

ANNOUNCEMENT TO SHIPPING
IJmond North Sea Canal Area Central
Nautical Management

Announcement No. 64/2024

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Subject: Traffic measures during the SAIL-In parade.

The Director of the Central Nautical Management North Sea Canal Area, who is also State Harbour Master, announces the following:

On Wednesday, 20 August 2025, the SAIL-In Parade (hereafter referred to as "the Parade") will take place as the opening of the SAIL 2025 event. The Parade will feature a convoy of approximately 50 Tall Ships, accompanied by hundreds of historic vessels, passenger ships, and recreational craft. The Parade is scheduled to begin at 10:00 with the ships departing from the locks at IJmuiden and is expected to end around 18:00, when the final vessels dock at IJhaven.

Given the scale of the Parade, specific traffic measures and temporary closures will be implemented during the event to ensure the smooth and safe flow of shipping traffic. These measures and closures are necessary and will be kept to a minimum. They may be adjusted, as required, with the possibility of extending or shortening the duration depending on the circumstances. The measures will apply to both municipal and national waters.

Consequences for shipping:

Closures:

1. Date and times of closures:

Wednesday 20 August 2025:

- a) 06:00 - 14:00: closure of the IJmuiden lock complex for all vessels not participating in the Parade as part of the SAIL event.
- b) 08:00 - 18:00: closure of the North Sea Canal and the Afgesloten IJ for vessels exceeding 85 metres in length and 11.45 metres in beam, as well as for vessels not accredited by the SAIL foundation to participate in the Parade.

2. *Exceptions to the closures mentioned in point (b):*

- Vessels participating in the Parade;
- Recreational craft with a maximum hull length of 15 metres and carrying no more than 13 persons, including the skipper;
- Vessels travelling to or from destinations in the side channels or harbour basins of the Afgesloten IJ or North Sea Canal, provided they have obtained prior permission from the Port of Amsterdam's vessel traffic centre. Such navigation movements must be limited exclusively to areas east or west of the Parade.
These vessels are prohibited from remaining stationary, using spud poles, or anchoring in the North Sea Canal, the Afgesloten IJ, or within 500 metres of the entrances to side channels or harbour basins connected to the Afgesloten IJ or North Sea Canal. All vessels must strictly adhere to traffic directions provided by vessel traffic management.

If necessary, additional routes may be closed.

Other traffic measures:

- Participation in the Parade: vessels (excluding recreational craft) with a maximum length of 85 metres and 11.45 metres in beam are permitted to participate after accreditation by the SAIL Foundation. These vessels must occupy a position in the Parade as designated by the organisation;
- Sailing in the Parade is permitted for recreational craft with a maximum hull length of 15 metres, carrying no more than 13 passengers, including the skipper;
- Mandatory sailing direction for the Parade is from west to east (10:00 - 14:00). In the eastern port area of Amsterdam, a turning point will be established at the French buoy near Azartplein from 14:00. Ships must round the buoy to port and then sail along the Parade route from east to west, keeping to the starboard shore. Deviation from this prescribed navigation direction is strictly prohibited;
- The maximum sailing speed during the Parade is 6 km/h. The Parade may move slightly faster or slower as necessary, and participating vessels must maintain the common speed, avoiding overtaking or unnecessary delays.
- Mooring along the waterway is prohibited, except for vessels granted an exemption;
- Anchoring and the use of spud poles are prohibited, except for vessels awaiting entry to the Parade and only when deemed necessary for safety reasons;
- Sailing is allowed, provided it does not endanger other traffic. An engine must be operational and ready for immediate use at all times. The signalling requirements in the Inland Navigation Police Regulations (BPR) remain in force.

If necessary, additional traffic measures may be imposed.

3. Prohibited vessels:

- Vessels without engines, such as pedal boats, canoes, rowing boats, surfboards, and SUP boards, are prohibited
- Jet skis, personal watercraft, flyboards, and similar vessels are also prohibited, except when used by relevant government authorities.

4. Monitoring, control and compliance:

- The stability, freeboard, and suitability of participating vessels will be inspected during the Parade. Vessels deemed unsuitable for navigation in the Afgesloten IJ and the North Sea Canal by the competent authority will not be allowed to participate.
- All vessels must comply with traffic directions immediately. Failure to do so may result in exclusion from the Parade.

The above-mentioned traffic measures for the SAIL-In Parade have been adopted under Decree No. CNB/2024/54.

For more information about SAIL 2025, please visit:

<https://www.portofamsterdam.com/en/discover/SAIL2025>.

Director of the Central Nautical Management North Sea Canal Area, also State Harbour Master,

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