

**ANNOUNCEMENT TO SHIPPING
IJmond North Sea Canal Area Central
Nautical Management**

Announcement No. 66/2024

Amsterdam, 24 November 2024

Subject: Traffic measures during SAIL 2025

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

The SAIL 2025 event will take place in Amsterdam from 10:00 on Wednesday 20 August 2025 to 19:00 on Sunday 24 August 2025. This significant maritime event will see large numbers of passenger vessels and recreational craft visiting the Afgesloten IJ. As a result, various traffic measures and closures will be implemented to ensure safe and efficient shipping operations throughout the event.

The measures will apply to both municipal and national waters.

Consequences for shipping:

Closures:

On 20, 21, 22, and 23 August 2025, a daily closure will be in effect on the Afgesloten IJ from 21:00 to 00:00 due to day-closure restrictions. These closures apply to all shipping except for the following categories:

1. vessels (other than recreational craft) with a maximum size of 85 metres in length and 11.45 metres in beam
2. recreational craft with a maximum hull length of 15 metres, carrying no more than 13 passengers, including the skipper.

The closures will be kept to a minimum and may be adjusted, as required, with the possibility of extending or shortening the duration, depending on the circumstances. If necessary, additional closures may be imposed.

Other traffic measures:

1. From 07:00 on 20 August 2025 until 20:00 on 24 August 2025, a safety zone will be established on the Afgesloten IJ, between the Stenen Hoofd and the head of the Surinamekade. The safety zone is marked on the map attached to this Announcement and the instructions indicated on this map also apply in the safety zone.
2. Special transports and barge combinations with more than one barge are only permitted to pass through the safety zone between 01:00 and 09:00.
3. Ships more than 85 metres in length and 11.45 metres in beam may only transit the safety zone under the following conditions:
 - Coming from the east and bound for a side channel or harbour basin of the Afgesloten IJ or Noordzeekanaal.
 - Coming from the west and destined for the Oranjesluizen or the Amsterdam-Rhine Canal;
 - Operations in the safety zone must be coordinated with the vessel traffic management of the relevant VHF sector.
 - Transit is only permitted if the vessel has no destination within the safety zone.
 - During heavy traffic at the Afgesloten IJ, transit may take place exclusively under convoy led by government vessels, as directed by the competent authority.
4. In the safety zone, see annex, there is a prescribed direction of traffic flow and a maximum speed of 6 km/h.
5. Between the Stenen Hoofd and the entrance of the Mercuriushaven, the maximum sailing speed is 12 km/h, see annex.
6. In the safety zone, anchoring, unnecessary resting, or mooring is prohibited, except at designated berths or during the specified restrictions related to day closures.
7. Sailing in the safety zone is prohibited unless authorised by a municipal event permit issued to the SAIL 2025 Foundation.
8. Road signs as specified in Annex 7 of the Inland Navigation Police Regulations (BPR), will be installed during the event
9. If necessary, additional traffic measures may be imposed.

Prohibited vessels:

- Non-motorised vessels, such as pedal boats, canoes, surfboards, and SUP boards, are prohibited from entering the safety zone, unless covered by a municipal event permit issued to the SAIL Foundation.
- Jet skis, personal watercraft, flyboards, and similar vessels are prohibited in the safety zone, except when used by relevant government departments.

Monitoring, control and compliance:

Vessels will be inspected for stability, freeboard and suitability during the event. Vessels deemed by the competent authority to be unsuitable for navigation in the Afgesloten IJ will not be permitted to participate.

The above-mentioned traffic measures for the SAIL 2025 have been adopted under Decree No. CNB/2024/52.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J.H.M. Mateyo', with a large, stylized flourish underneath.

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Annex:

Reference map

