

# PORT INFORMATION GUIDE

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**Port of  
Antwerp  
Bruges**



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## Changes

Version	Rev.	Date	Change	Remarks
2023	0	2023-04	Initial version	None
2024	1	2023-12	New version	None
2026	2	2026-01	Contact information PoAB	None

## GENERAL PORT INFORMATION

### General information

This Port Information Guide has been written for Masters of seagoing vessels, shipping agents, shipping lines, publishers of nautical information and any other party that needs information regarding the Port of Antwerp-Bruges (platform Zeebrugge).

The Port of Antwerp-Bruges (platform Zeebrugge) provides facilities for cargo handling, storage, and distribution.

The Port of Antwerp-Bruges (platform Zeebrugge) is a strategically located multi-modal transfer platform, from where the transshipment of cargo destined for other European countries is accomplished by feeder services, inland vessels, railway or trucks.

The Port of Antwerp-Bruges (platform Zeebrugge) is well equipped for handling RORO cargo, containers, bulk cargo, general cargo, fruit, refrigerated cargo, LNG carriers and others. Furthermore, the number of cruises visiting Antwerp-Bruges keeps increasing.

For more information on the Port of Antwerp-Bruges, visit the website <http://portofantwerpbruges.com/en>

### Developments

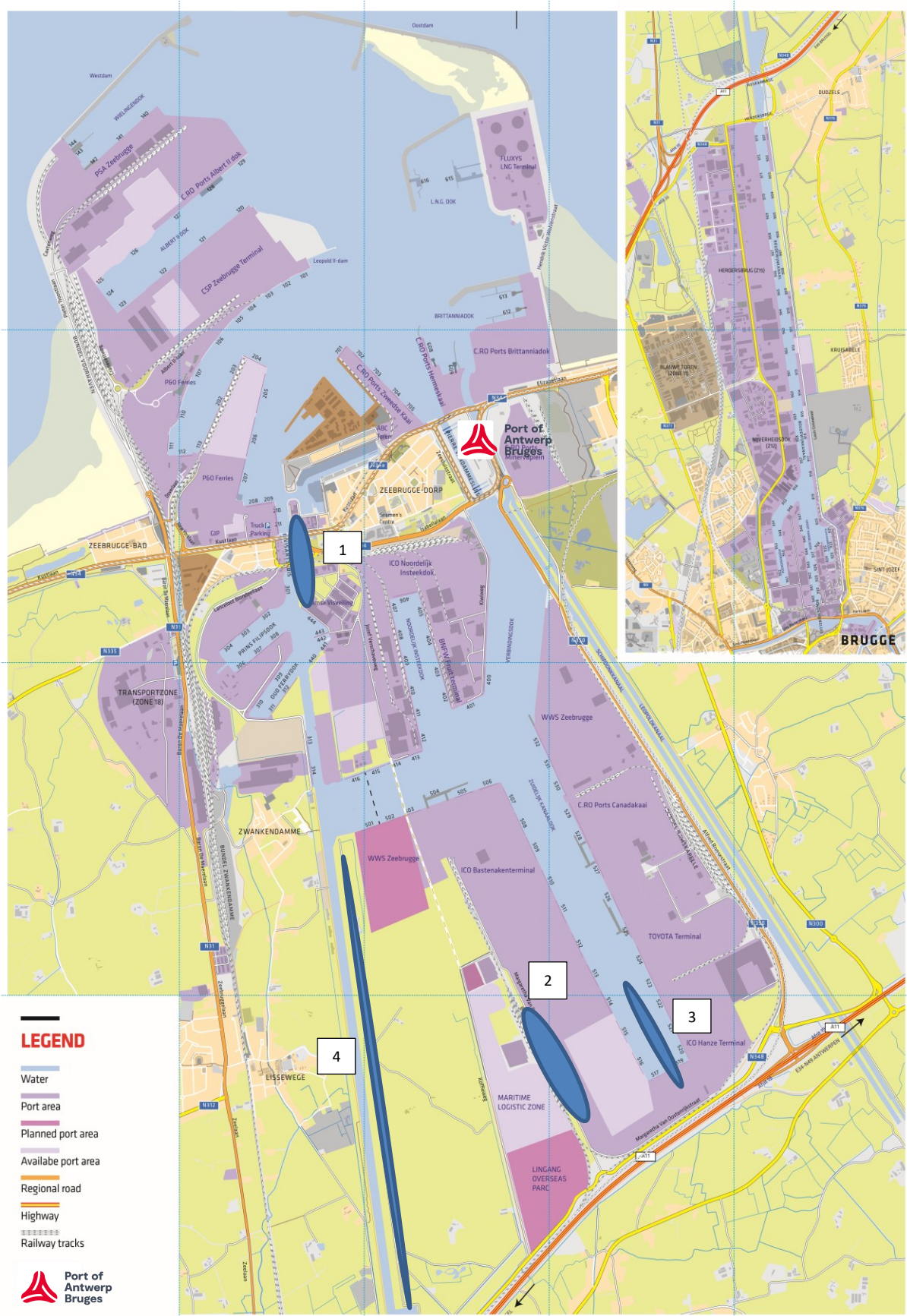
Recent developments:

1. Construction of new bridge in the Connection Dock and demolition of the old Zwankendamme bridge
2. Renovation of jetty 415 in the Connection Dock
3. New jetty of 56m in the Wielingendock, extension of berth 140
4. Renewal jetty 609 in the Britanniadock
5. New fenders to accommodate 2 x 333m cruise vessels implementation planned in 2024
6. New boulders to accommodate 2 x 333m cruise vessels implementation planned in 2024 (works in progress)
7. New drone software (Unifly)
8. Dredging works in front of the new quay wall (513-516) in the Southern Inlet Dock

Pending developments (see map below):

1. Study (Flemish Government) for an additional large sea lock
2. Expansion of Maritime Logistic Zone in inner port
3. New quay wall of 400m in the Southwestern part of the Connection Dock
4. Maintenance dredging works of the Boudewijn Canal till -5,08m relative to TAW.

