

TALL SHIPS RACES 2026

Captains' Briefing – HARLINGEN



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UNDOCKING & TALL SHIPS PARADE



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DEPARTURE AT PORT OF HARLINGEN

Eric van der Steen, harbor master



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DEPARTURE: SAIL-OUT PARADE

Timetable

- 11:25 LT Sail-Out of all B/C/D-class, departing from Zuiderhaven, **passing the bridges.**

Lead by NLHMS URANIA. *More info in next presentation by Victor!*
- 11:45 LT **Stand-by on VHF 11 for call by Harlingen Port Control**

A-class departing from Nieuwe Willemshaven, Dok and Vluchthaven:
- 12:15 LT Start Sail-Out A-class: First ship to depart from Nieuwe Willemshaven
- 14:00 LT Last ship is tugboat HOLLAND departing from Nieuwe Willemshaven

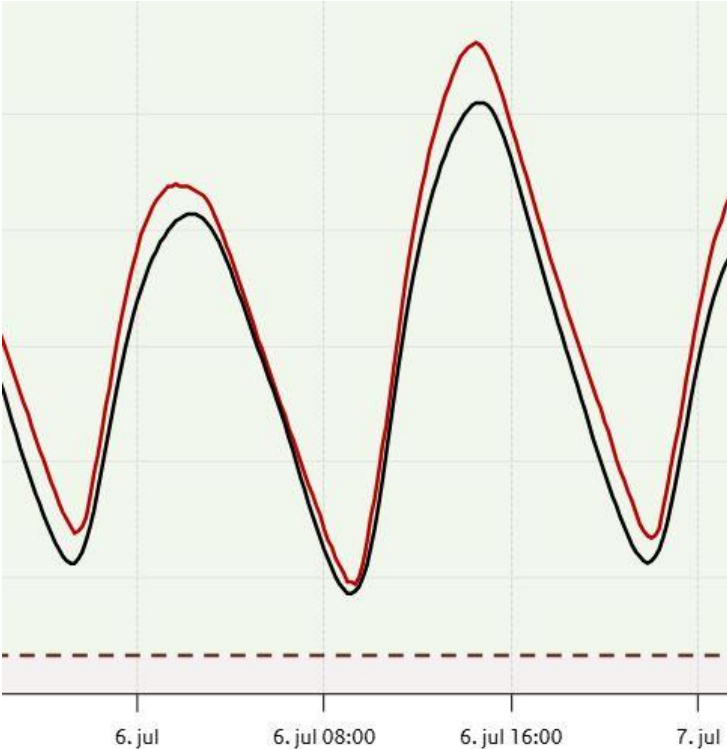


TIDAL PREDICTION

Tidal level NAP = LAT + 1,34m

Floodgate “Sas” closed

± 13.20h - 15.30h LT



Datum	Nederlandse tijd	Hoogwater	Laagwater
06-07-2026	21:51		-94 cm
	14:40	105 cm	
	09:09		-107 cm
	02:22	57 cm	



SAIL-OUT DETAILS A-CLASS

						Sailing Time	Tijd Pieren	
1	Urania	Leading Sail-out Zuiderhaven	Waiting Kimstergat for T-ships Zuiderhaven			11:15	11:25	
2	Zuiderhaven Tall-Ship's		Bridge open 11:25 be prepared for sailing			11:25	11:45	11:55 Vertrek LZ Terschelling
		Tug	Pilot	Pilot on board				
3	Großherzogin Elisabeth		1? Tuinman			12:15	12:25	
4	Eendracht CH	Nieuwe Willemshaven	1? Bootsma			12:20	12:30	
5	Morgenster	Nieuwe Willemshaven Dr st				12:25	12:40	
6	Noorderlicht CH	Vluchthaven				12:30	12:40	
7	Artemis	Het Dok	1? Tuinman			12:35	12:50	
8	Helena / Bonte Piet CH	Vluchthaven				12:40	12:55	Aankomst LZ Terschelling
9	Holland	Vluchthaven	1 Bootsma			12:45	13:00	
10	Thalassa	Nieuwe Willemshaven Dr st	1? Tuinman			12:50	13:05	
11	Pogoria	Nieuwe Willemshaven	1? Tuinman			13:00	13:15	
12	Frederyk Chopin	Nieuwe Willemshaven	1? Bootsma			13:05	13:20	13:05 Vertrek LZ Terschelling
13	Sorlandet	Het Dok	2 Tuinman	Yes	12:40	13:10	13:20	Vertrek Sneldienst Terschelling
14	Orsa Maggiore	Nieuwe Willemshaven				13:20	13:35	
15	Kapitan Glowacki	Nieuwe Willemshaven				13:25	13:40	
16	Wylde Swan	Het Dok	1? Tuinman			13:30	13:45	
17	Royalist	Nieuwe Willemshaven				13:35	13:50	
18	Gulden Leeuw	Het Dok	1? Bootsma			13:40	13:55	Aankomst Vlieland
19	Brabander	Nieuwe Willemshaven				13:50	14:05	
20	Pascual Flores	Het Dok	1 Bootsma	Yes	13:15	13:55	14:10	
21	Statsraad Lehmkuhl	Nieuwe Willemshaven Dr st	2 Tuinman	Yes	13:20	14:10	14:25	14:05 Vlieland vertrek



SAIL-OUT DETAILS A-CLASS

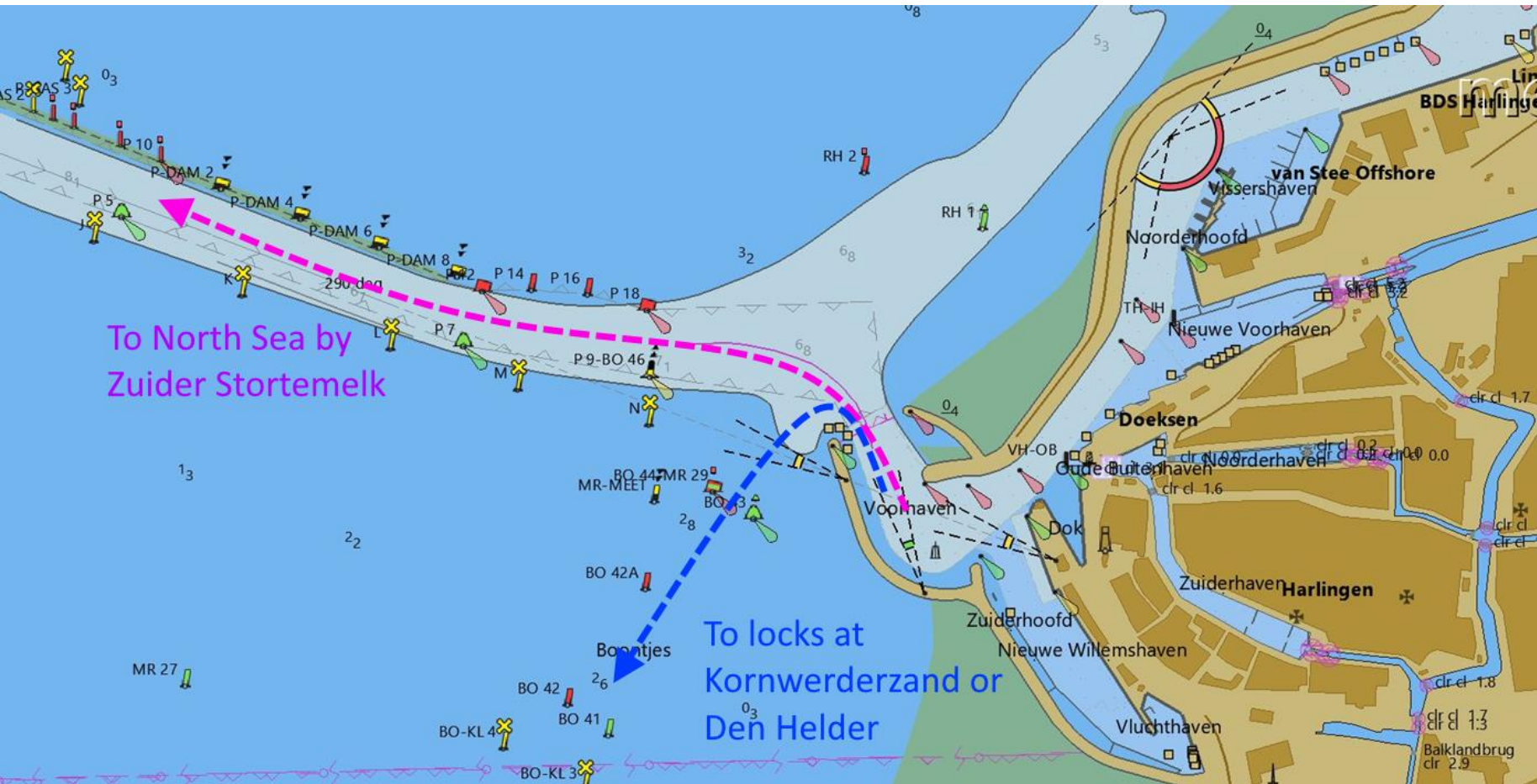
- Follow instructions by *Harlingen Port Control* on VHF11 about
 - Prepare for “let go lines”
 - Let go lines
 - Proceedings
 - Other traffic

Outside breakwaters switch to **VHF 10** for navigational comms.

