waves or danger are caused to the ferry in passing.

Durme:

Upstream from the Waasmunster Bridge:

12 km/h for vessels with a beam of less than 2.50 m;

9 km/h for vessels with a beam of 2.50 m or more;

Between Waasmunsterbrug and the railway bridge at Hamme:

15 km/h for vessels with a beam of less than 2.50 m;

12 km/h for vessels with a beam of 2.50 m or more;

Dowstream from the railway bridge at Hamme:

Not limited (max. 60 km/h)

In the vicinity of the ferry service, vessel speed should be reduced so that no troublesome waves or danger are caused to the ferry.

Rupel:

Not limited (max. 60 km/h).

In the vicinity of the various ferry services, vessel speed should be reduced so that no troublesome waves or danger are caused to the ferry in passing.

Lower Nete:

Upstream from the railway bridge at Walem:

15 km/h for vessels with a beam of less than 2.50 m;

12 km/h for vessels with a beam of 2.50 m or more;

Downstream from the railway bridge at Walem: not limited (max. 60 km/h).

Lower Dyle:

12 km/h for vessels with a beam of less than 2.50 m;

9 km/h for vessels with a beam of 2.50 m or more;

Boudewijn Canal:

7.2 km/h.

Brussels-Scheldt Sea Canal:

18 km/h for vessels with a draught of less than 1.50 m;

12 km/h for vessels with a draught of 1.50 m to less than 3 m;

10.5 km/h for vessels with a draught of 3 m to less than 4 m;

9 km/h for vessels with a draught of 4 m or more.

Common Maas in Limburg:

16km/h.

5. HIGH-SPEED SAILING









water ski



jet ski

General

In designated zones pleasure craft may sail at a higher speed than the designated maximum (see Chapter 4 - Speed limits....)

Sailing at high speed is permitted only during the day, and is prohibited when visibility is less than 150 m. Fast recreational craft must regulate their speed so that they do not cause harmful waves.

Recreational boating with sailing and rowing craft is forbidden in zones where high-speed sailing is permitted, except where otherwise provided.

Speed and dexterity competitions with pleasure craft are prohibited except where written permission has been obtained from the waterway manager, who in that case will specify specific rules.

Water skiing

Water skiing and related activities are allowed only during the day and in good visibility in the designated zones.

Pleasure boats pulling one or more skiers and water skiers must ensure that they do not impede or endanger other users of the waterway.

Jet skiing

Sailing at high speed with jet skis is permitted only during the day and in good visibility in the designated zones.

High-speed zones

Waterway	no	zone	
Upper Scheldt	1	From Bossuit (mouth of the Bossuit- Kortrijk canal) to downstream from the Avelgem - Escanaffles bridge for a distance of 1300 m;	* Z
	2	From 2 km downstream from the lock in Kerkhove to 5 km downstream from this lock for a distance of 3000 m;	# Z >
	3	From the Lotharingen Bridge at Ename to 500 m upstream from the lock at Asper for a distance of 10 km;	# Z >
	4	From Gaverebrug to 500 m upstream from the B4 weir at Zwijnaarde for a distance of 10 km;	# Z >
Ghent-Ostend Canal	5	Between the Bierstal Bridge in Lovendegem and the Durme Bridge in Merendree;	# Z
	6	Between the turning basin in Aalter and the connection of the spit (between the old branch of the canal and the new canal) with the right bank in Beernem;	# Z
Ghent Ring Canal	7	From the W21 Ottergem Bridge to the W6/S2 road bridge in St. Denijs-Westrem;	
	8	Between the S1 Blaarmeersen railway bridge and the bridge in the R4 at Vinderhoute;	# Z >

Waterway	no	zone	
Lys Diversion Canal	9	Between the downstream end of the quay wall on the right bank in Deinze and the road bridge in Landegem;	# Z
Lys (Belgian part)	10	The zone between 1700 meter upstream and 300 meter upstream of the bridge in Wervik, for a distance of 1400m;	# Z
	11	The zone between the Ring Kortrijk- Harelbeke viaduct and the Kuurne Bridge in Harelbeke;	# Z >
	12	Zone reserved for jet skiing. Downstream from the filling station in Ooigem for a distance of 1250 m;	X
	13	The zone between 2900 m upstream and 200 m upstream from the St. Eloois-Vijve bridge, for a distance of 2700 m;	# Z
Canal from Roulers to the Lys	14	Between the fixed "Schaapsbrug" bridge in Roeselare/Roulers-Rumbeke and the turning basin in Izegem;	* Z
	15	Between the Wante Bridge in Ingelmunster to 50 m upstream from the lock in Ooigem;	# Z >
Canal from Bossuit to Kortrijk	16	The zone between the bridge in Moen to 200 m before the Bossuit lock, for a distance of 1500m;	# Z
Upper Sea Scheldt	17	The zone between 1500 m downstream from the Appels-Berlare ferry and 500 m upstream from the mouth of the Dender, except for the 10 m zones along the banks (*);	# Z
	18	From 500 m downstream from the mouth of the Dender to the upstream end of the waiting posts upstream from the Wintam access canal, except for the 10 m zones along the banks (*) and except for the zones reserved for jet skiing, and this over the entire width of these zones; see zones 20 and 21;	

Waterway	no	zone	
	19	Between 500 m downstream from the mouth of the Rupel to the Lower Sea Scheldt (except for the 10 m zone along the bank (*)) and only if visibility exceeds 2000 m;	* Z
Upper Sea Scheldt	20	Between the Mariekerke narrows ("kil") and 1000 m downstream (along the right bank, zone width limited to 40 m);	* X !>
	21	Between 300 m and 1300 m downstream from the ferry pier in Weert (along the right bank, zone width limited to 40 m);	X X
Durme	22	Downstream from the bridge in Hamme, except the 10 m zones along the banks (*);	
Rupel	23	The entire length, except for the 10 m zones along the banks (*);	
Lower Nete 24		Downstream from the motorway bridge in Walem, except for the 10 m zones along the banks (*);	
Vilvorde Dock 2		From 200 m upstream of the drawbridge which gives access to the dock to 200 m from the end of the dock;	* Z
Brussels-Scheldt Sea Canal	26	From 900 m downstream from the bridge in Vilvorde to the Verbrande Brug From the bifurcation with the branch to Klein-Willebroek to the bifurcation of the old and new canal (Hellegat);	* Z
	27	Along the Meysmans quay wall (900 m downstream from the bridge in Vilvorde).	* X !
Albert Canal	28	a. Between the bridge in Vroenhoven and the connection basin in Briegden, fully including this basin	# Z >
	20	b. the basin at Briegden	7 1

Waterway	no	zone		
	29	Between the bridge in Zutendaal and the imaginary line, running over the upstream ends of the moorings and the wharf of the lock in Genk and the bridge over the access channel to the port in Genk	1	
	30	a. Between the entrance to the dock in Hasselt and the downstream end of the dock in Tessenderlo, not including the dock in Hasselt and in Lummen	1	
		b. Between the dock at Lummen and the dock at Beringen	1	
Albert Canal	31	a. Between the bridge in Eindhout and 1000 m upstream of the lock in Olen	1	
		b. Between the bridge in Eindhout and 690 m upstream of the Geel- Stelen bridge	1	
		c. From 640 m downstream from the Olen-Hoogbuul bridge to 1000 m upstream of the lock in Olen	1	
	32	a. From 700 m downstream from the railway bridge in Herentals-West and the bridge in Oelegem-Broechem	1	
	32	b. Between the bridge in Massenhoven and the bridge in Oelegem-Broechem	1	
South Willems Canal	33	Between the upstream end of the basin in Lanklaar and the downstream connection with the axis of the old branch in Lanklaar	1	
	34	Between the turning basin in Neeroeteren known as "de tonnen" and the downstream end of the little island in Neeroeteren-Berg	1	