Location of Port of Zeebrugge



• Latitude: 51°20'N

- Longitude: 003°13'E
- Country Code: BE
- UN Location Code: BEZEE (Port of Zeebrugge) and BEBGS (Port of Bruges)
- Location Description: The Port of Zeebrugge is situated along the Belgian Coast and makes the connection between the North Sea and the canal Ghent-Ostend, 22,50km West off the Scheldt Estuary

### Limits description

The nautical supervision of the Port of Zeebrugge Authority covers the area from the outer breakwaters to the Northern side of the Boudewijn Lock, which connects the port area with the City of Bruges and inland waterways.

### ISPS level

- ISPS Security Level: 1
- Qualifying Remarks: n/a

### Load line

From November 1<sup>st</sup> until March 31<sup>st</sup>: Winter North Atlantic Seasonal Zone II.

From April 1<sup>st</sup> until October 31<sup>st</sup>: Summer North Atlantic Seasonal Zone II.

### Maximum vessel sizes

#### • Outer Port

- Maximum length: n/a
- Maximum beam: n/a
- Maximum draught: Maximum draught in the outer port depends on actual tidal levels and UKC requirements. For more information about the maintained depths & draughts, see Port Section Guide, Section 5.1 Draughts & depths Outer Port.
- Maximum air draught: n/a
- Supplementary information: n/a

#### • Inner Port

- Maximum length: Length of P. Vandamme Lock = 500,00m
- Maximum beam: Width of P. Vandamme Lock = 54,66m between the fenders if the BOA of a vessel exceeds 40,00m, contact the Port Authority
- Maximum draught: For more information about the maintained depths & draughts, see Port Section Guide, Section 5.2 Draughts & depths Inner Port & Bruges & also Notices to Mariners named "Safe draught – Berths in the inner port, along the Boudewijn Canal and Bruges" which you can find on our website [Nautical messages Bruges](#)
- Maximum air draught: n/a

- Supplementary information: n/a

**Remark: the maximum dimensions are not really determined, it depends from berth to berth and ships characteristics!**

- ◆ **Boudewijn Canal**

- Maximum length: 130,00m
- Maximum beam: 22,00m
- Safe draught (not always guaranteed):
  - North of the Verbindingsdok:
    - 6,50m for vessels with a breadth until 17,50m
    - 6,35m for vessels with a breadth of more than 17,50m
  - South of the Verbindingsdok:
    - 6,35m for vessels with a breadth until 17,50m
    - 5,95m for vessels with a breadth of more than 17,50m
- For more information about the safe draught on the Boudewijn Canal, also see Notices to Mariners named “Boudewijn Canal – safe draught” which you can find on our website [Nautical messages Bruges](#)
- Maximum air draught: n/a
- Supplementary information: n/a

- **Oversized vessel**

An oversized vessel calling the Port of Zeebrugge has a LOA of over 169,27m and/or a draught greater than 8,00m. Small LNG tankers with a LOA<200,00m (often used for bunkering activities) are also categorized as an oversized vessel in the approach channel to Zeebrugge (the Pas van het Zand). All other vessels have to give way to an oversized vessel when showing the required navigation lights or day marks.

- **Restrictions**

Ships approaching or leaving the Port of Zeebrugge may have a tidal window depending on the depth at the quay or in the locks, the tide and the required UKC.

A calculated predicted sailing window for container vessels with different drafts or LNG-vessels with different drafts can be found on [ZEDIS - Ships \(portofzeebrugge.be\)](#) (go to “General lists” and choose “Arrivals/Departures LNG Vessels” or “Arrivals/Departures Large container Vessels”). For more information contact the Port Authority or the coastal pilotage – DAB Loodswezen.

Vessels with a LOA more than 300,00m are subjected to Nautical Recommendation. Detailed information about these restrictions can be found on [ZEDIS](#).

There are nautical rules for LNG carriers as well, this document is called “Nautical Control Measures LNG” and can be found on [ZEDIS](#).

In specific cases, special restrictions are in force, for example for special projects. For online updates of restrictions, visit the website: [Nautical messages Bruges](#) or consult the Notices to Mariners.

## Time Zone

- Standard Time: UTC/GMT +1
- Daylight Saving Time: + 1hr (UTC/GMT +2)
- DST Start: Night of last Saturday on Sunday in March
- DST End: Night of last Saturday on Sunday in October

## Local holidays

The Port of Antwerp-Bruges is operational 24/7 days. For a list of the holidays in Belgium, visit the website: <http://www.officeholidays.com/countries/belgium/index.php>.

