

ANNOUNCEMENT TO SHIPPING IJmond North Sea Canal Area Central Nautical Management

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Subject: Transition from NAP to LAT in the outer harbours of IJmuiden

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

In the interest of maritime safety, the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) is working on standards for the publication of nautical information products.

One of these standards concerns the chart datum relative to which depth data is published. In the outer harbours of IJmuiden (all tidal waters), this standard for depth data will be changed from local Normaal Amsterdams Peil (NAP) into the international Lowest Astronomical Tide (LAT).

As of 1 July 2025 at 12:00LT hours, the reference level LAT will be used in the outer harbours of IJmuiden. Depth data will be published relative to LAT. Water levels will also be provided relative to LAT from that date onward.

During lock operations and sluice control, the chart datum NAP will continue to be used. Chart datum for the North Sea Channel and harbours an channels in open connection will remain NAP

In nautical charts, depths are already referenced to LAT. From 1 July 2025, Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs) will also display depths relative to LAT. In the outer harbours of IJmuiden, on 1 July 2025, LAT lies 1.03 metres below NAP.

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

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