

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

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Warning: Ships may experience a possible transverse offset when entering the IJmuiden Middle Lock or North Lock from the west

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

Recent reports state that ships approaching the IJmuiden Middle Lock and the IJmuiden North Lock from the west have occasionally been offset to the north or the south just before entering the lock. This could probably be caused by the asymmetry of the outer approach channels to the Middle Lock and the North Lock as a result of the removal of the western part of the Middle Lock Island.

All ships are therefore urgently advised to take this possible offset into account when entering the lock in question.

Ships that have experienced this offset in the outer approach channel to the Middle Lock or in the outer approach channel to the North Lock are requested to report this on VHF 22, 'IJmuiden Locks'. These reports will contribute to the collection of data concerning the prevailing conditions that contribute to the cause of this offset or cross-current. Together with Rijkswaterstaat, we are investigating the possible cause of this phenomenon.

Should you have any questions about this Announcement, please contact the Duty Operations Manager at the following telephone number: +31 205 234 692.

The Director of the Central Nautical Management North Sea Canal Area, who is also the (State) Harbour Master,

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