## Working hours

- Working Day: Monday-Friday
- Start Time: 8:00
- End Time: 22:00
- Remark: Office available until 22:00

## Cargo

Figures of the year 2022 for Port of Antwerp-Bruges

- Cargo Type: Container
- Weight of Goods: 145.283.482 Tonnes
- Supplementary Information: n/a
- Cargo Type: Roro
- Weight of Goods: 21.470.123 Tonnes
- Supplementary Information: n/a
- Cargo Type: Liquid bulk
- Weight of Goods: 90.658.851 Tonnes
- Supplementary Information: n/a
- Cargo Type: Dry bulk
- Weight of Goods: 17.225.380 Tonnes
- Supplementary Information: n/a
- Cargo Type: General cargo
- Weight of Goods: 179.082.777 Tonnes
- Supplementary Information: n/a
- Cargo Type: Car carriers
- Number of Goods: 3.265.551 new cars
- Supplementary Information: n/a
- Cargo Type: Cruise and Ferry passengers
- Number of Passengers: 548.188 passengers
- Supplementary Information: n/a

More information is available via following link: [Where can I find facts, figures and statistics about the port? | Port of Antwerp-Bruges \(portofantwerpbruges.com\)](#)

## Charts & Publications

- Name: Dover Strait to Westerschelde
- Identifier: BA2449
- Publisher: UKHO
- Name: Dunkerque to Vlissingen
- Identifier: BA1872
- Publisher: UKHO
- Name: Westerschelde Oostende to Westkapelle
- Identifier: BA1874
- Publisher: UKHO
- Name: Port Approach Guide Antwerp-Bruges with Approaches to Westerschelde
- Identifier: BA8012
- Publisher: UKHO
- Name: Noordzee Vlaamse Banken
- Identifier: D11
- Publisher: Flemish Hydrography
- Name: Noordzee Belg.-Ned. Kust
- Identifier: 101
- Publisher: Flemish Hydrography
- Name: Noordzee Fr.-Belg. Kust
- Identifier: 102
- Publisher: Flemish Hydrography
- Name: Vlaamse Banken
- Identifier: BE3VLBNK
- Publisher: Flemish Hydrography
- Name: Aanloop tot Antwerp-Bruges en Oostende
- Identifier: BE4VLBNK
- Publisher: Flemish Hydrography
- Name: Antwerp-Bruges
- Identifier: BE5ZEEBR
- Publisher: Flemish Hydrography
- Name: Berichten aan Zeevarenden (BaZ) (1 and 2-weekly)
- Identifier: BAZJ
- Publisher: Flemish Hydrography
- Name: Getijtafel voor Antwerp-Bruges
- Identifier: GTJJ
- Publisher: Flemish Hydrography
- Name: Lichtenlijst & mistseinen van België en aangrenzend gebied
- Identifier: LI2016
- Publisher: Flemish Hydrography
- Name: Stroomatlas Belgisch Continentaal Plat

- Identifier: SABCP2017
- Publisher: Flemish Hydrography
- Name: Stroomatlas Antwerp-Bruges: Pas van het Zand en centrale deel nieuwe buitent
- Identifier: SAZB2011
- Publisher: Flemish Hydrography
- Name: Dover Strait Pilot
- Identifier: NP28
- Publisher: Admiralty Sailing Directions

Only to be used for inland navigation:

- Name: Antwerp-Bruges Estuaire Vaart (Antwerp-Bruges to BE-NL grens)
- Identifier: IENC BE7EV001
- Publisher: Flemish Hydrography
- Name: Boudewijnkanaal (Antwerp-Bruges Achterhaven-Brugge)
- Identifier: IENC BE8BK001
- Publisher: Flemish Hydrography
- Name: Estuaire Vaart Oostende-Antwerp-Bruges
- Identifier: IENC BE7EV002
- Publisher: Flemish Hydrography

## Shipping announcements

Can be obtained from:

- 1) [Nautical messages Bruges | Port of Antwerp-Bruges \(portofantwerpbruges.com\)](https://www.portofzeebrugge.be/en/nautisch/shipping-reports)<https://www.portofzeebrugge.be/en/nautisch/shipping-reports>
- 2) <http://www.afdelingkust.be/en/notices-to-mariners>
- 3) Notices to skippers inland waterways: [VisuRIS - Notices to Skippers](#)

## Website

### Port of Antwerp-Bruges

[Our port in a single click | Port of Antwerp-Bruges \(portofantwerpbruges.com\)](https://www.portofantwerpbruges.com)

### Zedis

[ZEDIS - ZEDIS - Home \(portofzeebrugge.be\)](https://www.portofzeebrugge.be)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### General contact information

The department for berth planning, Port Control and the Lock Master of platform Zeebrugge are located all together in the Harbour Coordination Centre Antwerp-Bruges on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the P. Vandammehuis, Isabellalaan 1 in Zeebrugge.

