

SAILING SPEEDS PLEASURE CRAFT

SAFE SAILING? KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR SPEED!

Conditions

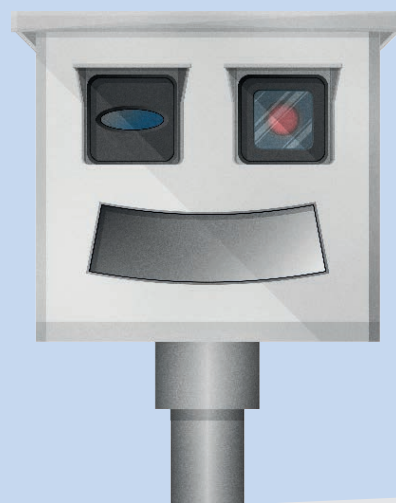
- 1 The maximum permitted sailing speeds relate to the ground speeds.
- 2 For some waterways, local lower sailing speeds apply; these are shown by signalling or shipping notices. The signalling and shipping notices take precedence over the table.
- 3 The maximum permitted sailing speeds must be reduced in accordance with the safety of the shipping traffic, including:
 - when crossing or passing sailing or stationary ships;
 - when manoeuvring and negotiating bends;
 - when approaching and passing through locks;
 - at night, at dusk or in foggy weather.
- 4 Speed must always be reduced so that vessels passing by in calm water do not cause waves to break against the banks more than 0.40 m above the water level.

Categories

For each waterway section, sailing speeds have been determined for different categories of vessels. This leaflet lists the sailing speeds for pleasure craft, with a maximum width of 4 metres and maximum draft of 1.5 metres (category P). Pleasure craft with larger dimensions fall under one of the other categories (K, G or D). Information about the sailing speeds applicable to all categories can be found at www.visuris.be.

Related information

- 1 The maximum permitted sailing speeds do not apply to certain engine-powered pleasure craft in the high-speed zones. More information about the high-speed zones can be found at www.visuris.be.
- 2 The maximum permitted dimensions are listed for each waterway section and can be found at www.visuris.be – Waterway – Fairway sheets.



Waterway	Section	km	Sailing speeds (in km/h)
			P
The river Leie diversion canal	Between Deinze and the Ghent-Ostend Canal	0.0 – 24.0	12
Beneden-Dijle (tidal river)	Downstream on the Benedensluis (lower lock) to the mouth	0.8 – 6.0	15
Upper Scheldt (Boven-Schelde) (By-pass waterway (Ringvaart)-Regional Border)	From Spiere to the by-pass waterway (Ringvaart)	27.2 – 77.9	12
Boven-Zeeschelde (Upper Scheldt Estuary – tidal river)	From Melle to the mouth of the Dender	8.0 – 36.1	18
	From the mouth of the Dender to the Lower Sea Scheldt (Beneden-Zeeschelde)	36.1 – 77.0	/
Dender	From the regional border to Aalst	17.4 – 50.9	7
	From Aalst to Dendermonde	50.9 – 65.6	10
Ghent through passage	Within the by-pass waterway (Ringvaart) around Ghent: Boven-Schelde (Upper Scheldt), Leie, Ghent-Ostend Canal, Verbindingskanaal (connecting canal), Reep, Visserij, Achtervisserij, Napoleon De Pauwertakking, Achterdok, Handelsdok, Houtdok, Tolhuisdok and the Voorhaven (outport) up to the Meulestedebrug		8
Durme (tidal river)	From Hamme quay to the Baanbrug (road bridge) in Hamme	12.3 – 13.9	15
The Common Maas	From the Baanbrug (road bridge) in Hamme to the mouth	13.9 – 17.4	/
		56.6 – 63.5	16
IJzer	From the border to Lo-Fintele	0.0 – 12.6	6
	From Lo-Fintele to the Hogebrug in Diksmuide	12.6 – 26.2	8
	From the Hogebrug in Diksmuide to Nieuwpoort	26.2 – 43.9	10
Bocholt-Herentals canal		0.0 – 57.3	10
Bossuit-Kortrijk canal	From the origin in Avelgem (Bossuit) to Stasegem	0.0 – 13.6	12
	From Stasegem to the mouth into the Leie	13.6 – 15.0	6
Briegden Canal - Neerharen		0.0 – 4.0	10
Dessel-Kwaadmechelen canal	From the beginning to end	0.0 – 15.5	15
Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten canal		0.0 – 62.9	8
	Before the by-pass waterway (Ringvaart) around Ghent until the river Leie Diversion Canal	1.7 – 13.3	12
	From the Diversion Canal running from the Leie to the Dammepoort lock in Bruges	13.3 – 45.5	10
Ghent-Terneuzen canal	From the Dammepoort lock in Bruges to the Plassendale-Nieuwpoort canal	45.5 – 56.5	12
Ieper-IJzer canal	From Ieper to the IJzer	0.0 – 15.2	7
Leuven-Dijle canal		0.0 – 33.0	12
Canal to Beverlo		0.0 – 14.8	8
Canal to Charleroi (Flemish Section)		47.0 – 61.6	12
Nieuwpoort-Dunkirk canal	From Nieuwpoort to the French border	0.0 – 18.9	7
Plassendale-Nieuwpoort canal	From the Gent-Nieuwpoort canal	0.0 – 21.0	9
Roeselare-Leie canal		0 – 16.0	10
River Leie		0.0 – 36.5	12
Lo canal	From the beginning to end	0.0 – 14.5	6
Moervaart-Durme canal	Upstream from Dam Lokeren to the bridge on the John Kennedylaan	0.0 – 27.5	6
Nete canal	From the Albert Canal to the Beneden-Nete (Lower Nete) link	0.2 – 15.2	12
Nete (Lower-Nete)		15.2 – 25.3	15
The By-pass Waterway (Ringvaart) around Ghent	Noordervak (from the Ghent-Terneuzen canal to the lock in Evergem)	0.0 – 5.2	18
	From the lock in Evergem to Upper Sea Scheldt (tide-bound)	5.2 – 21.7	15
Rupel (tidal river)	From the beginning to the mouth	0.0 – 12.0	/
Scheldt-Rhine link		0.0 – 5.2	16
Tourist Leie (Deinze-by-pass waterway)	From Deinze to Astene	36.5 – 41.3	7
	From Astene up to the by-pass waterway (Ringvaart)	41.3 – 61.4	8
Brussels-Scheldt Sea Canal		7.6 – 34.0	20
Zuid-Willemsvaart		3.2 – 47.2	10

Maximum permitted speeds (in km/h) when there are no moored vessels in the vicinity.

Waterway	km	Sailing speeds
		P
Albert Canal, Antwerp/Schoten	129.6 – 123.4	13
Albert Canal, Schoten/Oelgem	123.4 – 116.8	14
Albert Canal, Oelgem/Kanne	116.8 – 18.8	15

Recommended permitted speeds (in km/h) when passing moored vessels.

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Albert Canal, Antwerp/Schoten	129.6 – 123.4	13
Albert Canal, Schoten/Kanne	123.4 – 18.8	14

! Different sailing speeds apply to commercial vessels and pleasure craft larger than class P! More info at VisuRIS.