Waterway	no	zone	
	35	Between the downstream end of the basin in Bree to 500 m downstream from the basin known as "haven van beek"	7 2
South Willems Canal		From 13:00 to 19:00 every Saturday, Sunday and legal holiday, and during the whole month of July	
	36	Between the downstream connection with axis of the old branch in Lanklaar and the turning basin in Neeroeteren, known as "de tonnen"	7
Canal from Bocholt to Herentals	37	Between the bridge in Geel-ten-Aart and the culvert of the Seggenloop	Z Z
Canal from Dessel to Kwaadmechelen	38	Between the point 60 m south of the basin in Dessel and bridge 3 in Mol-Rauw	Z
Common Maas	39	From 100 m downstream from the bicycle and pedestrian ferry at Ophoven to 500 m upstream from the access channel to marina De Spanjaard at Ophoven	7

In zones 1-27 the maximum speed is 60 km/h.

In other zones the maximum speed is 20 km/h. Outside the zones the maximum speed is the speed listed in 4. SPEED LIMITS

Jet skis can thus use a high-speed zone if they travel slowly, i.e. do not exceed the limit fixed for the waterway in question, at a maximum of 20 km/h.

When passing a sailing, discharging or moored vessel speed must be reduced to 10 km/h. Regardless of article 9.07 of the General Police Regulations for Navigation on the Inland Waterways, recreational boating using muscle power (e.g. canoe, kayak) is allowed in zones 17,18, 19, 22, 23 and 24 in the 10 m zone along the banks. The fairway must be crossed as square as possible and in accordance with the applicable rules of precedence.

(*): The bank is defined here as the dividing line between water and land, whatever the water level.

6. FACILITY VHF CHANNELS AND PHONE NUMBERS



Waterway	Facility	Working channel	Phone number
	Wintam sea lock	68	03 860 62 93
	Central Willebroek	25	03 860 63 41
	Ruisbroek railway bridge		
	Klein Willebroek lock		03 860 63 41 (Central Willebroek)
	Willebroek Boulevard Bridge	25	
	Willebroek railway bridge		
	Willebroek Vredesbrug		
Brussels-Scheldt Sea Canal	Tisselt Ring bridge		
	Tisselt Brielen bridge		
	Kapelle op den Bos Jan Bogaert bridge	25	03 886 60 20
	Zemst lock	25	03 844 87 78
	Humbeek Sas lifting bridge	68	03 888 05 90
	Grimbergen Verbrande bridge	25	02 251 51 65
	Vilvorde lifting bridge	68	015 71 10 51
	Buda bridge	20	02 268 06 94

Waterway	Facility	Working channel	Phone number
	Lock in Molenbeek	20	02 521 31 35 02 421 66 88
	Lock in Anderlecht	20	02 522 31 35
	Lock in Ruisbroek (St. Pieters Leeuw)	20	
	Lock in Lot	20	
Canal to Charlens	Lock in Halle	20	
Canal to Charleroi	Lock in Lembeek	20	02 361 02 27
	Ittre	18	067 64 67 80
	Gosselies	18	071 35 39 49
	Ronquières (Inclined Plane)	20	067 64 87 23
	Marchienne	20	071 32 93 01
	Viesville	22	071 35 48 89
	Lock in Dendermonde	20	052 21 16 42
	Lock in Denderbelle	20	052 41 40 67
	Lock in Aalst	20	053 21 49 94
	Lock in Teralfene	18	0478 78 99 44
	Lock in Denderleeuw	18	0478 78 99 44
Dender	Lock in Pollare	18	0478 78 99 43
	Lock in Idegem	18	0477 58 18 06
	Lock in Geraardsbergen and moveable bridges for transit Geraardsbergen	18	0476 20 95 86
	Moveable bridges in transit Aalst and in Erembodegem	20	0476 20 95 88
Nimy Platen Perennes sanal	Peronnes 1	22	069 44 27 24
Nimy-Blaton-Peronnes canal	Peronnes 2	20	069 44 26 84
Canal from Pommeroeul to Condé	Pommeroeul	20	065 62 24 31
	Obourg	20	065 35 14 67
Centrumkanaal / Canal du Centre	Havré	22	065 87 22 29
Canal du Centre	Strépy-Thieu	20	064 67 12 10
	Solre-sur-Sambre	20	071 55 51 10
	Monceau-sur-Sambre	18	071 32 76 91
	Marcinelle	18	071 36 12 48
Samahara (Samahar	Montignies-sur-Sambre	20	071 36 91 85
Sambre/Samber	Roselies	22	071 38 42 11
	Auvelais	18	071 77 27 25
	Mornimont	20	071 78 53 75
	Floriffoux	18	081 45 02 75

Waterway	Facility	Working channel	Phone number
Sambre/Samber	Salzinnes	22	081 73 68 02
	Ivoz-Ramet	22	04 336 78 49
	Ampsin-Neuville	18	085 21 37 46
	Andenne-Seilles	22	085 82 64 87
	Grands Malades	18	081 30 05 57
	La Plante	20	081 26 14 06
	Talifer	18	081 47 00 51
Maas	Rivière	22	081 41 13 09
	Hun	18	082 61 13 05
	Houx	22	082 61 13 04
	Dinant	18	082 22 23 53
	Anseremme	22	082 22 26 56
	Waulsort	20	082 64 41 93
	Hastière	18	082 64 44 19
	Lock in Plassendale	20	059 26 60 62
Canal from Plassendale to	St-Joris lock in Nieuwpoort	20	058 23 52 76
Nieuwpoort	Graven lock in Nieuwpoort	20	058 23 30 50
	Moveable bridges	20	0476 59 03 37
	Veurne lock in Nieuwpoort	20	058 23 30 50
Canal from Nieuwpoort to Dunkirk	Nieuwpoort lock in Veurne	20	058 31 10 04
Nieuwpoort to Dunkirk	Moveable bridges	20	058 31 10 04
Lakanaal	Fintele lock	20	058 28 80 72
Lokanaal	Moveable bridges	20	058 31 10 04
Canal from Ypres to the	Boezingesas	18	057 42 21 07
Yser	Boezingedorp	18	057 42 21 65
Vaar	Tervaeten bridge	18/20	058 23 30 50
Yser	Knokke bridge	18	057 42 21 07
	Vandamme lock	68	050 54 32 31
	Railway bridge in Dudzele	68	050 51 97 25
Boudewijn Canal	Herders bridge in Dudzele	68	050 54 32 36
	Connection lock (verbindingssluis) in Bruges	68	050 33 46 59 0491 35 10 68
Canal from Ghent to	Kruispoort bridge (Bruges transit)+ Steenbrugge bridge + Moerbrugge bridge and Nieuwege bridge	18	050 35 35 59
Ostend	Plassendale bridge	20	059 26 60 62
	Dammepoort lock in Bruges	18	050 33 17 48
	Coupure bridge	18	