Follow instructions given by patrol vessels



DEPARTUE PORT OF HARLINGEN

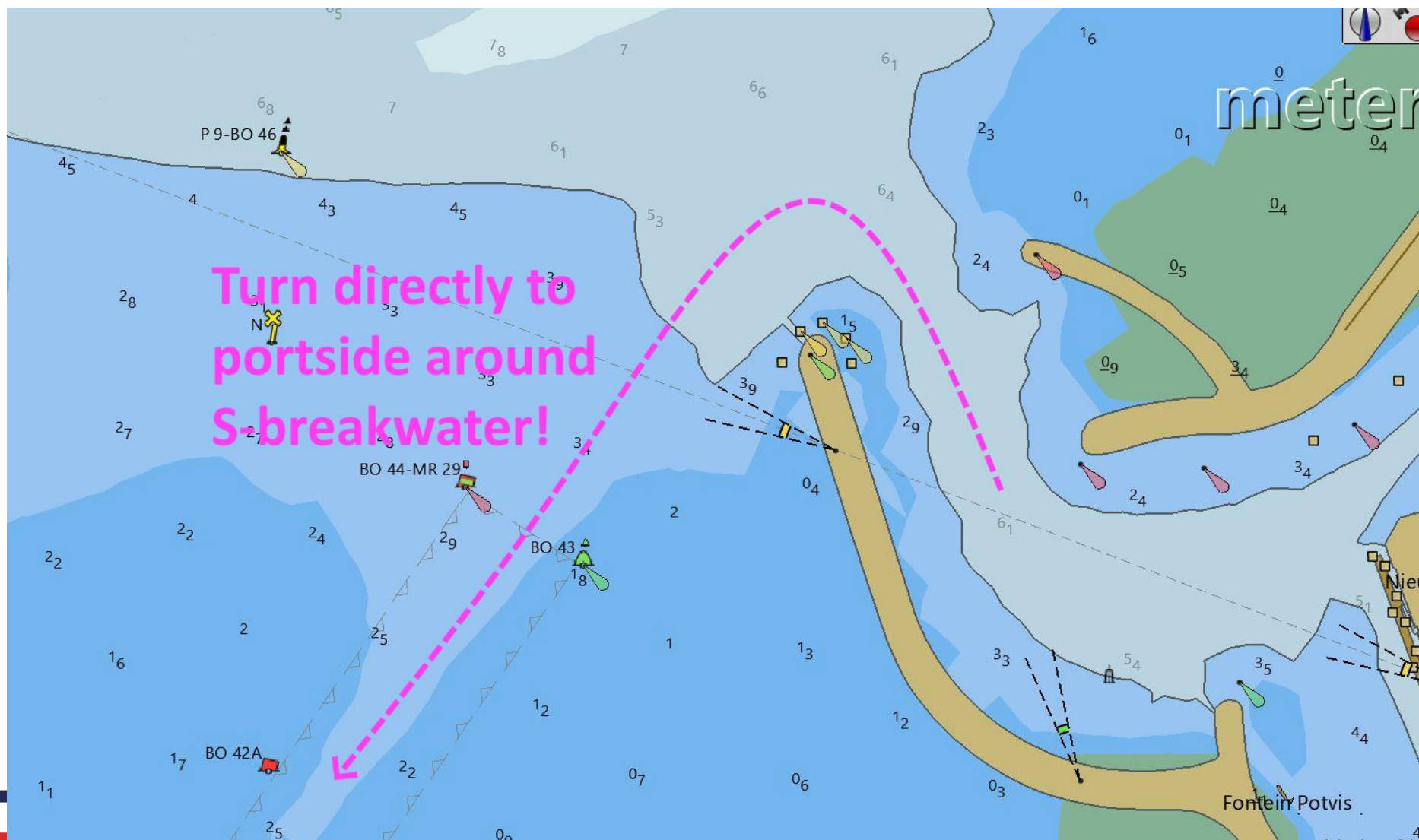


BLUE = ROUTE B/C/D-class to locks at Kornwerderzand -> Enkhuizen

PINK = ROUTE A-class to the North Sea



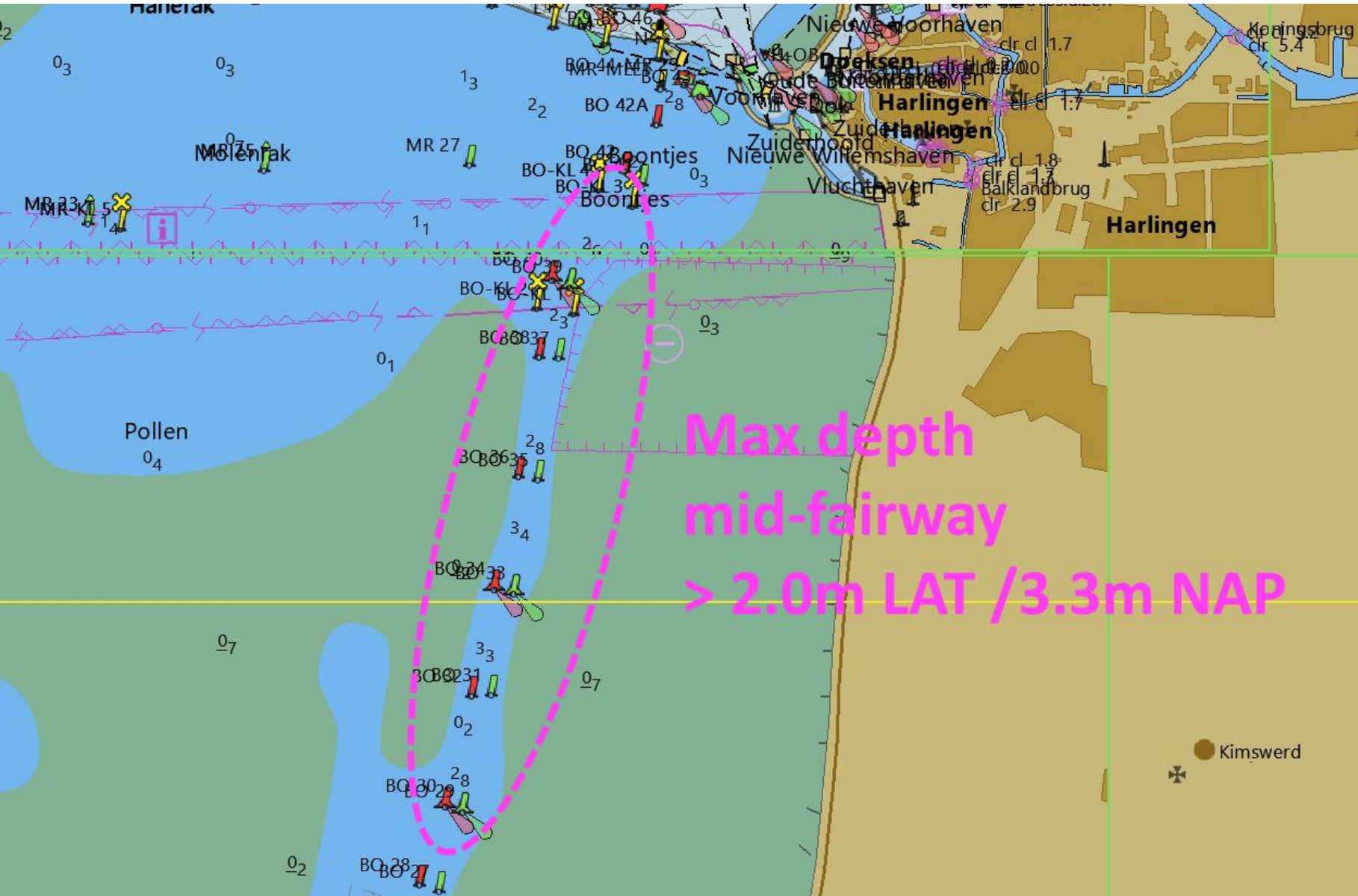
SAIL-OUT PARADE B / C / D-class



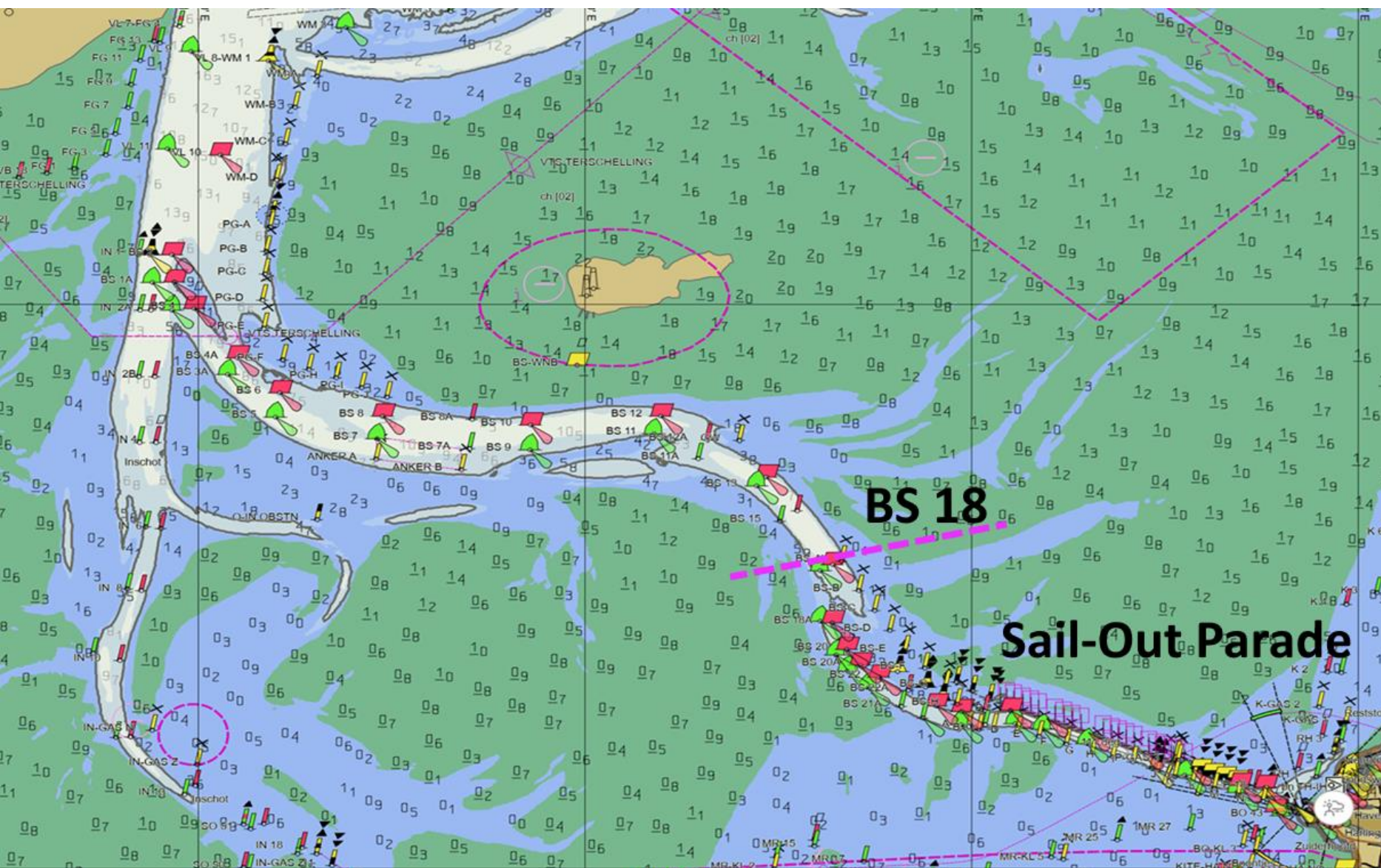
- Short turn around Southern breakwater