### Point of contact

- |                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| • Individual Name:      | <b>Harbour Master's Office</b>   |
| • Department name:      | Harbour Master's Office  |
| • Role:                 | Operational and maritime questions, messages and reports   |
| • Hours Of Service:     | Monday to Friday 08:00-16:30   |
| • Contact Instructions: | n/a  |
| • Voice Number:         | +32 50 543240  |
| • VHF Channel:          | n/a  |
| • E-mail:               | <a href="mailto:hkd.zeebrugge@portofantwerpbruges.com">hkd.zeebrugge@portofantwerpbruges.com</a> |
| • Delivery Point:       | Isabellalaan 1   |
| • City:                 | Zeebrugge  |
| • Administrative Area:  | n/a  |
| • Postal Code:          | 8380   |
| • Country:              | Belgium  |
| • Individual Name:      | <b>Berth planning</b>  |
| • Department name:      | ZCC (Zeebrugge Coordination Centre)  |
| • Role:                 | Plan and assign berth requests   |
| • Hours Of Service:     | Monday to Friday 08:00-22:00   |
| • Contact Instructions: | n/a  |
| • Voice Number:         | +32 50 543246  |
| • VHF Channel:          | n/a  |
| • E-mail:               | <a href="mailto:zcc@portofantwerpbruges.com">zcc@portofantwerpbruges.com</a>                     |
| • Delivery Point:       | Isabellalaan 1   |
| • City:                 | Zeebrugge  |
| • Administrative Area:  | n/a  |
| • Postal Code:          | 8380   |
| • Country:              | Belgium  |
| • Individual Name:      | <b>Port Control</b>  |
| • Department name:      | ZCC (Zeebrugge Coordination Centre)  |
| • Role:                 | VTS Outer port   |
| • Hours Of Service:     | 24/7   |
| • Contact Instructions: | n/a  |
| • Voice Number:         | +32 50 543243 or +32 470 31 32 66  |
| • VHF Channel:          | 71   |

- E-mail: [portcontrol@portofantwerpbruges.com](mailto:portcontrol@portofantwerpbruges.com)
- Delivery Point: Isabellalaan 1
- City: Zeebrugge
- Administrative Area: n/a
- Postal Code: 8380
- Country: Belgium
  
- Individual Name: **Lock Master P. Vandamme Lock**
- Department name: ZCC (Zeebrugge Coordination Centre)
- Role: VTS Inner port, lock planning
- Hours Of Service: 24/7
- Contact Instructions: n/a
- Voice Number: +32 50 543231 or +32 477 40 34 83
- VHF Channel: 68
- E-mail: [sluis@portofantwerpbruges.com](mailto:sluis@portofantwerpbruges.com)
- Delivery Point: Isabellalaan 1
- City: Zeebrugge
- Administrative Area: n/a
- Postal Code: 8380
- Country: Belgium

### Inter ship Communication

- VHF Usage: Inter ship
- VHF Channel: 77
- Remarks: n/a
  
- VHF Usage: Inter ship for barges
- VHF Channel: 10
- Remarks: n/a
  
- VHF Usage: Tugs
- VHF Channel: 8
- Remarks: n/a
  
- VHF Usage: Intra ship for vessels
- VHF Channel: 15 or 17
- Remarks: n/a

### Additional contact information

- Name: Port State Control
- Tel: +32 3 229 00 30
- Email: [sc.antwerpen@mobiliteit.fgov.be](mailto:sc.antwerpen@mobiliteit.fgov.be)
- Name: Saniport
- Tel: +32 2 524 78 55
- Email: [saniport.zeehavens@health.fgov.be](mailto:saniport.zeehavens@health.fgov.be)
- Name: Maritime Police Office
- Tel: +32 50 55 60 40
- Email: [dga.spn.kust@police.belgium.eu](mailto:dga.spn.kust@police.belgium.eu)
- Name: Customs Head Office
- Tel: +32 2 57 58 620
- Email: [da.hk.Antwerp-Bruges@minfin.fed.be](mailto:da.hk.Antwerp-Bruges@minfin.fed.be)
- Name: Vessel Traffic Center Zeebrugge
- Tel: +32 59 34 28 00 or +32 59 34 28 01
- Email: [vts-Antwerp-Bruges@vts-scheldt.net](mailto:vts-Antwerp-Bruges@vts-scheldt.net)
- Name: DAB Loodswezen – Coastal Pilotage
- Tel: +32 50 35 52 39 or +32 478 58 21 10
- Email: [Lodico.kust@mow.vlaanderen.be](mailto:Lodico.kust@mow.vlaanderen.be)

## WEATHER AND TIDAL INFORMATION

### Real time weather and tidal information

For general information regarding traffic, weather, tides, current, sea conditions, fog, ice, etc., Traffic Center Zeebrugge can be contacted via VHF channel 69.

Online hydro meteo information can be found at the websites:

<https://meetnetvlaamsebanken.be>

<http://www.kustweerbericht.be>

<http://www.hymedis.net>

Ostend radio transmits on VHF channel 27:

- MSI upon reception at the coast station and then after the next H+03 and H+33 or H+33 and H+03, repeated on the fixed hours: 02:33, 06:33, 10:33, 14:33, 18:33 and 22:33 UTC
- Notices to mariners at following times in UTC: 00:30, 08:30, 11:30, 19:30 and 21:30
- Weather forecast at following times: 07:20 LT, 08:20 UTC and 17:20 UTC
- Gale warnings (8bft or more) immediately upon receipt at the coast station

Ostend radio transmits storm warnings (6bft or more) on VHF channel 24 immediately upon receipt at the coast station and then twice more at H+48 min.

For further information see Admiralty List of Radio Signals.

### Local weather and tidal phenomena

- **Phenomena**

- Details

- Location

- Phenomena

- Details

- Location

#### **Wind**

Prevailing winds South West. Lock operations can be impeded by significant wave heights of > 0,75m due to NNW wind.