Waterway	Facility	Working channel	Phone number
	Lock in Asper	20	09 384 18 18
	Lock in Oudenaarde	20	055 31 19 02
	Oudenaarde lifting bridge 2	20	055 31 11 23
Upper Scheldt	Lock in Berchem (Kerkhove)	20	055 38 80 12
	Lock in Herinnes	79	069 55 68 63
	Lock in Kain	20	069 22 10 81
	Brug Notre-Dame Doornik	80	069 22 16 79
	Lock in Bossuit	20	056 45 51 31
Canal from Bossuit to	Lock in Moen	20	056 45 51 31
Kortrijk	Lock in Zwevegem	20	056 75 49 17
	Locks 9, 10 and 11	20	0478 96 26 03
	Toll bridge in Deinze	20	09 386 15 73
	Lifting bridge in Astene	/	09 386 10 19
	Lock in St.Baafs-Vijve	22	056 60 85 99
Lys	Lock in Harelbeke	20	056 71 12 74
	Kortrijk (transit)	20	056 20 44 90
	Lock in Menen	20	056 51 14 21
	Lock in Komen	68	056 55 58 80
Lys Diversion Canal	Lock in Schipdonk	20	0477 67 51 52
Canal from Roulers to the Lys	Lock in Ooigem	18	056 66 75 25
	Zelzate bridge	11	09 344 51 64
Canal from Ghent to	Meulestede bridge	20	09 253 81 20
Terneuzen	Muide bridge	20	09 223 96 20
	Toll lock in Ghent	20	09 225 33 37
	Ship to ship	11	
Bart of Chang	Notification port authority	78	
Port of Ghent	Berthing and unberthing	6 of 8	
	General information	5	
Connection canal in Ghent	Wondelgem bridge	20	09 253 81 20
	Zennegat lock	20	015 27 12 57
Leuven-Dyle canal	Central Operating Station Kampenhout	20	016 44 17 24 016 44 17 25
Lower Dyle	Beneden lock in Mechelen	20	015 20 22 56 0476 91 48 21
Albant Caral	Bridge in Merksem dock	80	03 646 88 77
Albert Canal	Lock in Wijnegem	80	011 24 40 10

Waterway	Facility	Working channel	Phone number
	Lock in Olen	20	011 24 40 29
	Lock in Kwaadmechelen	20	011 24 40 30
Albert Canal	Lock in Hasselt	20	011 24 40 40
Albert Carlai	Lock in Diepenbeek	18	011 24 40 50
	Lock in Genk	80	011 24 40 60
	Lanaye	79	
South Willems Canal	Bocholt lock	20	011 44 83 65
South Willellis Callai	Lock in Lozen	18	011 44 70 35
	Lock 1 in Lommel	20	011 54 40 88
Canal from Bocholt to	Lock 3 in Mol	18	014 81 60 14
Herentals	Lock 4 in Dessel	80	014 32 00 30
	Lock 10 in Herentals	80	014 22 52 25
Canal from Briegden to	Lock in Lanaken	80	089 71 41 45
Neerharen	Lock in Neerharen	18	089 71 44 84
	Bridge 1 in Turnhout	20	014 41 17 56
Canal from Dessel via Turnhout to Schoten	Lock 1 in Rijkevorsel	20	011 24 40 01
Turmout to schoten	Lock 10 in Schoten	20	03 658 45 74
Note Const	Lock in Duffel	22	015 31 01 99
Nete Canal	Lock in Viersel	22	03 485 51 27
Charat Biran and	Lock in Merelbeke	20	09 230 94 77
Ghent Ring canal	Lock in Evergem	28	09 253 06 34
	Straatsburg dock	20	03 541 00 43
	Lillo bridge	62	03 568 68 03
	London bridge	62	03 232 23 01
	Petroleum bridge	62	03 541 11 37
Doub of Australia	Oosterweel bridge	62	03 541 06 73
Port of Antwerp	Wilmarsdonk bridge	62	03 541 06 73
	Noordkasteel bridge	62	03 542 17 54
	Siberia bridge	62	03 233 65 22
	Mexico bridge	62	03 232 23 01
	Dokmeester - quay 207	63	03 541 08 50
	Ship to ship	74	
	Ship to ship	10	
Port of Antwerp - transit	Noordland bridge Scheldt-Rhine connection	2	
	Straatsburg dock	20	03 541 00 43
	Asia dock via Straatburg dock	20	

Waterway	Facility		Working channel	Phone number
	Rede linkeroever - Scheldt jetties		60	
	Scheldt quays		22	
	Petroleum installations-Scheldt	22		
Berthing and unberthing	Scheldt container terminal	60		
bertining and ambertining	Deurganck dock		60	
	Willem dock		23	03 231 50 66 0495 53 54 55 0496 23 60 70
	Zeebrugge Port Control (MBZ)		71	050 54 68 67
	Zeebrugge Vandamme lock		68	050 54 32 31
	Traffic Centre Zeebrugge		69	
	Traffic Centre Wandelaar		65	
	Traffic Centre Wandelaar Approach		60	
Coast	Ostend Port Control		9	
	Ostend Mercator lock		14	059 70 57 62
	Ostend Visserij lock		20	059 32 12 86
	Ostend Demey lock		84	059 32 16 69
	Ostend Consterdam bridges		84	
	Ostend Dok lock (bridges)	84		
			-	03 889 06 81
	Zandvliet lock coordination		18	03 569 91 16
	Zandvliet lock		79	03 569 91 15
	Berendrecht lock		79	03 569 91 15
Sea Scheldt	Van Cauwelaert lock		71	03 541 10 60 03 541 10 32
	Boudewijn lock		71	03 541 10 60 03 541 10 32
	Kallo lock		28	03 575 15 11
	Royer lock		22	03 232 57 84 03 232 04 76
	Kattendijk lock		69	03 227 30 99
Monsin Canal	Monsin		20	
Rupel	Spoorbrug Boom		20	03 229 53 15
rupei	Baanbrug Boom		20	03 860 63 41

7. WATER RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE



7.1 Marinas

A marina is a place on a navigable waterway where pleasure craft can moor for long or short periods of time, and where such moorings do not hinder commercial shipping and other waterway users. These ports have facilities such as water and electricity supply, the ability to deposit separated waste, sanitary facilities, possibly a clubhouse etc..