- More info in the next PPT by Victor



FAIRWAY BOONTJES (B / C / D-class)



SAIL-OUT PARADE A-class



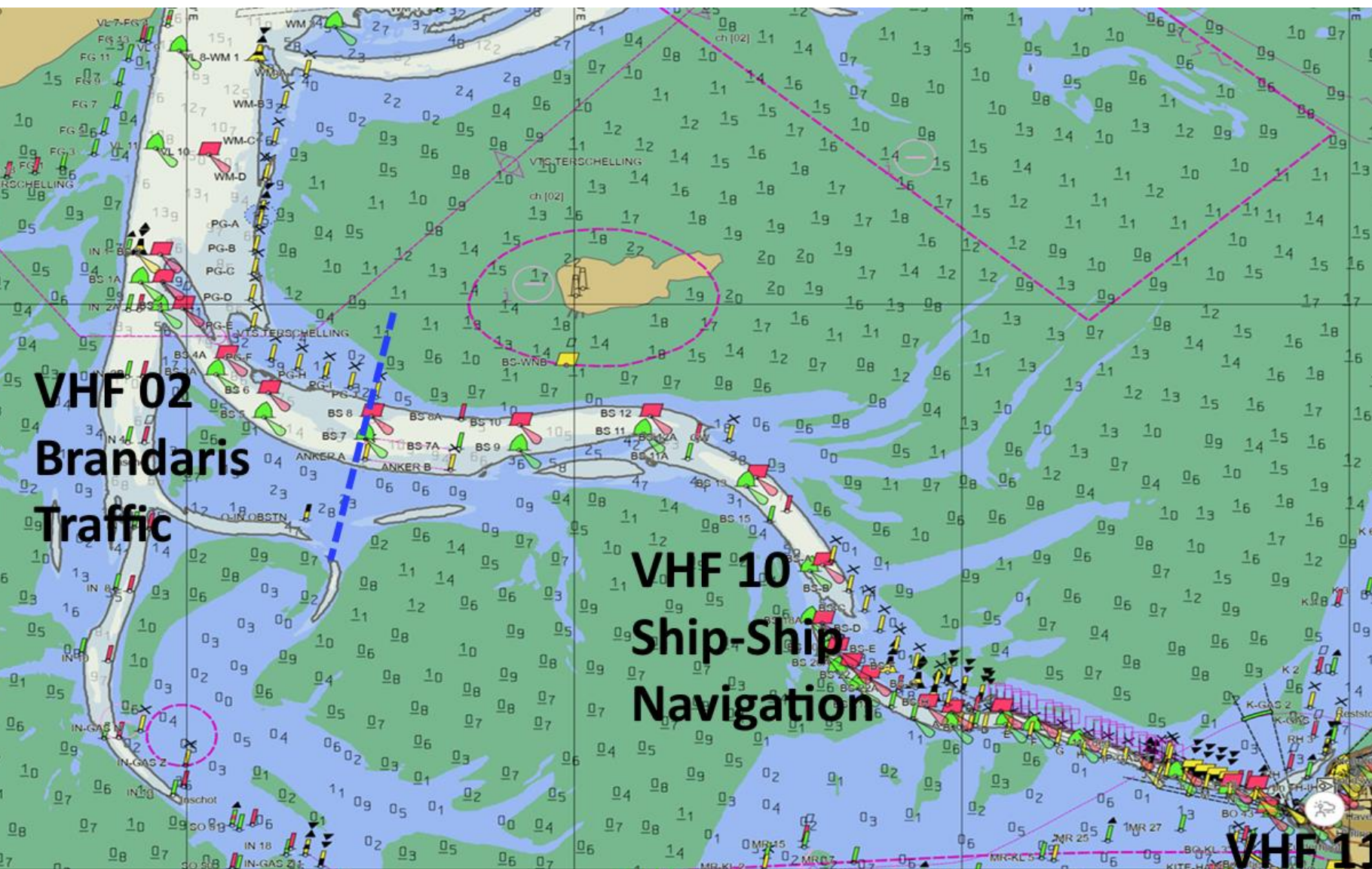
Maintain keel line
upto buoy BS 18!

After that you can sail
your own course and
speed outbound!



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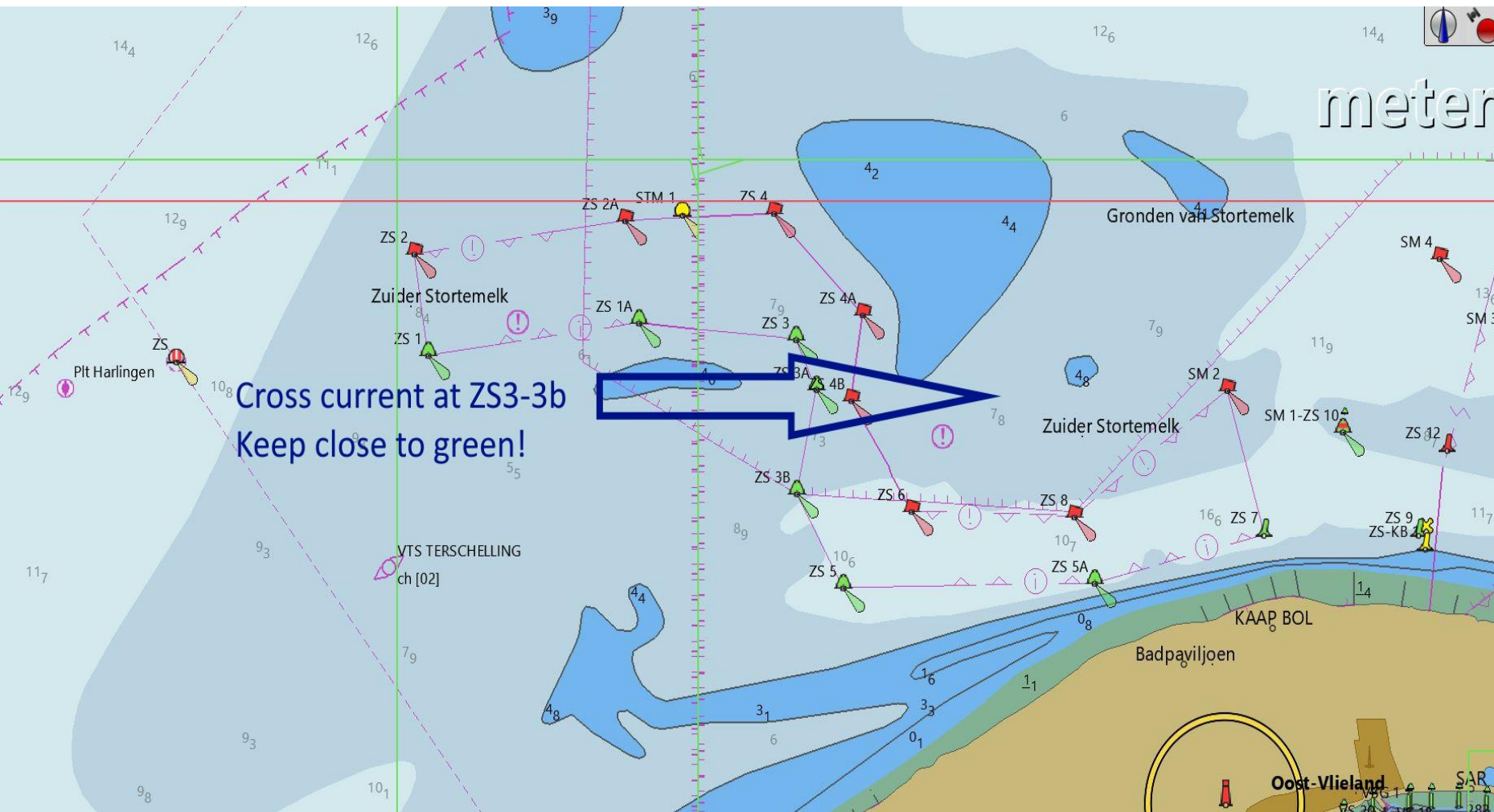
COMMS OUTSIDE PORT OF HARLINGEN



