

## **Enforcement policy for charter shipping at Port of Amsterdam**

This enforcement policy applies to both sailboat and motor vessel chartering. Sailboat charter vessels have berths at the Pontsteiger (ferry landing) and motor charter vessels have berths at the Veemkade in IJhaven. Both berths are located in a residential area and the nuisance this causes makes them difficult to maintain in their current form.

The enforcement policy involves a system of fictitious yellow and red cards. Since this system is also used in other charter ports, it will not be entirely unfamiliar to the boatmasters. This has been discussed with the interest group BBZ with a view to introducing a similar system for the berths in Amsterdam.

This system achieves two results:

1. To show residents and the city council that the Harbour Master's Division actively takes measures within its authority to prevent any nuisance being caused by charter vessels in residential areas. This has also been promised to residents.
2. To send a clear signal to the charter vessels so that the boatmasters take their responsibility regarding their passengers. (It is expected that this will be such a clear signal that a red card will rarely or never be given. Not least because the berths in Amsterdam are attractive and being able to use them is very valuable to the boatmasters.)

All complaints or incidents involving charter vessels are discussed by an internal committee of Port of Amsterdam. This committee decides whether the vessel is given a yellow or a red card. This approach ensures that the matter is objectively and reasonably considered before giving a card. Formally, the committee will advise the Harbour Master and the Harbour Master will give the card and a berthing prohibition in accordance with the Port Regulation may follow (*Article "A prohibition to enter the port/occupy a berth or other measures for causing serious nuisance"*)

The committee is responsible for keeping records of which vessels have received a card.



## Cards

Yellow card: A yellow card is a formal warning that remains valid for a period of six months during the recreational boating season. The boating season runs from 15 March to 15 October. The period outside the boating season is not counted.

Red card: Two yellow cards in the boating season are followed by a red card. This entails exclusion from use of the Pontsteiger or Veemkade for one month. This is made legally possible through the authority referred to in Article 4.7 of the Regional Port Regulation for the North Sea Canal Area 2012 or the relevant article of the new Port Regulation.

If a vessel berths at the Pontsteiger/Veemkade during this period, or receives a card due to another incident, the third yellow card immediately follows.

In the event of serious nuisance being caused, the committee may decide to advise the Harbour Master to issue a red card immediately.

Exclusion: Three yellow cards or a red plus one yellow card means exclusion from the Pontsteiger or Veemkade for six months, not counting the winter period.

After the winter season we continue counting where we left off on 15 October.

The vessel is therefore not welcome at the Pontsteiger or Veemkade for six months during the boating season.