Marina name	Waterway	Municipality / commune	Tel	Website
VVW Clothilde		Puurs (Ruisbroek)	03 886 12 46	www.vvwclothilde.be
VVW Grimbergen		Grimbergen	02 252 15 55	www.jachthavengrimbergen.be
Vilvorde Yacht Club	Brussels-Scheldt Sea Canal	Vilvorde	02 466 09 04	www.vyc.be
Rupel Yacht Club (RYAC)		Willebroek	03 886 06 06	www.vpf.be
Klein-Willebroek Yacht Club		Willebroek	03 889 21 93	
Fevaca Inn		Willebroek	03 844 20 00	www.fevaca.com
Koninklijke Zeilkring Grimbergen CRV		Grimbergen	0474 71 29 55	www.vpf.be

Marina name	Waterway	Municipality / commune	Tel	Website
Reunie Nautilus Vilvorde	Brussels-Scheldt	Vilvorde	02 252 18 17	
VZW Watersportkring van de Luchtmacht	Sea Canal	Vilvorde	02 252 06 30	
Yachtclub 't Sas	Lauren Dalla	Kampenhout	0497 73 86 75	
VVW Leuven	Leuven-Dyle Canal	Leuven	016 44 40 60	www.vvwleuven.be
VZW De Vloot	Cariai	Mechelen	0475 28 30 69	www.de-vloot.be
VVW Nete VZW		Duffel	0477 32 79 69	www.vvw.be
VVW Emblem	Nete Canal	Ranst (Emblem)	0495 80 74 31	
VPF VZW Lier Tourist Marina	Nete Callai	Lier	0474 44 06 22	www.vpf.be
WSV De Noord		Beveren	03 575 81 03	
Scaldis Marina	Lower Sea	Lillo	03 238 44 57	
Liberty Yachtclub en Royal Yachtclub	Scheldt	Antwerp	03 219 06 82	www.klyc.be
Koninklijke Temse WSV		Temse	0475 62 45 31	www.ktwv.be
W.S.V. Costa Zela		Zele		www.costazela.be
Baasroodse Water- sport Vereniging	Upper Sea Scheldt	Lebbeke		www.vpf.be
VVW Kruibeke		Kruibeke		
Yachtclub Driegoten		Hamme		www.yachtclubdriegoten.be
V.V.W. Dendermonde		Dendermonde		www.vvwdendermonde.be
Willemdok Marina	Willemdok	Antwerp	03 231 50 66	www.jachthaven-antwerpen.be
Mechelen Marina	Inner Dyle	Mechelen	0495 45 82 27	www.vpf.be
WSV De Dijlestreek	IIIIIei Dyle	Mechelen	0497 51 69 44	
Kloron Yachting Club Avelgem	Upper Scheldt	Kerkhove	055 21 61 19	www.kloron.be
Oudenaarde Tourist Marina		Oudenaarde	0475 60 70 53	www.yachtingvlaamseardennen.be
Izegemse Watersport- vereniging VZW	Roulers-Lys canal	Izegem	051 30 99 86	www.vzw-iwv.be
Waregem Yacht Club (WYC)		Waregem (Sint- Eloois-Vijve)	056 61 38 09	www.waregem.be/jachthaven
Watersport-vereniging Kuurne VZW (WSV)	Lys	Kuurne	056 72 73 73	
VPF VZW Wervik Marrina		Wervik	051 30 97 05	www.vpf.be
JDM VOF Marina	Lys (Zulte branch)	Zulte		

Marina name	Waterway	Municipality / commune	Tel	Website
Watersport-vereniging Spanjeveer Mendonk (WSM)		Mendonk	09 345 01 73	
VVW Mendonk	Moervaart	Mendonk	053 77 64 49	www.vvwmendonk.com
De Zeevissers Mendonk (ZVM)		Mendonk	0485 45 28 13	www.vpf.be
Werf Aalst		Aalst	0475 23 33 80	www.de-vloot.be
VVW Aalst VZW		Aalst	053 77 47 59	www.vvwaalst.be
VVW Den Bleek Ger- aardsbergen	Dender	Geraards-ber- gen	0476 30 10 21	
Tschipke Geraardsbergen		Geraards-ber- gen		
Ski and Boat Club de Durme	Durme	Tielrode	0479 71 25 76	www.sbdd.be
Portus Ganda Marina	Confluence Lys and Scheldt	Gent	0472 41 78 48	www.portusganda.be
VVW Gent-Leie		Ghent	09 220 44 24	
Koninklijke Gentse Watersport-vereniging VZW (KGWV)		Lovendegem	09 372 96 14	
VZW Leie Snelvaarders Gent		Drongen	09 230 61 24	
Gentse Leievaarders (GLV)	Live	Ghent	09 220 75 85	www.gentse- leievaarders.be
Motor Yachtclub Gent VZW	Lys	Ghent	0495 51 46 87	www.motoryachtclub- gent.be
Motor Yachtclub Gent (Leerne) VZW		Ghent	0495 51 46 87	www.motoryachtclub- gent.be
Deinze Yacht Club VZW (DYC)		Deinze	0495 25 56 20	
VPF Gent Centrum Marina		Ghent	0479 24 63 88	www.vpf.be
De Walpoort Gent	Ketelvaart	Ghent	0475 23 33 80	www.de-vloot.be
Yachting Merelbeke VZW	Upper Scheldt		09 362 76 44	www.yachtingmerel- beke.be
Beernemse Water- sport-vereniging VZW	Ghent-Ostend canal	Beernem	0479 45 95 26	www.bwsv.be
Eeklo Marina / Eeklose Watersport-vereniging	Eeklo canal	Eeklo	0473 96 03 91	www.eeklo.be
Jachtclub Nieuwen- dorpe VZW	Lys Diversion Canal	Maldegem	0486 55 44 12	www.nieuwendorpe.be

Marina name	Waterway	Municipality / commune	Tel	Website
Yachtclub Flandria Bruges VZW		Bruges	0472 71 22 25	www.yachtclubflandria. be
Bruges Coupure Marina	Ghent-Ostend canal	Bruges	0479 24 63 87	www.vpf.be
Brugse Zeil- en Yachtclub		Bruges	050 33 74 78	www.bzyc.be
Westhoek Marina	Canal from Plassendale to Nieuwpoort	Nieuwpoort	0474 46 27 98	www.westhoekmarina. be
Veurne Marina	Nieuwpoort- Dunkirk canal	Veurne	0474 46 27 98	www.jachthavenveurne.be
VVW leperlee VZW	Ypres-Yser canal	leper	051 20 84 20	www.vpf.be
Portus Dixmuda De IJzervaarders	Yser	Diksmuide	0496 41 56 60	www.ijzervaarders.be
VVW Westhoek Nieu- wpoort	Spaarbekken Nieuwpoort	Nieuwpoort	0473 56 27 16	
Kanne Marina	Albert Canal	Riemst (Kanne)	012 45 79 16	www.yakan.be
Hasselt Marina	Albert Canal	Hasselt	011 21 25 70	www.khyc.be
Kanaalkom Marina Hasselt	Albert Canal	Hasselt	0475 27 07 46	www.vvw-hyac.com
Kempen-Massenhoven Marina	Albert Canal	Zandhoven (Massen-hoven)	0470 28 79 89	www.vvwkempen.be
De Meerpaal Marina	Bocholt-Heren- tals canal	Lommel	011 40 36 57	www.lommelsejach- thaven.be
Tivoli Marina	Bocholt-Heren- tals canal	Lommel		
Geel-ten-Aert Marina	Bocholt-Heren- tals canal	Geel	0493 69 24 60	www.ycg.be
Herentals Marina	Bocholt-Heren- tals canal	Herentals	014 23 18 49	
De Blauwe Reiger Marina	Canal to Beverlo	Lommel	0477 68 95 34	
Leopoldsburg Marina	Canal to Beverlo	Leopoldsburg	011 39 35 95	www.jkl.be
Oeterdal Marina	South Willems Canal	Maaseik (Neero- eteren)	089 56 05 60	www.maaseik.be
Retie Marina	Dessel-Turnhout- Schoten canal	Retie		
't Gevaer Marina	Dessel-Turnhout- Schoten canal	Oud-Turnhout	0475 78 57 78	www.jachthaven-hetge- vaer-vzw.be