- Wadden Sea: Ship-Ship navigational comms VHF 10
- Except VTS-area between BS 8 and outer buoy ZS



Precaution @ Zuider Stortemelk



- Avoid oncoming traffic
- Crosscurrent and narrow passage ZS3 – ZS3b
- Active VTS advisory VHF 2 Brandaris Traffic



CHANGE OF PLANS?



Not able to depart within the Sail-Out Parade? Please inform us in time!

Berthing is limited until Thursday July 9th!

- You may have to shift for efficient use of space
- Tugs, Pilots and other services on your account. No harbor fees.

Please keep us updated on your ETD and particulars !!!

Port of Harlingen Authority

E-mail haven@portofharlingen.nl

Tel. +31-6-53 93 00 28 (duty port officer)



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*wishes you fair winds and
following seas to Antwerp!*

Hope to see you all back next time!

*Any
questions?*



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CRUISE-IN-COMPANY



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Cruise in Company Harlingen - Antwerp

**TALL
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**THE TALL SHIPS RACES
Antwerp 2026**

organised by Sail Training International

Sailing Area 1: Waddenzee

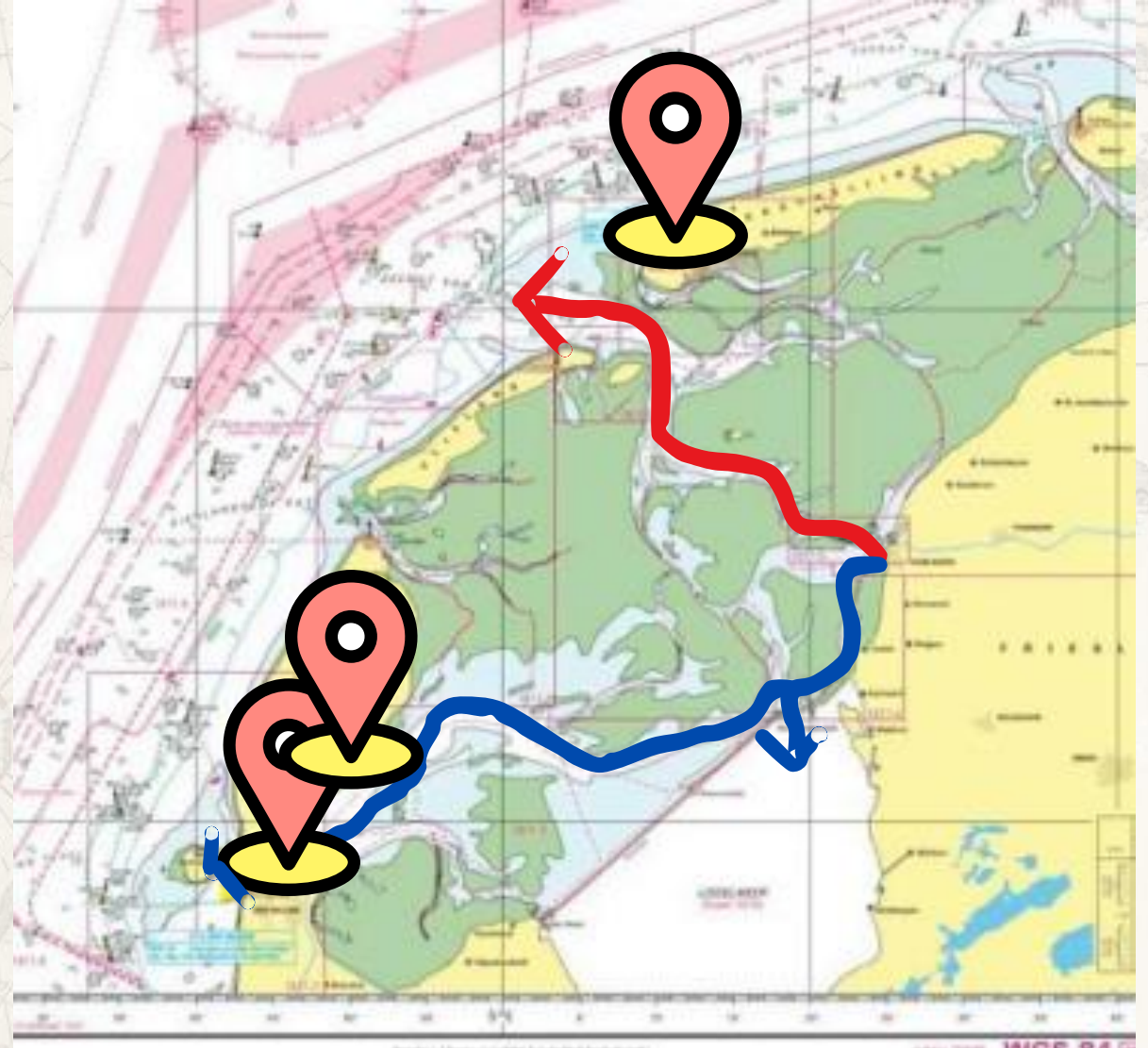
Tidal area

Sheltered by the islands

Currents up to 3 kts

Main Fairway: Stortemelk

Secondary Fairway: Boontjes



Harbours in Waddenzee

West Terschelling

- Island vibe

Oudeschild

- Maritime Museum

Den Helder

- Navy museum



Sailing Area 2: North Sea

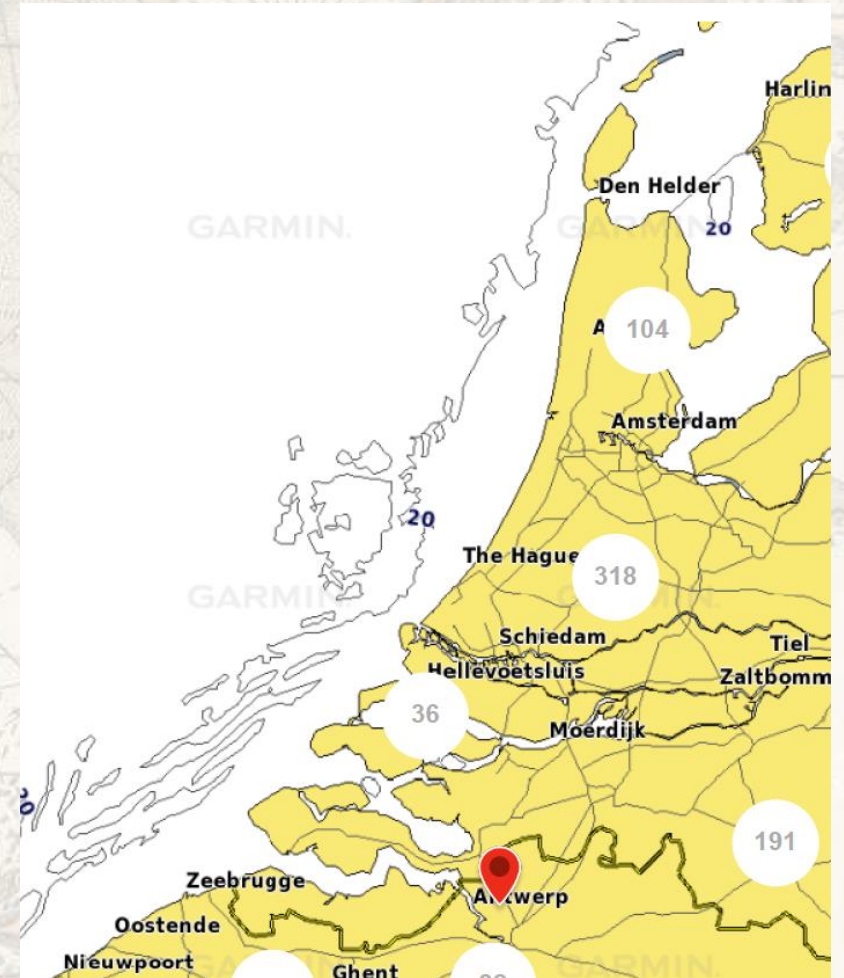
Crowded with TSS & Windfarms

Use the Inshore Traffic Route

(LOA >20m : only sailing allowed)

Passage Maasgeul

(entrance to Rotterdam)



Harbours North Sea

Amsterdam via Noordzeekanaal

- (passing through the IJmuiden locks)

Scheveningen

- Explore The Hague
- Consider a beach volleyball tournament?

