

SAFETY FLASH 25-112: MANEUVERABILITY OF SEAGOING SHIPS COMPARED TO INLAND BARGES

Points of attention for inland barges for sharing the waterway with seagoing ships.

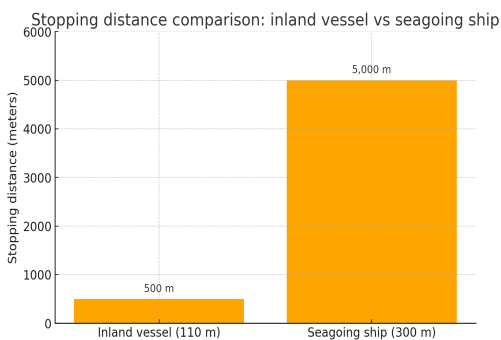
GOOD PRACTICE

- Please note that the braking distance of a seagoing ship is many times greater than that of an inland barge.
- What a wide waterway is for you, is narrow for someone else. Therefore, give sufficient space..
- Align intentions to avoid unexpected maneuvers.
- Take weaving into account. Avoid overtaking seagoing ships in bends.
- Take into account any tugboats.
- Seagoing ships must maintain speed to remain controllable, anticipate this in good time.



BAD PRACTICE

- x Cross quickly, or enter or leave a harbour in front of a seagoing ship.
- x Assuming that the seagoing ship can stop as quickly as an inland barge.
- x Keeping to the center of the waterway when encountering or being overtaken.
- x Overestimating maneuverability when encountering suction.
- x Making decisions based on time pressure instead of safety.



ACTION QUESTIONS

- Do you know when you are visible from the bridge of the seagoing ship?
- Did i take enough distance and time to prevent unexpected situations?