Marina name	Waterway	Municipality / commune	Tel	Website
Turnhout Marina	Dessel-Turnhout- Schoten canal	Turnhout	0478 33 58 13	www.jachthaventurn- hout.be
Brecht Marina	Dessel-Turnhout- Schoten canal	Brecht	03 313 73 72	
StJob-in-'t-Goor Marina	Dessel-Turnhout- Schoten canal	Brecht (StJob- in-'t-Goor)	03 636 11 91	www.sjyc.be
De Vaart Marina	Dessel-Turnhout- Schoten canal	Brecht (StJob- in-'t-Goor)	0479 45 30 34	
Schoten Yachtclub Marina	Dessel-Turnhout- Schoten canal	Schoten	0496 07 42 06	www.syc.be
Heerenlaak Marina	Common Maas	Maaseik (Alde- neik)	089 56 75 03	www.marec.be
De Spaanjerd Marina	Common Maas	Kinrooi (Ophoven)	089 56 75 03	www.marec.be

7.2 Short-term moorings ("aanmeerplaatsen")

This type of mooring is a place with limited service where various pleasure craft can moor for several days, as determined by the manager, without however hindering commercial shipping or other users of the waterway. The moorings have facilities such as electricity, water supply, supervision by the manager during the boating season, safety equipment etc..

Mooring name	Waterway	Municipality / commune
Zates BVBA	Upper Coa Scholdt	Bornem
ECB vzw	Upper Sea Scheldt	Branst
Rupelmondse WSV	Upper Sea Scheldt	Rupelmonde
Aanmeerplaats Gavere	Upper Scheldt	Gavere
WSW De Wante Ingelmunster	Roulers-Lys canal	Ingelmunster
Aanmeerplaats Menen		Menen
Aanmeerplaats Kortrijk-West	Lyc	Kortrijk
Aanmeerplaats Kortrijk-Oost	Lys	Kortrijk
Aanmeerplaats Waregem (border with Zulte)		Waregem
Watersport Moervaart Wachtebeke	Moervaart	Wachtebeke
Yachting Langelede Wachtebeke (YLW)	Moervaart	Wachtebeke
Durmehaven Lokeren	Durme	Lokeren
Aanmeerplaats Ninove	Dender	Ninove

Mooring name	Waterway	Municipality / commune
Leiezeilersclub Drongen	Live	Drongen
Vaarcentrum Drongen VZW	Lys	Drongen
Nautische site Nieuwendamme/ Connoisseur	Plassendale-Nieuwpoort canal	Nieuwendamme

7.3 24-hour moorings ("aanlegplaatsen")

You can moor at this type of mooring for a short period of time (maximum 24 hours, unless otherwise stated), without however hindering commercial shipping or other waterway users. In practice, they should function as a sort of short-term parking space.

Mooring name	Waterway	Municipality / commune
Vilvorde 3 fonteinen quay Vilvorde ex-3 fonteinen quay		Vilvorde
Quay ex-euro Union Metal. Mooring canal bus Vilvorde		Vilvorde
Humbeek Binst quay		Humbeek
Kapelle o/d Bos Waterkade		Kapelle o/d Bos
Kapelle o/d Bos Calandro Quay	Canal Brussels-Scheldt	Kapelle o/d Bos
Willebroek de Nayer Quay		Willebroek
Willebroek railway bridge waiting quay (upstream)		Willebroek
Willebroek passenger quay		Willebroek
Willebroek waiting quay		Willebroek
Puurs waiting quay		Puurs
Wintam quay		Wintam
Mooring Halle town		Halle
Mooring Scaldisnet		Halle
Mooring 3032-220		Halle
Mooring 3033-110		Halle
Mooring 3034-215	Canal to Charleroi	Halle
Mooring 3034-120		Halle
Mooring 3037-210		Ruisbroek
Mooring 3037-140		Ruisbroek
Mooring 3037-145		Ruisbroek

Mooring name	Waterway	Municipality / commune
Quay 1 - Leuven		Leuven
Quay 2 - Herent		Herent
Quay 3 - Tildonk		Tildonk
Quay 4 - Tildonk		Tildonk
Quay 5 - Tildonk		Tildonk
Quay 6 - Tildonk	Canal Leuven-Dijle	Tildonk
Quay 7 - Boortmeerbeek		Boortmeerbeek
Quay 8 - Boortmeerbeek		Boortmeerbeek
Quay 9 - Boortmeerbeek		Boortmeerbeek
Quay 10 - Boortmeerbeek		Boortmeerbeek
Quay 11 - Mechelen		Mechelen
Quay 12 - Mechelen		Mechelen
Quay 13 - Mechelen	Canal Leuven-Dijle	Mechelen
Quay downstream from bridge E313 LO		Mechelen
Quay walls upstream Duffel lock	Nete Canal	Duffel
Public unloading quay LO upstream Bridge 3	ivete Canai	Lier
Landing stage Palingplaat	Lower Sea Scheldt	Antwerp
Landing stage Boom	Rupol	Boom
Landing stage Schelle	Rupel	Schelle
Sint Amands		Sint-Amands
Landing stage Steendorp		Steendorp
VVW Kruibeke	Upper Sea Scheldt	Kruibeke
WSV Buitenland		Buitenland
VVW Moerzeke		Moerzeke
Quay passenger transport Geraardsbergen		Geraardsbergen
Quay Zwarte Flesbrug Ninove		Ninove
Quay passenger transport Ninove	- Dender	Ninove
Quay Denderleeuw	Delidei	Denderleeuw
Quay Dendermonde for pleasure and passenger transport		
Quay Bossuit (unequipped)	Canal Bassuit Vartriil	Bossuit
Quay Zwevegem	Canal Bossuit-Kortrijk	Zwevegem

Mooring name	Waterway	Municipality / commune
Quay Bossuit		Bossuit
Quay Waarmaarde (Avelgem)		Avelgem
Quay Kerkhove		Kerkhove
Quay Zingem		Zingem
Quay Asper	Upper-Scheldt	Asper
Quay Eke		Eke
Quay Berchem		Berchem
Quay Ename		Ename
Quay Bossuit (near the oil firm)		Bossuit
Central Deinze	Leie	Deinze
Beernem floodgate	Canal Ghent-Ostend	Beernem
Lock Schipdonk	Canai Ghent-Osteno	Schipdonk
Paddegat Oudenburg		Oudenburg
Scheepsdale bridge Bruges	Canal Ghent-Ostend	Brugge
Dampoort bridge Bruges	Canai Gilent-Ostena	Bruges
Katelijnepoort bridge Bruges		
Leffinge bridge Leffinge		Leffinge
Snaaskerke bridge Snaaskerke	C 181 11	Snaaskerke
Verloren kost Snaaskerke	Canal Plassendale- Nieuwpoort	Snaaskerke
Zandvoorde bridge Zandvoorde	Medwpoort	Zandvoorde
Geneverpiete Oudenburg		Oudenburg
Fintele Lo-Reninge	Yser	Fintele
leper bridge Veurne	Canal Nieuwpoort-	Veurne
Adinkerke bridge Adinkerke	Duinkerke	Adinkerke
Quay St.Huibrechts-Lille	Canal Bocholt-Herentals	Neerpelt (St Huibrechts-Lille)
Quay Neerpelt	Canal Bocholt-Herentals	Neerpelt
Quay Mol Zilvermeer	Canal Dessel- Kwaadmechelen	Mol
Quay Olmense Zoo	Canal Dessel- Kwaadmechelen	Balen (Olmen)
Quay Rekem		Lanaken (Rekem)
Quay Eisden		Maasmechelen (Eisden)
Quay Dilsen	South Willem's Canal	Dilsen-Stokkem
Quay Bree		Bree
Quay Tongerlo		Bree (Tongerlo)
Quay Bocholt		Bocholt