Vlissingen

- Birth town of Michiel de Ruyter



Sailing Area 3: IJsselmeer / Markermeer

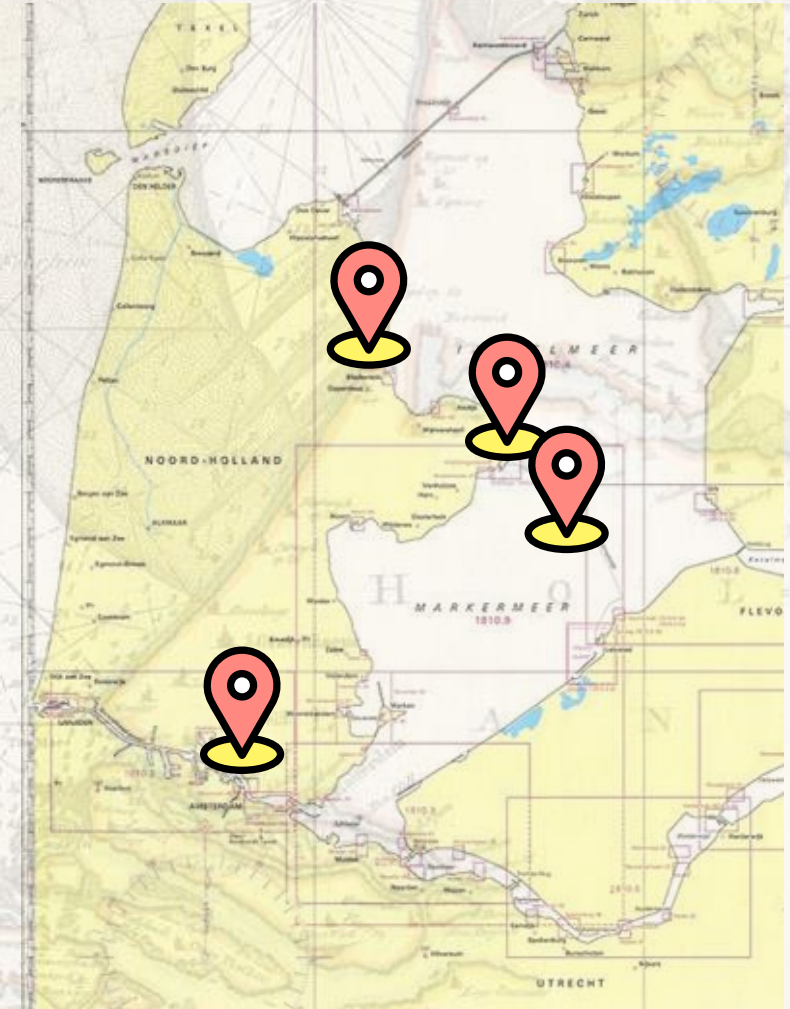
Fresh water lake

Maximum draught 3m

Entrance via locks

Historical cities

Good anchorage



Harbours IJsselmeer / Markermeer

Medemblik:

- Regatta centre

Enkhuizen:

- Visit the nautical college

Marker Wadden:

- Nice anchorage

Amsterdam

- City life



Nautical Publications

Charts:

1801: Northsea coast

1811: Waddenzee

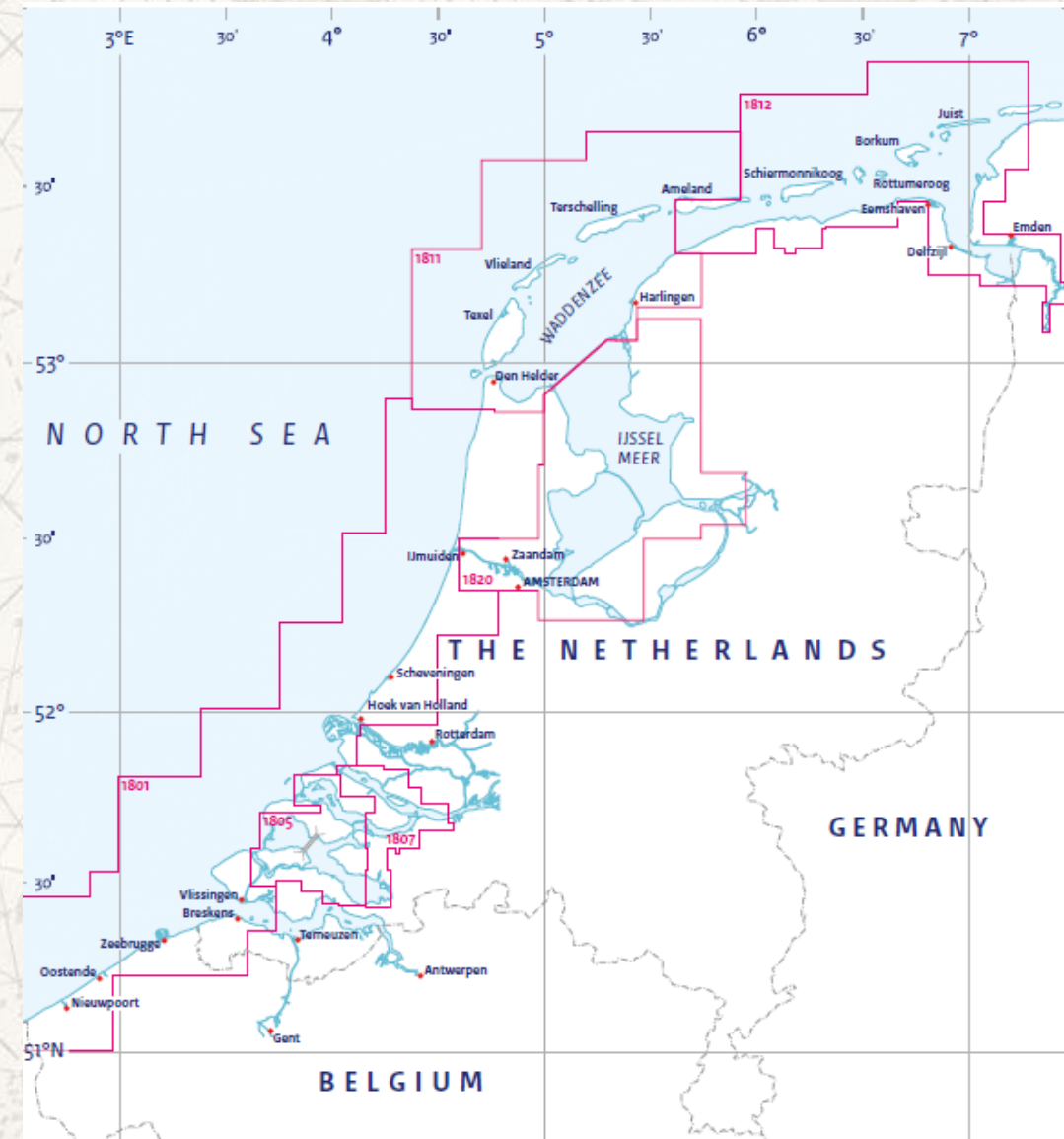
1820: IJsselmeer

HP1D: Netherlands Coast Pilot

(Free download)

HP33D: Tidal Stream atlas

(Free download)



Itinerary Class B/C/D

Monday 6 july: Harlingen → Enkhuizen

1130: departure Harlingen

1300 - 1400: passage lock Kornwederzand

1900: port visit Enkhuizen (race towards?)

Tuesday 7 july: Enkhuizen → Terneuzen

0900 - 1100: visit Nautical College

1200: departure Enkhuizen, spend time at sea. Focus on sailtraining!

Wednesday 8 july: Time at sea. Sailtraining!

