

ANNOUNCEMENT TO SHIPPING
IJmond North Sea Canal Area
Central Nautical Management

Basijn nr 2026/35

IJmuiden, 27 augustus 2026

Subject: Pilotage location and recommended anchorage areas

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

This Announcement amends Announcement 2026/28 dated 23 July 2026 and supersedes that Announcement.

Pilotage location

The pilotage location shown on the nautical charts is situated at position 52°28.90' N 004° 23.5' E, in the centre of the leading lights, north of the IJM C buoy.

During storm pilotage, where vessels with a draught of up to and including 14.10 metres¹ are piloted by helicopter, this takes place at position 52°28.1' N 04°14.0' E.

Minimum distance for pilotage of vessels

Vessels with a draught of < 8,0 metres must be piloted at least 3 miles west of the IJmuiden piers.

Vessels with a draught of 8,0 metres – 10,0 metres must be piloted at least 4 miles west of the IJmuiden piers.

Vessels with a draught of 10,0 metres – 13,10 metres must be piloted at least 6 miles west of the IJmuiden piers.

Vessels with a draught of 13,10 metres up to and including 14,10 metres must be piloted at least 8 miles west of the IJmuiden piers.

¹ All draughts mentioned in this Announcement refer to the draught measured in salt water with a specific gravity of 1.025 tonnes/m³.

Vessels with a draught of >14.10 metres up to ≤ 17.80 metres bound for IJmuiden are restricted to the IJ Channel in accordance with the channel protocol² and must be within the IJ Channel Approach Area, to the west of the IJmuiden Crossing precautionary area. The pilot boarding location indicated on the nautical charts is located at position 52°29.4'N 03°47.4'E.

Recommended anchorage areas

There are three recommended anchorage areas managed by the Central Nautical Management:

Anchorage area 6, sections A, B, C, for vessels > 14.10 metres ≤ 17.80 metres.

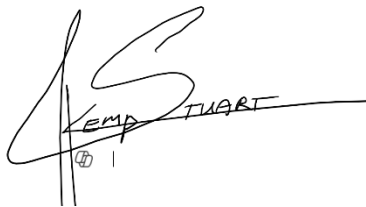
Anchorage area 7, for incoming vessels ≤ 14.10 metres.

Anchorage area 8 for outgoing vessels up to ≤ 14.10 metres (13.10 metres – 14.10 metres in the western part of anchorage area 8).

The positions of the aforementioned anchorage areas can be found on the nautical charts.

If you have any questions regarding this Announcement, please contact the Duty Operations Manager on +31(0)20-5234692.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KEMP STUART', with a small circular stamp or mark below the signature.

Stuart Kemp

² As set out in the IJ Channel and Deep Water Berths Admission Policy and the IJ Channel Tijpoort Regulations.