Mooring name	Waterway	Municipality / commune
Quay Dessel	Canal Dessel-Turnhout- Schoten	Dessel
Quay Retie	Canal Dessel-Turnhout- Schoten	Retie
Quay Ravels	Canal Dessel-Turnhout- Schoten	Ravels
Quay Rijkevorsel	Canal Dessel-Turnhout- Schoten	Rijkevorsel
Quay StJob-in-'t-Goor	Canal Dessel-Turnhout- Schoten	Brecht (StJob-in-'t- Goor)

7.4 Embarkation and disembarkation points for small vessels propelled by muscle power

Legend: LO (linkeroever [Left River Bank]), RO (rechteroever [Right River Bank]), S (steiger-Jetty), H (helling-Slope), T (trappen-Steps), K (kade-Quay), A (andere-Other)

Waterway	Municipality	Bank	Туре
Nieuwpoort- Dunkirk Canal	Wulpen	LO+RO	S+T
Nieuwpoort- Dunkirk Canal	Veurne	LO	S+T
Nieuwpoort- Dunkirk Canal	Veurne	LO	S+T
Lo Canal	Steenkerke	LO	S+T
Lo Canal	Lo-Reninge	Lo	S+T
Lo Canal	Fintele	Lo + RO	S+T
Yser	Houthulst	LO	S+T
Yser	Diksmuide	RO	S+T
Yser	Diksmuide	RO	S+T
Yser	Middelkerke	RO	S+T
Ypres-Yser Canal	Houthulst	RO	S+T
Ypres-Yser Canal	Boezinge	LO	S+T
Ypres-Yser Canal	Boezinge	Lo	S+T
Ypres-Yser Canal	leper	LO	S+T
Ghent-Ostend Canal	Bruges	LO	S + H
Ghent-Ostend Canal	Bruges	LO	S
Plassendale- Nieuwpoort Canal	Nieuwpoort	LO	Н
Leie	Astene	RO	S
Leie	Ghent	LO (dam to Wa- tersportbaan)	Т

Waterway	Municipality	Bank	Type
Leie	Kortrijk	RO (old arm of Leie river)	S
Roeselare-Leie Canal	Roeselare	LO (winding hole)	A (ponton)
Roeselare-Leie Canal	Ingelmunster	RO (down- stream from Wante bridge)	S
Upper Scheldt	Kerkhove (marina)	LO	S
Upper Scheldt	Oudenaarde (marina)	RO	S
Spiere Canal	Spiere (floating jetty)	LO	S
Bossuit-Kortrijk Canal	Zwevegem (OC De Brug)	LO	S
Bossuit-Kortrijk Canal	Zwevegem (model making club)	LO	S
Bossuit-Kortrijk Canal	Zwevegem (Electrabel power plant)	LO	S
Bossuit-Kortrijk Canal	Stasegem (Zeescouts and Harelbeek canoe club)	RO	S
Bossuit-Kortrijk Canal	Bossuit (floating jetty)	LO	S
Bossuit-Kortrijk Canal	Bossuit (wakeboard)	RO	S
Dender	Idegem (lock)	RO	S
Dender	Pollare (upstream from Zwarte Fles bridge)	RO	S
Dender	Pollare (downstream lock)	RO	S
Moervaart	Wachtebeke (downsteam from Kalve bridge)	LO	S
Moervaart	Lokeren (at Zuidlede branching)	LO	S
Moervaart	Wachtebeke (downstream from Overlede bridge)	LO	S
Moervaart	Sinaai (at Keizershof)	RO	S
Durme	Lokeren (downstream from Nieuwe Statiën bridge)	RO	0
Lower Sea Scheldt	Antwerp left bank (zeescouts)	LO	Н
Lower Sea Scheldt	Antwerp left bank (SRNA)	LO	Н
Lower Sea Scheldt	Antwerp left bank (VVW)	LO	Н
Lower Sea Scheldt	Antwerp linkeroever (staatssteiger)	LO	Н
Lower Sea Scheldt	Antwerp (left bank marina)	LO	Н
Lower Sea Scheldt	Doel (marina)	LO	Н
Lower Sea Scheldt	Lillo (marina)	LO	Н

Waterway	Municipality	Bank	Туре
Lower Nete	Duffel	LO	Н
Leuven - Dijle Canal	Leuven	LO	S
Leuven - Dijle Canal	Mechelen	RO	S
Leuven - Dijle Canal	Mechelen	LO	K(lowered)
Leuven - Dijle Canal	Mechelen (Zennegat)	LO	S
Leuven - Dijle Canal	Hofstade	RO	K(lowered)
Leuven - Dijle Canal	Kampenhout	LO	K(lowered) + sign
Leuven - Dijle Canal	Wilsele	LO	Н
Leuven - Dijle Canal	Muizen	RO	Н
Leuven - Dijle Canal	Boortmeerbeek	LO	S/sign
Leuven - Dijle Canal	Battel	LO	S
Leuven - Dijle Canal	Schiplaken	LO	Т
Leuven - Dijle Canal	Tildonk	LO	S
Dijle	Mechelen (upstream Roostenberg lock)	LO	Т
Dijle	Muizen	LO	Т
Nete Canal	Viersel	RO	S (roosters)
Nete Canal	Viersel	RO	S (roosters)
Nete Canal	Lier	RO	S
Grote Nete	Westmeerbeek	LO	Т
Grote Nete	Hulshout	LO	Т
Grote Nete	Heist-Op-Den-Berg (Loodijk)	LO	Т
Grote Nete	Herenthout ('t Schipke)	RO	Т
Grote Nete	Berlaar (Boekt)	LO	Т
Grote Nete	Lier (Duiker)	LO	Т
Grote Nete	Lier (Maasfort bridge)	RO	Т
Lower Nete	Lier (Melkerij)	LO	Т
Lower Nete	Rumst		Т
Kleine Nete	Lier ('t Spui)	RO	Т
Kleine Nete	Border Emblem/Lier (upstream from culvert)	RO	Т
Kleine Nete	Border Emblem/Lier (downstream from culvert)	RO	Т
Kleine Nete	Emblem (tide meter)	LO	Т
Kleine Nete	Nijlen	LO	Т
Kleine Nete	Grobbendonk	LO	Т
Demer	Scherpenheuvel-Zichem	LO	Т
Demer	Aarschot (Thielemans bridge)	RO	Т