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#### **Tide**

In a period of 24 hours there are 2 high waters and 2 low waters, with different amplitudes. Strong and sustained winds from the north-west raise water levels along the Belgian coast. Strong and sustained winds from the south-east have the opposite effect. The tide table for the Port of Antwerp-Bruges can be downloaded from the website: [Nautical draught and tides | Port of Antwerp-Bruges \(portofantwerpbruges.com\)](https://portofantwerpbruges.com)

Port of Zeebrugge

- **Phenomena**
- Details

**Current**

The wind and tide strongly influence the sea conditions in the approaches to the Port of Antwerp-Bruges. The best time to enter is from about 5 hours before HW (1 hour after LW) to 1.5 hours before HW (4.5 hours after LW), as well as from about 1 hour after HW (5 hours before LW) to 3.5 hours after HW (2.5 hours before LW), when the strength of the current between the outer breakwaters will be < 1.5 knots. Between 2 hours before HW/LW and 1 hour after HW or LW, restrictions for some type of vessels may apply for entry into port due to current speed at the outer breakwaters. Storm conditions may make entering the harbour hazardous.

Port of Zeebrugge

- Location

- **Phenomena**
- Details
- Location

**Fog**

Frequency of visibility less than 1000,00m is 1%.

Port of Zeebrugge

- **Phenomena**
- Details
- Location

**Ice**

The port is open at all times

Port of Zeebrugge

- **Phenomena**
- Detail
- Location

**Water density**

1,025 kg/dm<sup>3</sup>

Outer Port

- **Phenomena**
- Details

**Water density**

Around 1,017 kg/dm<sup>3</sup>

Quay 402: 1,021 kg/dm<sup>3</sup>

Quay 409: 1,022 kg/dm<sup>3</sup>

Quay 507: 1,023 kg/dm<sup>3</sup>

Quay 519: 1,023 kg/dm<sup>3</sup>

Quay 313-314: 1,020 kg/dm<sup>3</sup>

Herders Bridge: 1,022 kg/dm<sup>3</sup>

Boudewijn Lock: 1,024 kg/dm<sup>3</sup>

Above mentioned densities are admittedly snapshots.

**Updates and / or Densities on other specific locations can be obtained upon request**

- Location

Inner Port and Bruges

## REPORTS & DOCUMENTATION

### Pre-arrival Reports

- **Report Category**

- Who
- What

#### **General declaration**

All vessels calling the Port of zeebrugge

- Ship identification
- Ship particulars
- Port call
- Arrival
- Departure
- Voyage
- Remarks

- To

FOD Mobility, Saniport, SPN, SafeSeaNet, Customs, SRK and Harbour Master's Office

- How
- When

ZEDIS via your agent

ETA Pilot Station - 24 hours, or if the duration of the sailing time is less than 24 hours: at the latest at the time of departure from the previous port, or when the port of arrival is unknown or changes during the sailing time: as soon as possible

- **Report Category**

- Who

#### **ISPS**

All vessels > 500 GT calling the Port of Zeebrugge (except fishing vessels, traditional vessels, vessels without mechanical propulsion or non-commercial vessels)

- What

Ship pre-arrival security information form. For more info contact your agent

- To
- How
- When

FOD Mobility, SafeSeaNet and Harbour Master's Office

ZEDIS via your agent

ETA Pilot Station - 24 hours, or if the duration of the sailing time is less than 24 hours: at the latest at the time of departure from the previous port, or when the port of arrival is unknown or changes during the sailing time: as soon as possible

- **Report Category**

- Who

#### **Waste & Cargo Residues**

All vessels calling the commercial Port of Zeebrugge with a GT of 300 tons and upwards must report their waste o/b.

The above mentioned obligation does not apply to:

Warships, naval auxiliaries and other ships owned or operated by the Belgian or Flemish government and used for non-commercial public services; to fishing vessels, traditional ships and recreation crafts with a LOA less than 45 metres; bunker barges below 5000 tons, ships' stores and equipment for use on board ships; vessels with an OVAM exemption.

- What

For more information see waste management plan on [ZEDIS - Index \(portofzeebrugge.be\)](https://portofzeebrugge.be) or contact your agent