Thursday 9 july: Terneuzen

1400: arrival

1500 - 1800: visit locks of Terneuzen

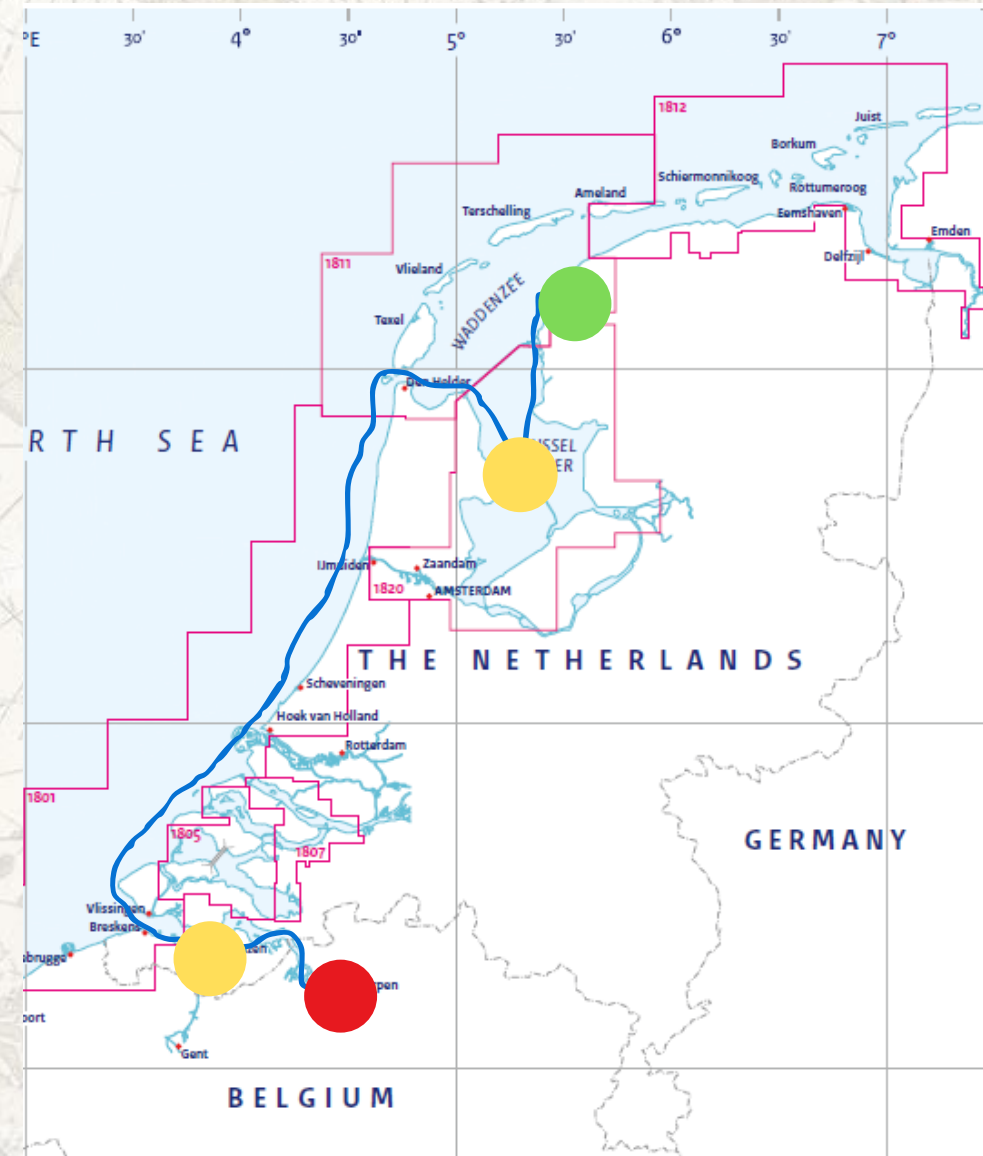
1900: BBQ

Friday 10 july: Terneuzen → Antwerp

0530: departure

1200: sail parade Antwerp

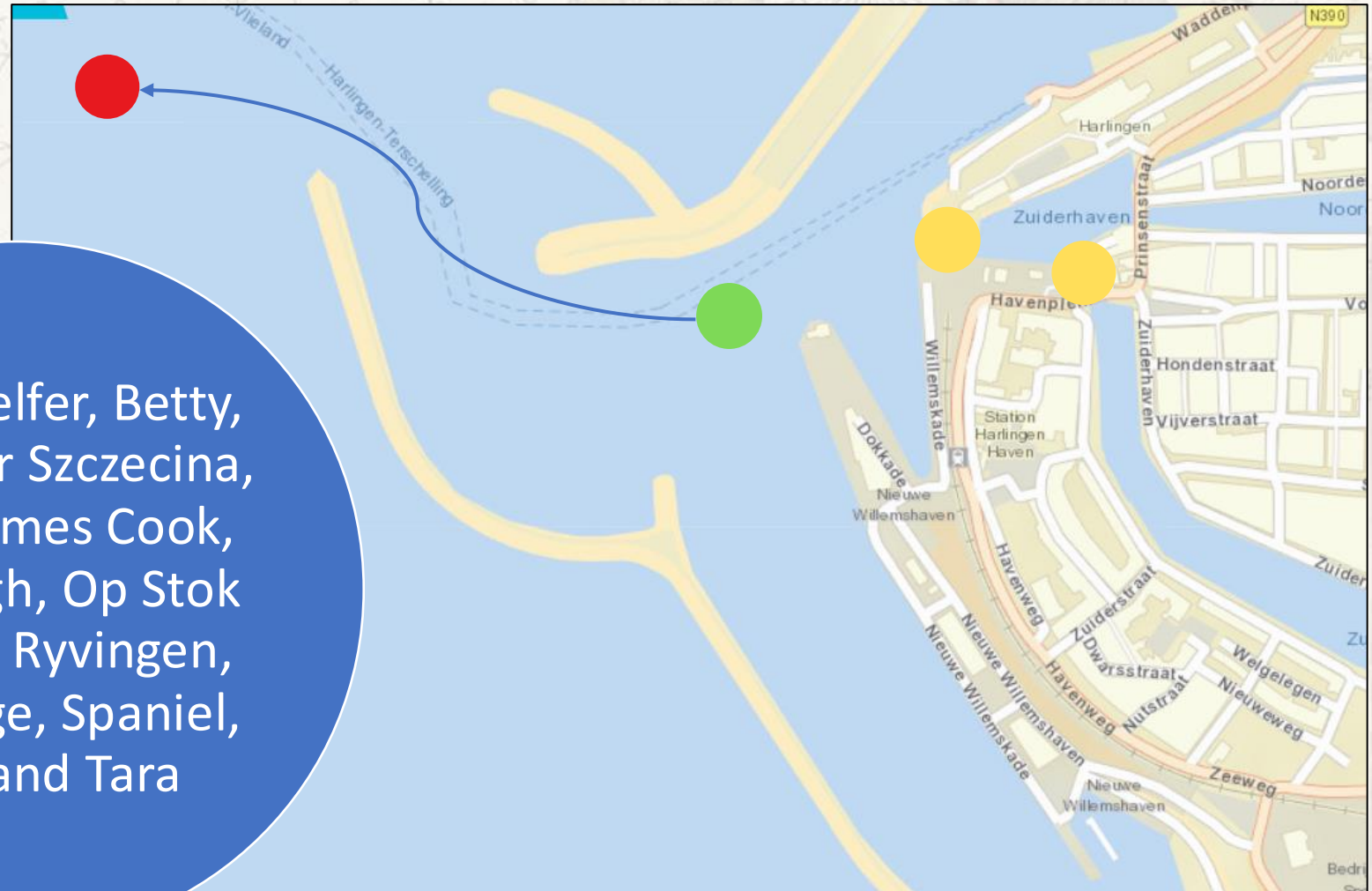
1320 - 1545: passage Kattendijksluis (lock)



Departure and Sail out Class B/C/D

- 1115 slip lines, move towards bridges
- 1125 bridges (2) open
- 1130 start parade
- Urania leads the parade

Aglaia, Belfer, Betty,
Cykas, Dar Szczecina,
Esprit, James Cook,
Jens Krogh, Op Stok
3, Rupel, Ryvingen,
Saefthinge, Spaniel,
Swan and Tara



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ARRIVAL TO ANTWERP

Werner Weijs – Harbour master



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ARRIVAL TO PORT

- Arrival procedures
- Berthing plan
- Ships servicing
- Contact details
- Good to know



ARRIVAL TO PORT

Arrival procedures

- Charts

Masters should ensure that their navigational charts and publications *are up to date and correct*.

All publications relevant for the approach and passage to Antwerp can be consulted through the Maritime Services and Coast Agency of the Flemish Government.

<https://www.agentschapmdk.be/en/publications>



ARRIVAL TO PORT

Arrival procedures

- Radio communication

All vessels shall comply with the applicable reporting procedures and maintain the required listening watch (block channels) within the VTS Scheldt area

VTS Scheldt – info brochure

<https://www.vts-scheldt.net/download/d9179614-6519-40f7-a706-313f74470d89?dl=1>



VTS Scheldt – procedures

<https://www.vts-scheldt.net/download/fc84998b-a7f2-417c-b0a6-c6e638ac2b2a?dl=1>



ARRIVAL TO PORT

- Radio communication

All TSR participating vessels must inform the correct channel when proceeding to their final position or berth.