Waterway	Municipality	Bank	Type
Demer	Rotselaar (upstream from Werchter bridge)	RO	Т
Upper Sea Scheldt	Schellebelle	LO	H/T
Upper Sea Scheldt	Appels		Т
Upper Sea Scheldt	Mariekerke		Т
Upper Sea Scheldt	Weert		Т
Upper Sea Scheldt	Tielrode/Hamme		Т
Upper Sea Scheldt	St-Amands (jetty)	RO	Т
Upper Sea Scheldt	Baasrode	RO	H/T/S
Upper Sea Scheldt	Dendermonde	LO	Н
Upper Sea Scheldt	Dendermonde	RO	Н
Upper Sea Scheldt	Zele	LO	Н
Upper Sea Scheldt	Moerzeke	LO	Н
Upper Sea Scheldt	St-Amands	RO	Н
Upper Sea Scheldt	Branst	RO	Н
Upper Sea Scheldt	Hamme	LO	H/T
Upper Sea Scheldt	Temse (marina)	LO	Н
Upper Sea Scheldt	Temse (100 m downstream from Temse bridge)	LO	Н
Upper Sea Scheldt	Bornem (Buitenland)	RO	Н
Upper Sea Scheldt	Steendorp (Lepelstraat)	LO	Н
Upper Sea Scheldt	Steendorp (Lepelstraat)	LO	Н
Upper Sea Scheldt	Kruibeke	LO	Н
Upper Sea Scheldt	Hoboken	RO	Н
Durme	Tielrode	LO	Н
Rupel	Klein-Willebroek	LO	Н
Rupel	Niel	RO	Н
Albert Canal	Kuringen	LO	Т
Albert Canal	Oelegem	RO	Т
Albert Canal	Wijnegem (lock)	LO	Т
Albert Canal	Wijnegem (lock)	RO	S
South Willems Canal	Neeroeteren-Berg	RO	Т
Bocholt-Herentals Canal	Neerpelt	RO	Т
Bocholt-Herentals Canal	Lommel	LO	Т
Bocholt-Herentals Canal	Lommel (lock 1)	LO	Т
Bocholt-Herentals Canal	Lommel (lock 1)	LO	Т
Bocholt-Herentals Canal	Mol (lock 2)	LO	Т
Bocholt-Herentals Canal	Mol (lock 2)	LO	Т
Bocholt-Herentals Canal	Mol (lock 3)	LO	Т

Waterway	Municipality	Bank	Type
Bocholt-Herentals Canal	Mol (lock 3)	LO	Т
Bocholt-Herentals Canal	Mol	RO	Т
Bocholt-Herentals Canal	Dessel (lock 4)	LO	Т
Bocholt-Herentals Canal	Dessel (lock 4)	RO	Т
Bocholt-Herentals Canal	Dessel (lock 5)	RO	Т
Bocholt-Herentals Canal	Dessel (lock 5)	RO	Т
Bocholt-Herentals Canal	Mol (lock 6)	RO	Т
Bocholt-Herentals Canal	Mol (lock 6)	RO	Т
Bocholt-Herentals Canal	Geel (lock 7)	RO	Т
Bocholt-Herentals Canal	Geel (lock 7)	RO	Т
Bocholt-Herentals Canal	Geel (lock 8)	RO	Т
Bocholt-Herentals Canal	Geel	RO	Т
Bocholt-Herentals Canal	Geel (lock 8)	RO	Т
Bocholt-Herentals Canal	Geel (lock 9)	RO	Т
Bocholt-Herentals Canal	Geel (lock 9)	RO	Т
Bocholt-Herentals Canal	Herentals (lock 10)	LO	Т
Canal to Beverlo	Balen (Nyrstar lifting bridge)	WO	Т
Canal to Beverlo	Balen (Nyrstar lifting bridge)	WO	Т
Canal to Beverlo	Leopoldsburg	ZO	Т
Canal Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten	Retie (lifting bridge 2)	LO	S
Canal Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten	Retie (lifting bridge 2)	LO	S
Canal Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten	Turnhout	LO	Т
Canal Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten	Turnhout	LO	Т
Canal Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten	Rijkevorsel (lock 1)	LO	Т
Canal Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten	Rijkevorsel (lock 1)	LO	Т
Canal Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten	Brecht (lock 2)	LO	Т
Canal Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten	Brecht (lock 2)	LO	Т
Canal Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten	Brecht (lock 3)	LO	Т
Canal Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten	Brecht (lock 3)	LO	Т
Canal Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten	St. Job in 't Goor (lock 4)	LO	Т
Canal Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten	St. Job in 't Goor (lock 4)	LO	Т
Canal Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten	St. Job in 't Goor (lock 5)	LO	Т
Canal Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten	St. Job in 't Goor (sluis 5)	LO	Т
Canal Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten	Schoten (lock 6)	RO	Т
Canal Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten	Schoten (lock 6)	LO	Т
Canal Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten	Schoten (lock 7)	LO	Т
Canal Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten	Schoten (lock 7)	LO	Т
Canal Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten	Schoten (lock 8)	LO	Т

Waterway	Municipality	Bank	Туре
Canal Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten	Schoten (lock 8)	LO	Т
Canal Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten	Schoten (lock 9)	LO	Т
Canal Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten	Schoten (lock 9)	LO	Т
Canal Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten	Schoten (lock 10)	LO	Т
Canal Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten	Schoten	LO	Т
Canal Briegden-Neerharen	Lanaken (lock)	LO	S
Canal Briegden-Neerharen	Lanaken (lock)	RO	S
Canal Briegden-Neerharen	Neerharen (lock)	LO	S
Canal Briegden-Neerharen	Neerharen (lock)	RO	S
Common Maas	Smeermaas	LO	Т
Common Maas	Uikhoven	LO	Н
Common Maas	Kotem	LO	Н
Common Maas	Maasbeemd	LO	Н
Common Maas	Stokkem	LO	Н
Common Maas	Maaseik	LO	Н

8. WATERWAY MANAGERS – USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION



MANAGERS

The waterways are managed in Flanders by the Flemish Region and by the Walloon Region in Wallonia.

1. Flemish Region

The Flemish Region has entrusted waterway management to separate agencies (see also management breakdown on the card at the start of the booklet).

For up-to-date shipping information and emergencies in the areas managed by Waterwegen en Zeekanaal NV en nv De Scheepvaart you can contact RIS Flanders 24/24 and 7/7:

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Sea Canal Department Oostdijk 110-112 2830 WILLEBROEK tel. 03 860 62 11

e-mail: info@wenz.be

Cell Manager Operations - Shipping Inspector: Peter Scheirlinckx

With regard to:

- Brussels-Scheldt Sea Canal (from Vilvorde to inside Bornem).
- Canal to Charleroi (Flemish Region) (from Lembeek to inside Ruisbroek).
- Canal from Leuven to the Dyle (from Leuven to inside Mechelen).
- Nete Canal.
- Zenne, upstream of Zemst to Brussels (closed to all shipping).

