

WATERWAY SIGNS AND MARKINGS

MAIN SIGNS

A - PROHIBITORY SIGNS

A.1 No entry (general sign)

A.1.1 Sections closed to use, no entry except for non-motorized small craft

A.2 No overtaking

A.3 No overtaking of convoys by convoys

A.4 No passing or overtaking

A.4.1 No passing or overtaking of convoys by convoys

A.5 No berthing on the side of the waterway on which the sign is placed (i.e. no anchoring or making fast to the bank)

A.5.1 No berthing on the stretch of water whose breadth, measured from the sign, is shown in metres on the sign

A.6 No anchoring or trailing of anchors, cables or chains on the side of the waterway on which the sign is placed

A.7 No making fast to the bank on the side of the waterway on which the sign is placed

A.8 No turning

A.9 Do not create wash likely to cause damage

A.10 No passing outside the area marked (in openings of bridges or weirs)

A.11 Entry prohibited, but prepare to get under way

A.12 Motorized craft prohibited

A.13 Sports or pleasure craft prohibited

A.14 Water skiing prohibited

A.15 Sailing vessels prohibited

A.16 All craft other than motorized vessels or sailing craft prohibited

A.17 Use of sailboards prohibited

A.18 End of zone authorized for high speed navigation of small sport and pleasure craft

A.19 No launching or beaching of vessels

A.20 Water bikes prohibited

B - MANDATORY SIGNS

B.1 Proceed in the direction shown by the arrow

B.2 a) Move to the side of the fairway on your port side (B.2a)
b) Move to the side of the fairway on your starboard side (B.2b)

B.3 a) Keep to the side of the fairway on your port side (B.3a)
b) Keep to the side of the fairway on your starboard side (B.3b)

B.4 a) Cross fairway to port (B.4a)
b) Cross fairway to starboard (B.4b)

B.5 Stop as prescribed in the Regulations

B.6 Do not exceed the speed indicated (in km/h)

B.7 Give a sound signal

B.8 Keep a particularly sharp lookout

B.9 Do not enter or cross the main waterway until certain that this will not oblige vessels proceeding on it to change their course or speed

B.10 Vessels proceeding on the main waterway must, if necessary, change course and speed to allow vessels to leave harbours or tributary waterways

B.11 a) Obligation to enter into a radiotelephone link (B.11a)
b) Obligation to enter into a radiotelephone link on the channel as indicated on the board (B.11b)

C - RESTRICTIVE SIGNS

C.1 Depth of water limited

C.2 Headroom limited

C.3 Width of passage or channel limited

C.4 There are restrictions on navigation: see the information plate below the sign

C.5 The channel lies at a distance from the right (left) bank: the figure shown on the sign indicates the distance in metres, measured from the sign, to which vessels should keep

D - RECOMMENDATORY SIGNS

D.1 Recommended opening

D.2 You are recommended to keep within the area indicated (in openings of bridges or weirs)

D.3 You are recommended to proceed:

D.3a In the direction shown by the arrow (D.3a)

D.3b In the direction from the fixed light towards the isophase light (D.3b)

E - INFORMATIVE SIGNS

E.1 Entry permitted (general sign)

E.2 Overhead cable crossing

E.3 Weir

E.4 a) Ferry-boat not moving independently (E.4a)
b) Ferry-boat moving independently (E.4b)

E.5 Berthing (i.e. anchoring or making fast to the bank) permitted on the side of the waterway on which the sign is placed

E.5.1 Berthing permitted on the stretch of water of the breadth measured from, and shown on the board in metres

E.5.2 Berthing permitted on the stretch of water bounded by the two distances measured from, and shown on the board in metres

E.5.3 Maximum number of vessels permitted to berth abreast on the side of the waterway on which the sign is placed

E.5.4 Berthing area reserved for pushing-navigation vessels that are not required to carry the marking prescribed in article 3.14 on the side of the waterway on which the sign is placed

E.5.5 Berthing area reserved for pushing-navigation vessels that are required to carry one blue light or one blue cone under article 3.14, paragraph 1, on the side of the waterway on which the sign is placed

