SAFETY FLASH 23-80:

Voyage planning - prevent wheelhouse/bridge collisions



Before a trip is carried out, a planning must be made. To prevent collisions between the wheelhouse and bridge, you should take into account the draft and height of the waterway in advance.

GOOD PRACTICE

- When accepting the trip, take into account the (changing) waterway conditions. Such as weather conditions, water level, current direction and -strength.
- Provide ample planning so that any delays can be accommodated.
- √ Check whether there are (temporary) restrictions on the shipping route. Consider, for example, height and depth.
- V Being familiar with the actual dimensions of the ship.
- Before the journey starts, test whether the (full) lowering of the wheelhouse, including the emergency system, works properly.





BAD PRACTICE

- X Accepting a voyage without knowing or inquiring about fairway conditions.
- X Making too tight a schedule where there is no room for any delays. This can cause unnecessary stress.
- X Not investigating (temporary) limitations.
- X Being unfamiliar with the dimensions of the ship.
- X Not testing the possible lowering of the wheelhouse.





Maas

- Scheepsdiepgang verminderd met 50 cm zuidkolk Prinses Maxima Sluizen tnb
- Stremm Noordkolk Pr Maxima Sluizen 29 mrt 08:00-14:00
- Stremming Sluis Grave 6 apr 08:00-12:00,13:00-16:00
- Stremming zuidkolk Prinses Maxima Sluizen tnb



ACTION QUESTIONS

- Are there places where a front lookout is required?
- Am I sure about the dimensions of the artworks on the sailing route?
- Who can I contact to discuss this? Think of official bodies, charterers' own network.
- Do I know the correct dimensions of my ship?
- How long does it take to fully lower the wheelhouse?

