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Subject: Decree prohibited ships in harbour basins

The Director of the Central Nautical Management North Sea Canal Area announces the following:

Certain types of ships navigating in harbour basins, which are used by commercial shipping could lead to dangerous situations. The types of ships referred to above are passenger ships, pleasure craft and sailing ships. For this reason, these types of ships are prohibited from being in certain harbour basins.

An entry prohibition has been laid down in CNB Decree 2019/61. This Decree contains an omission. In this Decree, the designation of the Nieuwe Houthaven, the Houthaven, the Oude Houthaven and the IJ-Haven has been omitted. The purpose of the present Decree is to repair this.

The Regional Port Bye-laws for the North Sea Canal Area 2019 define what is meant by recreational craft and a passenger ships. Passenger ships also include ships of the so-called brown fleet (sailing charters) and harbour cruise ships.

Part II. contains separate regulations for recreational craft and passenger ships because for this category of ships, different regulations apply for different harbour basins. A prohibitory regulation has been chosen. In the harbour basins, all ships are permitted except passenger ships, even if there are less than 12 passengers on board (this is an extension of the definition laid down in the Regional Port Bye-laws for the North Sea Canal Area 2012), and recreational craft. This prohibition does not apply in the Houthaven and the IJ-Haven. Thus, passenger ships including ships of "bruine vloot" (the so-called "brown fleet" underway to their designated berths) and recreational craft are also permitted to navigate these harbour basins.

Ships propelled by sail only are prohibited from navigating in all harbour basins.

A separate regulation has been included for passenger ships. The reason for this is that passenger ships have to go to specially designated berths, such as in the Coenhaven (river cruise), or the Westhaven (sea cruise). In the Decree, article II, paragraph b, therefore contains an exception for berths which have not yet been designated, but may be designated in the future.

If the Director of the CNB also designates other berths intended for passenger ships or recreational craft in harbour basins, the prohibition will not apply to these ships when they are underway to these berths.

The Decree can be found at:

https://www.portofamsterdam.com/nl/view-decrees?term_node_tid_depth=73

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