E.5.6 Berthing area reserved for pushing-navigation vessels that are required to carry two blue lights or two blue cones under article 3.14, paragraph 2, on the side of the waterway on which the sign is placed

E.5.7 Berthing area reserved for pushing-navigation vessels that are required to carry three blue lights or three blue cones under article 3.14, paragraph 3, on the side of the waterway on which the sign is placed

E.5.8 Berthing area reserved for vessels other than pushing-navigation vessels that are not required to carry the marking prescribed in article 3.14 on the side of the waterway on which the sign is placed

E.5.9 Berthing area reserved for vessels other than pushing-navigation vessels that are required to carry one blue light or one blue cone under article 3.14, paragraph 1, on the side of the waterway on which the sign is placed

E.5.10 Berthing area reserved for vessels other than pushing-navigation vessels that are required to carry two blue lights or two blue cones under article 3.14, paragraph 2, on the side of the waterway on which the sign is placed

E.5.11 Berthing area reserved for vessels other than pushing-navigation vessels that are required to carry three blue lights or three blue cones under article 3.14, paragraph 3, on the side of the waterway on which the sign is placed

E.5.12 Berthing area reserved for all vessels that are not required to carry the marking prescribed in article 3.14 on the side of the waterway on which the sign is placed

E.5.13 Berthing area reserved for all vessels that are required to carry one blue light or one blue cone under article 3.14, paragraph 1, on the side of the waterway on which the sign is placed

E.5.14 Berthing area reserved for all vessels that are required to carry two blue lights or two blue cones under article 3.14, paragraph 2, on the side of the waterway on which the sign is placed

E.5.15 Berthing area reserved for all vessels that are required to carry three blue lights or three blue cones under article 3.14, paragraph 3, on the side of the waterway on which the sign is placed

E.6 Anchoring or trailing of anchors, cables or chains permitted on the side of the waterway on which the sign is placed

E.6.1 Use of spuds permitted

E.7 Making fast to the bank permitted on the side of the waterway on which the sign is placed

E.7.1 Berthing area reserved for loading and unloading vehicles. (Maximum duration of berthing permitted may be added on an information plate below the board)

E.8 Turning area

E.9 The waterways being approached are considered to be a tributary of this waterway

E.10 This waterway is considered to be a tributary of the waterway being approached

E.11 End of a prohibition or obligation applying to traffic in one direction only, or end of a restriction

E.12 Advance signals: one or two white lights

E.13 Drinking-water supply

E.14 Telephone

E.15 Motorized vessels permitted

E.16 Sports or pleasure craft permitted

E.17 Water skiing permitted

E.18 Sailing vessels permitted

E.19 Craft other than motorized vessels or sailing craft permitted

E.20 Use of sailboards permitted

E.21 Zone authorized for high speed navigation of small sport and pleasure craft

E.22 Launching or beaching of small craft permitted

E.23 Possibility of obtaining nautical information by radio-telephone on the channel indicated

E.24 Water bikes permitted

E.25 Electrical power supply point

E.26 Winter harbour

E.26.1 Maximum number of vessels permitted to berth in winter harbour

E.27 Winter shelter

E.27.1 Maximum number of vessels permitted to berth in winter shelter. Maximum number of vessels permitted to berth abreast. Maximum number of rows of vessels which are berthed abreast

AUXILIARY SIGNS

A. Panels showing the distance at which the regulation applies or the special feature indicated by the main sign is to be found

B. Additional luminous signal

C. Pointers showing the direction of the section to which the main sign applies

D. Panels giving explanations or additional information

BUOYAGE AND MARKING OF WATERWAYS

1. Buoyage and marking of fairway limits in the waterway

2. Buoyage and marking of bifurcation of the fairway

3. Buoyage and marking of bifurcation of the fairway

4. Marks on land indicating the position of the channel in relation to the banks

5. Channel near the left bank

6. Marking of cross-overs

7. Mere indication of cross-over

8. Indication of the axis of a long cross-over

9. Buoyage and marking of danger points and obstacles

10. Buoyage and marking of danger points and obstacles

11. Additional marking for navigation by radar

12. Marking of bridge cables

13. Marking of danger points, obstacles and special features

14. Description of cardinal marks

15. Safe-water marks