- To

SafeSeaNet and Harbour Master's Office

- How ZEDIS via your agent
- When ETA Pilot Station - 24 hours, or if the duration of the sailing time is less than 24 hours: at the latest at the time of departure from the previous port, or when the port of arrival is unknown or changes during the sailing time: as soon as possible
- Remark
  - o OVAM exemption see <https://services.ovam.be/scheepvaart/s/home>
  - o For waste management plans and list of accredited waste disposal companies see [Waste and bilge water | Port of Antwerp-Bruges \(portofantwerpbruges.com\)](https://portofantwerp-bruges.com)
- **Report Category**
- Who All vessels carrying dangerous goods calling the Port of Zeebrugge (except fishing vessels, traditional vessels and recreational craft with LOA <45,00m)
- What Dangerous & Polluting Goods on board
- To SafeSeaNet and Harbour Master's Office
- How ZEDIS via your agent / IFTDGN UN/EDIFACT Message via Shipping Company
- When ETA Pilot Station - 24 hours, or if the duration of the sailing time is less than 24 hours: at the latest at the time of departure from the previous port, or when the port of arrival is unknown or changes during the sailing time: as soon as possible
- Remarks For Code for handling of dangerous goods see: [ZEDIS - Index \(portofzeebrugge.be\)](https://portofzeebrugge.be)
- **Report Category**
- Who All vessels calling the Port of Zeebrugge (also fishing vessels and recreational craft unless they remain within territorial waters – see BaZ 1/42 of MDK )
- What What: Crew list (FAL 5), pax list (FAL 6) and stowaway list
- To Federal Maritime Police SPN and Harbour Master's Office
- How ZEDIS via your agent
- When ETA Pilot Station - 24 hours, or if the duration of the sailing time is less than 24 hours: at the latest at the time of departure from the previous port, or when the port of arrival is unknown or changes during the sailing time: as soon as possible
- Remarks Cruise vessels and ferries require special arrangements. For more info contact your agent
- **Report Category**
- Who All vessels calling the Port of Zeebrugge
- What Information about sanitation control, inspections, the general health situation on board and details of sick persons (MHD).
- To Saniport and Harbour Master's Office
- How ZEDIS via your agent

- When ETA Pilot Station - 24 hours, or if the duration of the sailing time is less than 24 hours: at the latest at the time of departure from the previous port, or when the port of arrival is unknown or changes during the sailing time: as soon as possible, via ZEDIS
- **Report Category** **Coastal Pilotage (see also Port Section Guide, Sub-section 6.2 Pilots or Port Regulations Art. 4.2)**
- Who
  - All vessels calling the Port of Zeebrugge with LOA > 80,00m (except estuary vessels)
  - All vessels calling the Port of Zeebrugge partially/fully loaded with dangerous or polluting goods or with dangerous cargo residues (except estuary vessels)
- What Estimated time of pilotage required
- To DAB Loodswezen
- How DAB Loodswezen – [lodico.kust@mow.vlaanderen.be](mailto:lodico.kust@mow.vlaanderen.be) - +32 50 35 52 39 / ZEDIS via your agent
- When 6 hours' notice
- **Report Category** **Dock Pilotage (inner port) (see also Port Section Guide, Sub-section 6.2 Pilots or Port Regulations Art. 4.3)**
- Who
  - All vessels calling the Port of Zeebrugge with LOA > 160,00m
  - All vessels calling the Port of Zeebrugge assisted by one or more tugboats
  - All vessels calling the Port of Zeebrugge when the visibility is < 500,00m
  - All vessels calling the Port of Zeebrugge when the wind force is constantly > 6bft
  - When imposed by the Harbour Master
  - All LNG-bunker vessels sailing in the Inner Port if Master has no PEC issued by Harbour Master's Office
- What Estimated time of pilotage required
- To Harbour Master's Office
- How Lock Master P. Vandamme Lock via VHF channel 68 / +32 50 543231 / via your agent
- When 4 hours' notice
- **Report Category** **Tugboats (see also Port Section Guide, Sub-section 6.3 Tugs)**
- Who All vessels calling the Port of Zeebrugge requiring tugboat, mandatory for certain types of vessels as per nautical restrictions
- What
  - Pilot Station (UTC), number of requested berth
  - Number of tugs required
- To Harbour Master's Office
- How Lock Master P. Vandamme Lock via VHF channel 68 / +32 50 543231 / via your agent
- When 4 hours' notice

## In port Reports

- **Report Category**

- Who
- What

- To
- How
- When

- **Report Category**

- Who
- What
- To
- How

- When

- Remark

- **Report Category**

- Who
- What

- To
- How

- When

**Shift**

All vessels in the Port of Zeebrugge shifting to another berth

- Ship identification
- Ship particulars
- Estimated time of shift (UTC) and berth number
- If applicable, dock pilot as per pre-arrival reports
- If applicable, tugs as per pre-arrival reports

Harbour Master's Office

ZEDIS via your agent

Estimated time of shift – 4 hours

**Permission**

All vessels in the Port of Zeebrugge

Vessel name

Harbour Master's Office

ZEDIS via your agent and

- For vessels in the outer port: Port Control via VHF channel 71 / +32 50 543243
- For vessels in the inner port: Lock Master P. Vandamme Lock via VHF channel 71 / +32 50 543231

When:

- ASAP via ZEDIS
- Before docking or undocking, starting a particular manoeuvre, making passing arrangements, lowering rafts and life boats, performing hot work, diving activities, bunkering, underwatercleaning, helicopter landing or take-off, mediterranean mooring, drones, etc.

For more info contact your agent and/or application forms and checklists can be consulted via ZEDIS

<http://zedis.portofAntwerp-Bruges.be/> .

**Safety of shipping**

All vessels in the Port of Zeebrugge

Spills, collisions, groundings, losing anchors or chain, anchoring in port, sunk in collision or in any way out of control or in situation that may endanger the safety of shipping

Harbour Master's Office

- For vessels in the outer port: Port Control VHF channel 71 / +32 50 543243
- For vessels in the inner port: Lock Master P. Vandamme Lock VHF channel 68 / +32 50 543231

ASAP

- **Report Category**

- Who

- What

- To

- How

- When

**Use of extra (foreign) fenders**

Vessels in Port of Zeebrugge that want to use extra fenders from another party than the Port Authority

- Vessel name
- Quay and bollard position
- Type of fenders
- Date and time of placing of fenders
- Date and time of removal of fenders

Zeebrugge Coordination Centre (ZCC)

Via e-mail (ZCC@portofantwerpbruges.com) and

- For vessels in the outer port: Port Control via VHF channel 71 / +32 50 543243
- For vessels in the inner port: Lock Master P. Vandamme Lock via VHF channel 71 / +32 50 543231
- ASAP via e-mail

**Pre-departure Reports**

- **Report Category**

- Who

- What

- To

- How

- When

**General declaration**

All vessels >300 GT departing from the commercial Port of Zeebrugge.