- All communication with coordination TSR 2026 (port and ship to ship) will be on [VHF channel 69](#)
- When a pilot or tugboat is requested: a specific VHF-channel will be assigned by the pilot on board of the sailing ship



ARRIVAL TO PORT

Customs, Immigration and SafeSeaNet

- Captains are requested to make sure that formalities are completed in time:
 - A-class vessels:
 - through our dedicated ship agent Ruben Heylen (Navonus)
 - pre-arrival already send, please respond before departure at Harlingen.
 - Ship agent does formality using our local Antwerp Port Information and Control system (connected with SafeSeaNet).
 - Other vessels: directly to the relevant services for customs & immigration by email – details in Captains' Manual
- Attend immigration control if required
 - An exception was granted upon request of Antwerp City Port
 - Can take place at our Cruise Terminal, part of the event area.
 - 2 slots available on 11 July:
 - Main time slot: [09.00-10.00](#)
 - Late/exceptional time slot: 15.00-15.30
 - If not possible to attend, contact you LO for organization and transport to head office immigration



ARRIVAL TO PORT

Requested (one) TUG-boat:	Requested Pilot:
• Sörlandet (TBC)	• Sörlandet
• Statsraad Lehmkuhl	• Stadsraad Lehmkuhl
• Pascual Flores (TBC)	• Pascual Flores
	• Grossherzogin Elisabeth
	• Kapitan Glowacki
	• Vera Cruz
	• Fryderyk Chopin



SAIL-IN DETAILS

Group A

- S.S GULDEN LEEUW & ARTEMIS
 - Arrival at pontoon Lillo on 10/07 => embarking B2B passengers => berth on the river Scheldt.
 - Arrangements made directly with vessels.

Group B

- Berths on the river Scheldt.

Group C

- Berths in the inner harbour.
- Gathering and overnight at marina 'Terneuzen' on 09/07 evening - organization C in C.
- Under the lead of Jan Van Den Borne 'TS Rupel' - sailing to Antwerp on 10/07 in the morning.
- Arrival to the Kattendijklock – port organized a dedicated lock for the Tall Ships at 13:00 on the 10/07.



ARRIVAL TO PORT

Arrival procedure **Group B:** Quays river Scheldt including the Cruise Pontoon

11 A-class ships

- EENDRACHT - FRYDERYK CHOPIN - GROSSHERZOGIN ELISABETH - MORGENSTER - POGORIA - SORLANDET - STATSRAAD LEHMKUHL - THALASSA - WYLDE SWAN - ARTEMIS - GULDEN LEEUW

3 B-class ships

- PASCUAL FLORES - KAPITAN BORCHARDT - VERA CRUZ



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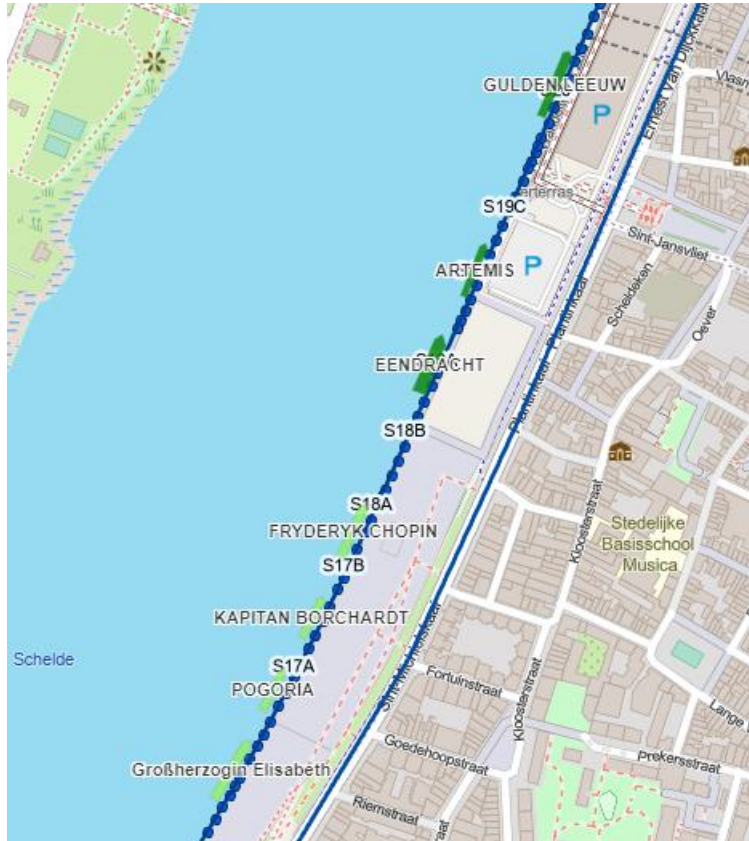
Group A/B

Cruise pontoon:

- The Cruise Pontoon on the River Scheldt is a floating pontoon: tidal range does not apply there.
- Fixed fendering - 1,5m distance from pontoon – freeboard pontoon 1,0m.
- Own gangway.
- Line handlers provided when mooring.
- The port and organization prefer mooring starboard side.



ARRIVAL TO PORT



Group A/B

Quays river Scheldt (Ernest Van Dijck-, Plantin- & Sint-Michielskaai):

- Tidal difference up to 5m.
- Wooden fendering spaced every 15-20 meters.
- All ships requested gangway, organization TSR handling the safe connection with the landside.
- Line handlers provided when mooring.
- The port and organization prefer mooring starboard side.



ARRIVAL TO PORT



Group A/B

Quays river Scheldt (De Gerlachekaai & Ledeganckkaai):

- Tidal difference 5m.
- Wooden fendering spaced every 15- 20 meters.
- All ships requested gangway, organization TSR handling the safe connection with the landside.
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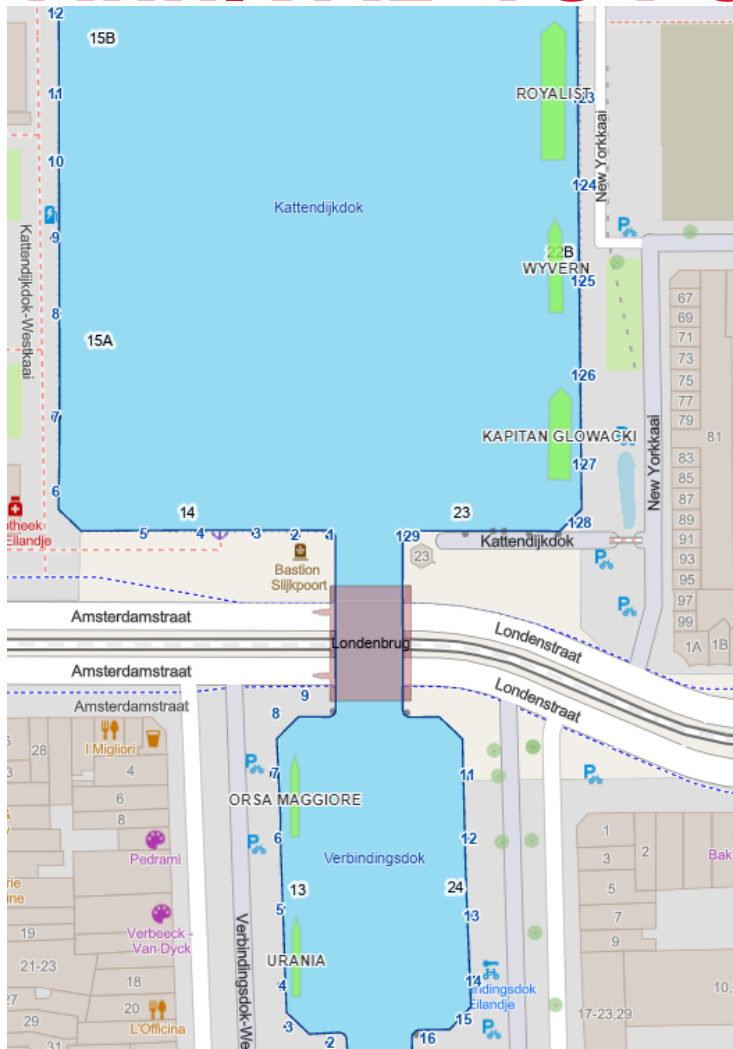
ARRIVAL TO PORT

Arrival procedure **Group C**: inner harbour (Kattendijkdok / Verbindingsdok)

- 2 A-class ships: Royalist – Kapitan Glowacki
- 8 B-class: WYVERN – MILPAT – SWAN – RUPEL – JENS KROCH – CHRISTIANA – BETTY – AGLAIA
- 7 C-class: BELFER – CYKAS – DAR SZCZECINA – JAMES COOK – ROZTOCZE – SAEFTHINGE – SPANIEL
- 4 D-class: URANIA – ORSA MAGGIORE – TARA – OP STOK 3
- Assigned lockage Kattendijk tidal lock: **10/07 at 13:00** – coordination by Antwerp City Port.
 - Lock authority granted permission for all 21 Tall ships for the inner harbour to transit the lock in a single lockage.
 - Londenbridge and Nassaubridge will be opened to ensure smooth and safe passage to the berths.
- Other passages through Kattendijk tidal lock will be handled as usual.
 - further information → ship agent Ruben Heylen (Navonus) or CLO Klaas De Hert.



