

# SAILING SPEEDS

## SAFE SAILING? KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR SPEED!

### 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

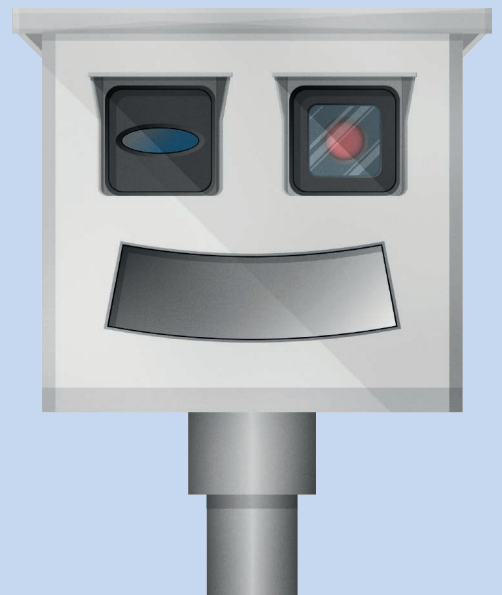
For each waterway section, there are maximum sailing speeds set for different categories of vessels. This leaflet contains the sailing speeds for recreational craft, with a maximum width of 4 metres and maximum draft of 1.5 metres (category P). Recreational craft with larger dimensions fall under one of the other categories (K, G or D). Information about the sailing speeds applicable to all categories can be found on [VisuRIS.be](http://VisuRIS.be).

### 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 is available at [www.visuRIS.be](http://www.visuRIS.be).
2. The maximum permitted dimensions are specified per waterway section and can be found on [VisuRIS.be](http://VisuRIS.be) – Waterway – waterway charts



**Avoid making wakes in the vicinity of canoes, kayaks and rowing boats.**



Waterway	Section	km	Sailing speeds (in km/h)
			<b>P</b>
<a href="#">The river Leie diversion canal</a>	Between Deinze and the Ghent-Ostend Canal	0.0 – 24.0	12
<a href="#">Beneden-Dijle (tidal river)</a>	Downstream on the Benedensluis (lower lock) to the mouth	0.8 – 6.0	15
<a href="#">Upper Scheldt (Boven-Schelde) (By-pass waterway (Ringvaart)-Regional Border)</a>	From Spiere to the by-pass waterway (Ringvaart)	27.2 – 77.9	12
<a href="#">Boven-Zeeschelde (Upper Scheldt Estuary – tidal river)</a>	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	/
<a href="#">Dender</a>	From the regional border to Aalst	17.4 – 50.9	7
	From Aalst to Dendermonde	50.9 – 65.6	10
<a href="#">Ghent through passage</a>	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
<a href="#">Durme (tidal river)</a>	From Hamme quay to the Baanbrug (road bridge) in Hamme	12.3 – 13.9	15
<a href="#">The Common Maas</a>	From the Baanbrug (road bridge) in Hamme to the mouth	13.9 – 17.4	/
		56.6 – 63.5	16
<a href="#">IJzer</a>	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
<a href="#">Bocholt-Herentals canal</a>		0.0 – 57.3	10
<a href="#">Bossuit-Kortrijk canal</a>	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
<a href="#">Briegden Canal - Neerharen</a>		0.0 – 4.0	10
<a href="#">Dessel-Kwaadmechelen canal</a>	From the beginning to end	0.0 – 15.5	15
<a href="#">Dessel-Turnhout-Schoten canal</a>		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
<a href="#">Ghent-Terneuzen canal</a>	From the Dammepoort lock in Bruges to the Plassendale-Nieuwpoort canal	45.5 – 56.5	12
<a href="#">Ieper-IJzer canal</a>	From Ieper to the IJzer	0.0 – 15.2	7
<a href="#">Leuven-Dijle canal</a>		0.0 – 33.0	12
<a href="#">Canal to Beverlo</a>		0.0 – 14.8	8
<a href="#">Canal to Charleroi (Flemish Section)</a>		47.0 – 61.6	12
<a href="#">Nieuwpoort-Dunkirk canal</a>	From Nieuwpoort to the French border	0.0 – 18.9	7
<a href="#">Plassendale-Nieuwpoort canal</a>	From the Gent-Nieuwpoort canal	0.0 – 21.0	9
<a href="#">Roeselare-Leie canal</a>		0 – 16.0	10
<a href="#">River Leie</a>		0.0 – 36.5	12
<a href="#">Lo canal</a>	From the beginning to end	0.0 – 14.5	6
<a href="#">Moervaart-Durme canal</a>	Upstream from Dam Lokeren to the bridge on the John Kennedylaan	0.0 – 27.5	6
<a href="#">Nete canal</a>	From the Albert Canal to the Beneden-Nete (Lower Nete) link	0.2 – 15.2	12
<a href="#">Nete (Lower-Nete)</a>		15.2 – 25.3	15
<a href="#">The By-pass Waterway (Ringvaart) around Ghent</a>	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
<a href="#">Rupel (tidal river)</a>	From the beginning to the mouth	0.0 – 12.0	/
<a href="#">Scheldt-Rhine link</a>		0.0 – 5.2	16
<a href="#">Tourist Leie (Deinze-by-pass waterway)</a>	From Deinze to Astene	36.5 – 41.3	7
	From Astene up to the by-pass waterway (Ringvaart)	41.3 – 61.4	8
<a href="#">Brussels-Scheldt Sea Canal</a>		7.6 – 34.0	20
<a href="#">Zuid-Willemsvaart</a>		3.2 – 47.2	10

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

Waterway	km	Sailing speeds
		<b>P</b>
<a href="#">Albert Canal, Antwerp/Schoten</a>	129.6 – 123.4	13
<a href="#">Albert Canal, Schoten/Oelgem</a>	123.4 – 116.8	14
<a href="#">Albert Canal, Oelgem/Kanne</a>	116.8 – 18.8	15

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

Waterway	km	Sailing speeds
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<a href="#">Albert Canal, Antwerp/Schoten</a>	129.6 – 123.4	13
<a href="#">Albert Canal, Schoten/Kanne</a>	123.4 – 18.8	14

**!** Different sailing speeds apply to commercial vessels and recreational craft larger than the class P! More information on VisuRIS