

**Inland and seagoing vessels share the space on the waterway, but they do not have the same view. Don't take any risks and make sure you are seen.**

### GOOD PRACTICE

- Be aware of the difference in the blind spot between a seagoing vessel and an inland vessel and the distance covered by this blind spot.
- A seagoing vessel doesn't have 360-degree visibility. If you can't see the vessel's navigation bridge (clearly) from the wheelhouse, the captain/pilot won't see you either.
- Actively take into account the height of the navigation bridge, superstructure and the loading of the other vessel.
- Use radar, AIS and ECDIS as a supplement to visual vision and communicate.
- Use appropriate lighting and signalling in poor visibility (dusk, rain, fog)..
- Assume that the other person may not see you (or not see you well). Adjust your speed when visibility is poor or there is uncertainty, sail defensively and maintain a safe distance.
- Be extra alert to see whether others can see you in bends, harbors and narrow waterways.
- If visibility or the situation is unclear, contact the traffic control; they have an overview of the entire waterway.



### BAD PRACTICE

- x Assume that you are always visible from the other vessel.
- x Continuing to sail in the blind spot of a seagoing vessel.
- x Sailing too close to a seagoing vessel (due to suction).
- x Assuming that a high sea-going vessel has a better overview than a low inland vessel.
- x Initiating manoeuvres without first contacting the vessel or the traffic control to find out whether you have been seen and whether the vessel itself will soon initiate a manoeuvre.
- x Not looking back to see if a seagoing vessel is approaching.
- x Assuming that AIS-information means that you are being observed visually.



### ACTION QUESTIONS

- How would you change your position if you were standing on the bridge of a seagoing vessel?
- In what situations did you rely more on AIS than on your own observations?
- What can you see clearly from your bridge, what others may not see?
- Do you make your intentions sufficiently clear through the available communication channels?