ARRIVAL TO PORT



Group C

Inner harbour (Kattendijkdok / Verbindingsdok)

- Own gangway.
- Line handlers provided when mooring.
- The docks in the central area have a fixed level of approximately 4.20 m TAW with a maximum oscillation of 0.35 m.



Group C

Inner harbor

- Pontoon meter.
- North side
- South side swimming

Inner harbour (Willemdok / Bonapartedok)

- Pontoon Bonapartedok freeboard 0,5 meter.
- North side gate, access to the ships.
- South side recreational zone (public swimming).

BERTHING PLAN (summary)

An interactive berth plan is available to participating vessels. This live chart supports real-time berth planning and ad hoc updates. Berthing allocations are determined based on operational parameters.



SHIPS SERVICING

All in port facilities will be provided and details are provided in the Captains' Manual:

- Fuel - bunkering ship to ship, except for ships inner harbour - truck to ship.
- Fresh water – provided by local supplier Water-Link.
- Electricity – provided by local supplier Equans for inner harbour and ships alongside the river can use their own generator.
- Waste islands in the event zones.

- All information is requested via the log rec or by email.
- The necessary arrangements will be made, based on the details provided.
- For any questions, please contact our ship agent (A-class vessels) or CLO (other vessels).

Nautical supplies and services :

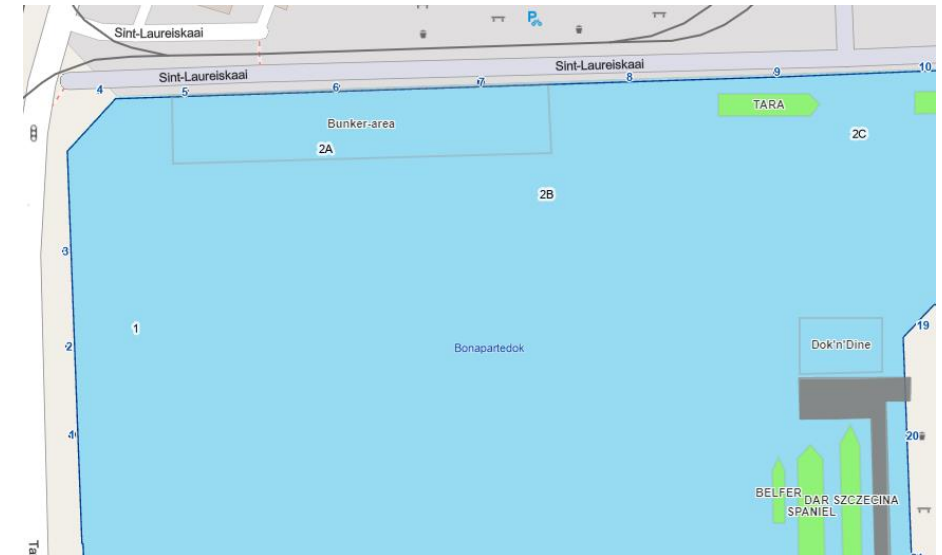
Please direct your question to your LO. The LO's maintain a list of local suppliers and service providers for a range of nautical and operational needs.



SHIPS SERVICING

Important notice regarding bunkering

- All vessels of **Group C** proceed to their dedicated berth in the inner harbour.
- For vessels berthed in Bonapartedock, a dedicated bunkering area (truck to ship) will be created in the north-western section.
- Time slots for bunkering will be provided:
 - 10 July (evening)
 - 11 July (morning)



CONTACT DETAILS

Pre-arrival to port:

A-class ships

- Ship Agent: Navonus – Ruben Heylen
Mail: tallships@navonus.be
Office: +32 3 535 01 89
Mobile: +32 497 89 12 88

B-, C- and D-class ships

- CLO: Antwerp City Port - Klaas De Hert
Mail: liaisonoffice@antwerpen.be
Mobile: +32 471 76 72 33



CONTACT DETAILS

In port:

Team Antwerp (general)	<i>Zuiderpershuis</i> Timmerwerfstraat 40 2000 Antwerpen +32 485 92 26 64	
Harbour office	Antwerpen Cityport +32 3 338 93 14 Stadshaven@antwerpen.be Harbourmaster: Werner Weijts	
Liaison Office	Liaison Office +32 3 338 95 14 <i>Liaisonoffice@antwerpen.be</i> Chief Liaison Officer: Klaas De Hert	
Emergency telephones	Police 101 Fire 112 Ambulance 112	



GOOD TO KNOW

Captains' Dinner (11/07 @ Handelsbeurs Antwerp)

Program:

- 6:30 p.m.: Arrival and reception
- 7:30 p.m.: Official welcome
- 7:45 p.m.: Dinner
- 11:00 p.m.: Scheduled end

Transport provided:

Shuttle bus pick-up location:

- Antwerp North: Hanzestedensplaats, near Van Schoonbekeplein
- Antwerp South: bus parking near Cockerillkaai 20
 - 6:00 p.m. meeting point – 6:15 p.m. departure

Invite has been sent out – register by Monday, July 6, the latest!



GOOD TO KNOW

Crew Activities

- Discover Antwerp:
 - Where: Selected Antwerp Musea
 - When: 10/07 - 14/07
 - Free entrance
 - Access: Bracelet or online registration (as from 09/07)
- Take a swim in between the tall ships:
 - Where: Bonapartedok Antwerp
 - When: 10/07
 - Hours: Timeslots of 30 min between 13:00 - 14:30
 - Free entrance
 - Access: Online registration form (reserved access only) - **deadline registration: 10/7 @ 17:00**
- Sport & Games competition:
 - Where: Basketball courts 'Events Area South' (at the height of Sint-Michielskaai)
 - When: 12/07
 - Hours: 10:00 - 13:00
 - Free entrance
 - Access: **team registration in advance** - scan QR-code



GOOD TO KNOW

Crew & Trainees Centre

- Where: Het Steen (Steenplein 1, 2000 Antwerp - Cruiseterminal
- Dates: 11/07 - 13/07
- Hours: 10:00 - 20:00
- Luggage drop, hang-out space crew, laundry service
- Laundry Service:
 - Drop off: 11/07 - between 10:00 - 15:00
 - Pick up: 13/07 - between 16:00 - 20:00



Crew Parade

- Date: Sunday 12/07
- Start: Waterpoort, Kasteelstraat 2, 2000 Antwerp
- End: Front stage 'Events Area South'
- Hours:
 - Crew parade: 14:30 - 15:45 (estimation)
 - Price giving ceremony: 16:00 - 17:00



GOOD TO KNOW

Crew Party

- Where: Steenplein, 2000 Antwerp - Ernest Van Dijckkaai (see att.)
- When: Sunday 12/07
- Hours: 19:00 - 23:00
- Access: Crew & Trainees bracelet
- Food, drinks, music, fireworks

Tall Ships Parade

- Organized again for the first time in 10 years
- Will take place at 14/07 at high tide, starting at 16:30 and proceeding from south to north
- More details via the Captains' Briefing in Antwerpen on Monday 13th July 2026 at 15.00



GOOD TO KNOW

Captains' Briefing (13/07 @ Antwerp Maritime Academy)

Program:

- 3:15 p.m.: meeting point transport
- 4.00 p.m.: start briefing

Transport provided:

Your Liaison Officer will pick you up at your ship and escort you to the shuttle bus pick-up location.

- Antwerp North: Hanzestedensplaats, near Van Schoonbekeplein
- Antwerp South: bus parking near Cockerillkaai 20
 - 3:15 p.m. meeting point – 3:30 p.m. departure



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DETAILS  MATTER



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The Tall Ships Races Trainee Feedback Questionnaire 2026



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Complete our online survey for a chance to win some epic prizes!



plus...

A FREE Voyage
during The Tall Ships Races
2027



HAVE YOUR SAY!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO FILL OUT THE FORM AFTER COMPLETING YOUR VOYAGE

DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION: 31ST AUGUST 2026

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CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF THE TALL SHIPS RACES

**Sail Training International
request the pleasure of your company at our celebratory reception.**

Join us for drinks and light bites to commemorate this very special occasion.

Friday 24th July 2026

18:30h - 20:30h

***Aboard Stiftelsen Fullriggeren Sørlandet
Stavanger Quayside***

Kindly be advised that this invitation is for the Captain only. Access on board will be granted solely to individuals who have personally received this invitation.

ANNUAL AWARDS

The award categories are:

1. Lifetime Achievement Award
2. Sail Training Organisation of the Year - Small vessel
3. Sail Training Organisation of the Year - Large vessel
4. Young Sail Trainer of the Year - under 25
5. Sail Trainer of the Year - over 25
6. Young Sail Training Volunteer of the Year - under 25
7. Sail Training Volunteer of the Year - over 25

The winners are selected by the Sail Training International Awards Committee and will be announced in November 2026.

If you would like to submit a nomination, please complete the form here:

<https://sailtraininginternational.org/sail-training-international-annual-awards-2026-nominations/>

A huge thank you in advance for taking the time to recognise excellence within our community. We very much look forward to receiving your nominations by the deadline of 31st October 2026.



THANK YOU



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