Upper Scheldt Department Guldensporenpark 105 9820 MERELBEKE tel. 09 292 12 11

e-mail: bovenschelde@wenz.be

Shipping Inspector: Bart De Dobbelaere

With regard to:

- Moervaart
- Durme Canal (upstream from the weir in Lokeren)
- Lys (zone Deinze Ghent Ring canal transit through Ghent and branches):
 - Astene arm (not navigable)
 - Drongen arm
 - Akkergem arm
 - Westerzij arm
- Zuidervaart (not navigable)
- Leopold Canal (not navigable)
- Lys Diversion Canal (section Schipdonkbrug Heist) (navigable from Schipdonk to Balgerhoeke)
- Canal from Ghent to Ostend upstream from the large new Plassendale bridge (including Sas Slijkens)

- Transit city of Bruges (Coupure, Sint Annarei, Spiegelrei and Langerei)
- Bruges inner and outer moats
- Bruges-Sluis Canal (Belgian part)
- Ghent Ring Canal and Tijarm
- Ghent Connection Canal
- Ghent municipal canal called Handelsdok (18 m middle strip)
- Canal from Ghent to Terneuzen upstream from Meulestede bridge
- Dender (Flemish part)
- Upper Scheldt (section Ring Canal Lock in Gentbrugge) and branches:
 - Muinkschelde
 - ▶ Ketelvaart
 - Visserijvaart
 - Neerschelde
 - De Pauw branch
 - Eastern derivation of Upper Scheldt (known as the Franse Vaart)
 - De Reep
- Lys Diversion Canal: from Deinze to Schipdonk
- Upper Scheldt (Flemish part)
- Lys (Belgian part): from Wervik to inside Deinze
- Canal from Roulers to the Lys
- Canal from Bossuit to Kortrijk
- Spiere/Espierres Canal (Flemish part)
- Zulte branch
- Canal from Plassendale to Nieuwpoort
- Canal from Nieuwpoort to Dunkirk (Belgian part)
- Lo Canal
- Canal from Veurne to St. Winoxbergen (Belgian part, not navigable)
- Canal from Ypres to the Yser
- Canal from Ypres to Komen (not navigable)
- Yser (Belgian part upstream from the Langebrug)
- Connection of the Yser with the canal from Plassendale to Nieuwpoort

Sea Scheldt Department Annabijnsgebouw Lange Kievitstraat 111/113 box 44 2018 ANTWERP tel. 03 224 67 11

e-mail: stijn.bosmans@wenz.be Shipping Inspector: Stijn Bosmans

With regard to:

- Scheldt:
 - From the weir in Ghent-Bruges to the ring canal in Melle;
 - From the ring canal Melle to the downstream end of the access channel to the lock in Wintam, and then further to the Dutch border with regards to banks and ancillary facilities.

- Durme: From the dam in Lokeren to the mouth in the Scheldt (strongly dependent on the tide).
- Demer: From Diest to Werchter.
- Dyle: From Werchter to Rumst (mouth in the Rupel)
- Rupel: From Rumst (confluence Dyle and Nete) to mouth in Scheldt.
- Lower Nete: From confluence of the Grote Nete and the Kleine Nete in Lier to inside Rumst (mouth in the Rupel).
- Grote Nete: From Oosterloo to Lier (interrupted by culverts).
- Kleine Nete: From Grobbendonk to Lier (interrupted by culverts).
- Nete derivation in Lier
- Zenne: Downstream from Zemst to mouth in the Dyle

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With regard to:

- Albert Canal: from Riemst (Kanne) to inside Antwerp.
- Canal from Bocholt to Herentals.
- Canal from Dessel via Turnhout to Schoten.
- Canal from Briegden to Neerharen.
- Canal to Beverlo.
- South Willems Canal (Belgian part).
- Canal from Dessel to Kwaadmechelen.
- Scheldt Rhine connection (Belgian part).
- Common Maas in Limburg.

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Maritime Access Division Tavernierkaai 3 2000 Antwerp tel. 03 222 08 11 maritieme.toegang@vlaanderen.be

- With regard to the Lower Sea Scheldt from the downstream end of the access channel to the lock in Wintam to the Belgian-Dutch border (only the riverbed under the high water mark).
- Canal from Ghent to Terneuzen (Belgian part).

DEPARTMENT FOR MARITIME SERVICES AND COAST

Coast Division Vrijhavenstraat 3 8400 Ostend tel. 059 55 42 11 kust@vlaanderen.be

2. Walloon Region

Service Public de Wallonie Direction générale opérationnelle de la Mobilité et des Voies hydrauliques www.voies-hydrauliques.wallonie.be Boulevard du Nord 8 5000 Namur tel. 081 77 26 80

3. Brussels Capital Region

The Port of Brussels manages 14 km, from the lock at Anderlecht on the canal from Charleroi to Brussels to the bridge at Vilvorde on the Brussels-Scheldt Sea Canal.

Port of Brussels

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4. Foreign Administrators

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9. PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTATION



Vaarregels in beeld ("Navigational rules in picture", booklet)

In this booklet you will find full information on the rules for navigation on the waterways. The police regulations are extensively explained, and you will also find a complete list of maritime optical and acoustic signals.

Editor: Federal Public Service for Mobility and Transport (www.mobilit.belgium.be)

Wijzer op het Water ("Water-Wise")

This booklet is intended as a guide for activities on and in the water. The focus is on everything that has to do with sailing, but other activities also have a place in this guide. The booklet will be available from 2014 via the website www.mobilit.belgium.be.

<u>Editor</u>: FPS Mobility and Transport, Maritime Police, Promotie Binnenvaart Vlaanderen en Maritieme Dienstverlening en Kust

Operating hours for locks and moveable bridges on the Flemish waterway

This booklet provides a guide to the operating hours of locks and moveable bridges for each waterway.

Editor: nv De Scheepvaart (www.descheepvaart.be) and Waterwegen en Zeekanaal NV (www.wenz.be)

Belgische waterwegenkaart (Belgian waterway map)

This waterway map provides an update for all important data inland shipping in Belgium. Marinas, moorings, environmental stations, etc. are also indicated.

The various types of waterway are colourfully displayed. Both holidaymaker and sailor will find in a moment all kinds of useful and necessary information.

All the details of the relevant government departments are also listed.

Editor: National Geographic Institute (www.ngi.be)

Vademecum van de pleziervaart in België ("Guide to boating in Belgium")

This booklet gives an overview of the most important regulations for water sports enthusiasts. <u>Editor:</u> Federal Public Service for Mobility and Transport (www.mobilit.belgium.be)

Het Marifoonnet (VHF channel network guide)

This handy booklet contains for each Belgian waterway the work and contact channels for the specified locations.

It can be requested from Promotie Binnenvaart Vlaanderen (Promotion Inland Navigation Flanders) or can be downloaded from their website in PDF format.

Editor: Promotie Binnenvaart Vlaanderen (www.waterrecreatie.be)

Vaarkaart "Oost en West" (Sailing map "East and West")

Editor: Promotie Binnenvaart Vlaanderen (www.waterrecreatie.be)

Varen in Vlaanderen (Sailing in Flanders)

Apart from a description of the most important cruising route in Flanders, this booklet contains a variety of overview maps, the list of VHF channels, some FAQs and the most important sailing rules and tips.

Editor: Promotie Binnenvaart Vlaanderen (www.waterrecreatie.be)

Water recreation magazines

Promotie Binnenvaart Vlaanderen has produced various magazines to encourage Flemings to take to the water.

Editor: Promotie Binnenvaart Vlaanderen (www.waterrecreatie.be)

Samen varen (Sailing together)

This booklet gives advice to both commercial and recreational skippers on how to sail safely together. Editor: nv De Scheepvaart (www.descheepvaart.be) and Waterwegen en Zeekanaal NV (www.wenz.be)

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