- Ship identification
- Ship particulars
- ETD (UTC), next port of call
- If applicable, coastal pilot as per pre-arrival reports
- If applicable, dock pilot as per pre-arrival reports
- If applicable, tugs as per pre-arrival reports

Harbour Master's Office

ZEDIS via your agent

- ASAP via ZEDIS
  - ETD - 4 hours via Port Control VHF ch68 for vessels in outer port or via Lock Master P. Vandamme Lock VHF ch71 +32 50 543231 for vessels in inner port

- **Report Category**

- Who

- What

- To

- How

- When

**Dangerous & Polluting Goods**

All vessels carrying dangerous goods departing from the Port of Zeebrugge (except fishing vessels, traditional vessels and recreational craft with LOA <45,00m)

Dangerous & Polluting Goods on board

SafeSeaNet and Harbour Master's Office

ZEDIS via your agent / IFTDGN UN/EDIFACT Message via Shipping Company

Before leaving berth

Remarks: For Code for handling of dangerous goods see <http://zedis.portofAntwerp-Bruges.be/Document#>

- **Report Category**
  - Who
  - What
  - To
  - How
  - When
  - Remark
  - **Report Category**
  - What
  - What
  - To
  - How
  - When
  - Remarks
- Immigration/ Border control**  
 All vessels departing from the Port of Zeebrugge (also fishing vessels and recreational craft unless they remain within territorial waters – see BaZ 1/42 of MDK )  
 Crew list (FAL 5), pax list (FAL 6) and stowaway list  
 SPN and Harbour Master’s Office  
 ZEDIS via your agent  
 ETD - 2 hours  
 Cruise vessels and ferries special arrangements. For more info contact your agent
- Cargo Declaration**  
 All vessels calling the Port of Zeebrugge  
 Cargo declaration  
 Harbour Master’s Office  
 ZEDIS via agent / ZENITLADING (interface for exchanging cargo declaration) via agent  
 Within 3 working days after finishing loading/discharging operations  
 For more info, see Port Tariffs or contact your agent

**Documentation Requirements**

- Vessel Type:
  - Document:
  - Vessel Type:
  - Document:
- All types of (sea going) vessels (except estuary vessels)  
 ISPS form, waste form, crew list, crew effects list (signed by each crew member), pax list, store list, bonded stores list, maritime declaration of health, estimated bunkers on arrival, additional for gas carriers: tank status
- All types of (sea going) vessels – extra documents for **first call**  
 International Tonnage Certificate, Ship Particulars, Certificate of class, IOPP, IOPP supplement, IAPP, IAPP supplement, international ship security certificate (ISSC), Pilot Card

## REGULATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

### Regulations

The rules and regulations in the port contribute to the safe, efficient and environmentally responsible handling of shipping traffic. The international rules of the IMO, such as the SOLAS convention and its amendments (e.g. the IMDG code and IBC) and national regulations, including the recommendations of the European Community, are in force in the port of Antwerp-Bruges. Furthermore, the Port Bye-laws are the "house rules" of the port.

Based on the Antwerp-Bruges Port Bye-laws, the codex for the handling of dangerous goods contains additional, specific regulations for vessels carrying dangerous cargoes in the port.

The Shipping Reports/ Notices to Mariners inform you about all activities in the port. An overview of the Shipping Reports can be found on [Nautical messages Bruges | Port of Antwerp-Bruges \(portofantwerpbruges.com\)](https://portofantwerpbruges.com).

Applicable regulations, but not limited to:

- Royal Decree August 4<sup>th</sup> 1981 on police and shipping regulations for the Belgian territorial sea, the ports and beaches of the Belgian coast
- Decree April 19<sup>th</sup> 1995 concerning the organization and operation of the pilotage services of the Flemish Government and on the qualifications of dock pilots and linesmen, the modifications and the additional executive decisions. The vessels to which the various decrees apply must have a copy of the proper regulations on board, as well as an updated official chart of the area
- Decree March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1999 concerning the policy and management of the coastal ports
- Royal Decree April 11<sup>th</sup> 2005 concerning maritime border control
- Royal Decree September 24<sup>th</sup> 2006 concerning general policy regulations for shipping on Belgium's inland waterways, based on the ECIW (European Code on Inland Waterways)
- Decree June 16<sup>th</sup> 2006 concerning the guidance of the navigation on the maritime access routes and the organization of the Maritime Rescue and Coordination
- Federal Shipping Legislation of 1 August 2019 (Scheepvaartwetboek)
- Royal Decree 21<sup>st</sup> April 2007 on maritime security
- Havenverordening voor het havengebied Brugge-Antwerp-Bruges (Versie 2.1) [Algemene Politieverordening van de Brugse Zeehaven \(portofzeebrugge.be\)](https://portofzeebrugge.be)
- Code for Handling Dangerous Goods (More information can be found on [ZEDIS - Index \(portofzeebrugge.be\)](https://portofzeebrugge.be))
- Het afvalbeheersplan voor de haven Brugge-Antwerp-Bruges (zeescheepvaart en binnenscheepvaart) – waste management plan (More information can be found on [ZEDIS - Index \(portofzeebrugge.be\)](https://portofzeebrugge.be))
- Nautical Control Measures-LNG (More information can be found on [ZEDIS - Index \(portofzeebrugge.be\)](https://portofzeebrugge.be))
- Regulations for bunkering ([Regulations for bunkering \(portofzeebrugge.be\)](https://portofzeebrugge.be))

