

SAILING SPEEDS

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Waterway	km	Sailing speeds (in km/h)				Remarks
		P	K	G	F	
The river Leie diversion canal	0.0 – 24.0	12	10	8		Vessels of Class I and II may use the speed permitted for category K.
Beneden-Dijle (tidal river)	0.8 – 6.0	15	12	12		
Upper Scheldt (Boven-Schelde) (By-pass waterway (Ringvaart)-Regional Border)	27.2 – 77.9	12	10	8		Vessels of Class I and II may use the speed permitted for category K.
Boven-Zeeschelde (Upper Scheldt Estuary – tidal river)	8.0 – 36.1	18	15	15		
	36.1 – 77.0	/	/	/	/	
Dender	17.4 – 50.9	7	6	5		
	50.9 – 65.6	10	8	6		
Ghent through passage:	*	8	8	6		
Durme (tidal river)	12.3 – 13.9	15	12	12		
	13.9 – 17.4	/	/	/		
The Common Maas (i.e. the entire River Maas, Belgian and Dutch)	56.6 – 63.5	16	16	16		
IJzer	0.0 – 12.6	6	5			
	12.6 – 26.2	8	8	6		
	26.2 – 43.9	10	8	8		
Bocholt-Herentals canal	0.0 – 57.3	10	8	7		Lock 3-4 Vessels of Class I and II may use the speed permitted for category K.
Bossuit-Kortrijk canal	0.0 – 13.6	12	9	7		Vessels of Class I and II may use the speed permitted for category K.
	13.6 – 15.0	6	5	5		
Briegden-Neerharen canal	0 – 4.0	10	8	7		
Dessel-Kwaadmechelen canal	0.0 – 15.5	15	12	9		Vessels of Class I and II may use the speed permitted for category K.
Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten canal	0.0 – 62.9	8	7	5		
	1.7 – 13.3	12	10	8		
	13.3 – 45.5	10	7	5		Vessels of Class I and II may use the speed permitted for category K.
Ghent-Terneuzen canal	45.5 – 56.5	12	10	8		
	0.0 – 15.2	7	7	6		
Ieper-IJzer canal	0.0 – 15.2	7	7	6		
Leuven-Dijle Canal	0 – 33.0	12	10	6		
Canal to Beverlo	0.0 – 14.8	8	7	5		
Canal to Charleroi (Flemish Section)	47.0 – 61.6	12	10	6		
Nieuwpoort-Dunkirk canal	0.0 – 18.9	7	7	6		
Plassendale-Nieuwpoort canal	0.0 – 21.0	9	8	6		
Roeselare-Leie canal	0 – 1.4	10	7	5		Vessels of Class I and II may use the speed permitted for category K.
	1.4 – 16.0	10	9	7		
River Leie	0.0 – 36.5	12	10	8		Vessels of Class I and II may use the speed permitted for category K.
Lokanaal (Lo canal)	0.0 – 14.5	6	4	4		
Moervaart-Durme canal	0.0 – 27.5	6	5	4		
Netekanaal (Nete canal)	0.2 – 15.2	12	10	8		
Nete (Lower-Nete)	15.2 – 25.3	15	12	12		
The by-pass waterway (Ringvaart) around Ghent	0.0 – 5.2	18	15	10		Vessels of Class I and II may use the speed permitted for category K.
	5.2 – 21.7	15	12	10		
Rupel (tidal river)	0.0 – 12.0	/	/	/		
Scheldt-Rhine link	0.0 – 5.2	16	16	16	16	
Tourist Leie (Deinze-by-pass waterway)	36.5 – 41.3	7	6	4		
	41.3 – 61.4	8	6	6		
Brussels-Scheldt Sea Canal	7.6 – 34.0	20	16	12	8	Vessels of Class I and II may use the speed permitted for category K.
Zuid-Willemsvaart	3.2 – 47.2	10	8	7		

* The Ghent passage includes: 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 Voorhaven (outport) up to the Meulestedebrug

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

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Albert Canal, Antwerp/Schoten	129.6 - 123.4	13	13	9	
Albert Canal, Schoten/Oelgem	123.4 - 116.8	14	14	11	Vessels of Class I and II may use the speed permitted for category K.
Albert Canal, Oelgem/Kanne	116.8 - 18.8	15	15	13	

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

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		P	K	G	
Albert Canal, Antwerp/Schoten	129.6 - 123.4	13	13	9	
Albert Canal, Schoten/Olen Hoogbuul	123.4 - 92.9	14	14	10	
Albert Canal, Olen Hoogbuul/Tessenderlo	92.9 – 74.5	14	14	11	Vessels of Class I and II may use the speed permitted for category K.
Albert Canal Tessenderlo	74.5 - 72.0	14	14	9	
Albert Canal, Tessenderlo/Kanne	72.0 - 18.8	14	14	11	

CONDITIONS

1. The maximum permitted sailing speeds relate to the sailing speeds over the ground.
2. Certain local lower sailing speeds apply to some waterways. Signage and/or shipping messages provide notification. Signage and shipping messages have priority over the table.
3. The maximum permitted sailing speeds must be reduced in function of shipping traffic safety, including:
 - when crossing or sailing past sailing or stationary vessels;
 - when manoeuvring and taking turns;
 - when approaching and passing through engineering structures;
 - at night, during dusk or in foggy weather
4. Vessels must always reduce speed to ensure that, when sailing in calm water, they do not cause a wake of more than 0.40 m above the water level when it reaches the shorelines.

CATEGORIES

The vessels are divided into the following categories according to the characteristics below:

Category P	Category K	Category G	Category D
maximum width \leq 4.0 m and maximum draft \leq 1.5 m (Pleasure craft)	maximum draft \leq 1.5 m (Small)	1.5 m < maximum draft \leq 4.0 m (Large)	maximum draft > 4.0 m (Vessels with deep draft)

RELATED INFORMATION

1. The maximum permitted sailing speeds do not apply to certain motor pleasure craft in the fast-sailing zones. More information about the fast sailing zones can be found on www.visuRIS.be or the VisuRIS app.
2. The maximum permitted dimensions are specified per waterway section and can be found on VisuRIS.be – Waterway – waterway charts

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