## **Exemptions**

The Harbour Master can grant exemptions from specific regulations. Permission can also be granted for special activities such as repairs and cleaning. For more info contact your agent and/or application forms and checklists can be consulted via ZEDIS [ZEDIS - Index \(portofzeebrugge.be\)](https://portofzeebrugge.be) (See also Port Section Guide, Sub-section 6.8 Permits).

## PORT SAFETY

### Emergency contacts

In the port area, Port Control for the outer harbour and the Lock Master for the inner harbour respectively are the central emergency call point for persons and vessels in distress, accidents or oil spills.

Emergency contact (outer port): VHF 71 or +32 (0) 50 54 32 43

Emergency contact (inner port): VHF 68 or +32 (0) 50 54 32 31

Information regarding an incident may come from casual witness, a terminal operator or even the emergency services themselves who call upon the Port Control Traffic Controller/ the Lock Master.

Without waiting for specific instructions, the Port Control Traffic Controller/ the Lock Master will take the necessary precautionary measures to prevent the incident from escalating further.

If not yet done, the Port Control Traffic Controller/ the Lock Master immediately informs the emergency services 112 in case of urgency.

### Emergency response equipment

A wide range of emergency response equipment is available in the port area, among others harbour tugs equipped with water spray (FIFI-1), oil booms and oil spill response equipment.

### Emergency response at sea

The Maritime Rescue and Coordination Centre (MRCC) in Ostend is the central emergency call point for persons and vessels in distress, accidents or oil spills at sea.

Their operating area extends to the full Belgian coast.

Emergency contact: VHF 16/67 or +32 (0) 59 70 10 00

### Emergency procedures

Besides the Provincial and Municipal Emergency Plan, the port also uses the Internal Emergency Plan. This plan is divided in various scenarios. Each scenario involves parties such as the Maritime Police, the MRCC, ...

Those scenarios serve as a tool for the person in charge to tackle possible incidents. These checklists are interpreted as broadly as possible. Since accidents are unpredictable and never run the same way, common sense will always prevail and is essential to set appropriate priorities.

### Disembarking berths

In the Port of Zeebrugge there are certain quays that can be used for the evacuation of casualties from rescue boats and/or tugboats. Which place is designated depends on the accessibility from shore and water, protection against wind and swell, location of the calamity, ... The final mooring place for evacuation is decided in consultation with Port Control / the Lock Master / Harbour Master and the captain of the tug/rescue boat.

## PORT ENVIRONMENT

### Ballast water disposal

- **Vessel Service Type** **Disposal of ballast water to a PRF (Port Reception Facility)**
- Service Name Disposal of ballast water to a PRF (Port Reception Facility)
- Service Hours H24
- Service Details Disposal only by accredited companies (PRF).  
Remark: Discharge in dock/sea waters only allowed when the conditions of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ship's Ballast Water and Sediments (BWMC) are met.  
For more info contact your agent and see Port Regulations Art. 2.6.1. and 2.6.3.

### Scrubber- washwater disposal

- **Vessel Service Type** **Disposal of scrubber waste**
- Service Name Disposal of scrubber waste
- Service Hours H24
- Service Details Disposal of scrubber waste in port only by accredited companies (PRF).  
Remark: Discharge in dock/sea waters of scrubbers washwater isn't allowed from 3 miles zone off Belgium coast (Federal Law). In ports, discharge isn't allowed (Flemish Government).  
For more information contact your agent.

### Sewage

- **Vessel Service Type** **Disposal of washwater/sewage**
- Service Name Disposal of washwater/sewage
- Service Hours H24
- Service Details Disposal only by accredited companies (PRF).  
Remark: Discharge in dock/sea waters only according to Regulation 11 of Marpol Annex IV.

### Waste

- **Vessel Service Type** **Waste removal**
- Service Name Waste removal
- Service Hours H24
- Service Details Only by accredited companies. For more info contact your agent and/ or see Port Regulations Art. 2.6.1. and/or [Waste and bilge water | Port of Antwerp-Bruges \(portofantwerpbruges.com\)](https://portofantwerpbruges.com)

### **Underwater Cleaning (propeller polishing & hull cleaning)**

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|------------------------------|---|
| • <b>Vessel Service Type</b> | <b>Underwater Cleaning</b>  |
| • Service Name               | Underwater cleaning   |
| • Service Hours              | H24   |
| • Service Details            | Only by companies who are in possession of a license approved by the Flemish ports. For more info contact your agent and/ or see Port Regulations Art. 2.6.7. |

### **Emission**

For more information regarding to emission, see Port Regulations Art. 2.6.4.