

Procedures relating to the booking of berthing facilities in the Rotterdam port area provided by the Port of Rotterdam Authority.

The use of berthing facilities is subject to the General Conditions for sea port dues, inland port dues and waste levy on sea-going vessels of the Port of Rotterdam Authority. This document describes the procedures for booking a berth.

Definitions

For the purposes of this document, berths are defined as the public buoy spans and dolphin structures in one of the following three clusters:

- Cluster 1: <200 metres Waalhaven buoys 20-21-23-25
Europoort dolphins 78-79-79B-83W-83O Botlek buoys 50-51-52-61
Dordrecht buoys 1- 2- 3- 4- 5
- Cluster 2: Buoys XL Botlek and Waalhaven (dolphins 66, buoys 26-27-29-34-62)
- Cluster 3: Large dolphins Maasvlakte and Europoort (dolphins 80-82-83-84-90-91)

The abbreviations ETA and ETD are used for 'Estimated Time of Arrival' and 'Estimated Time of Departure' respectively.

In this document, the term 'downtime' refers to the additional time that is added to the specified ETD in the system for a possible extension of the period of use.

LNG

Where possible, bunkering and/or throughput of LNG will be given priority at dolphin 83 or at other locations, where necessary. Please inform us of this at least 48 hours in advance via king@portofrotterdam.com

Offshore

LNG bunkering requests for offshore vessels have priority at dolphin 84 where possible. Please inform us of this at least 48 hours in advance via king@portofrotterdam.com

Booking

- (1) A berth is booked by the ship's agent via the online booking system KING.
- (2) The booking is made with the name of the vessel that will use the berth. If the name is not yet known at the time of reservation, a provisional vessel name can be entered. The final vessel name must be communicated no later than 24 hours after the booking via king@portofrotterdam.com. If this period is exceeded, the booking will be cancelled.
- (3) If a provisional name has been entered during the booking, the final name of the vessel should refer to a vessel with similar cargo and tonnage. The ship's agent must send proof of this when changing the name.

Deadlines and period of use

The following deadlines apply for booking a berth:

- (a) for berths in cluster 1: no later than seven days prior to ETA;
- (b) for berths in cluster 2: no later than fourteen days prior to ETA;
- (c) for berths in cluster 3:
 - (c1) no deadline applies if the booking is made for the purpose of transshipment activities;
 - (c2) no later than 48 hours prior to ETA in other cases with the exception of dolphins 90 for which no deadline applies.

The maximum period of use that can be booked is:

- (a) for berths in cluster 1: 6 x 24 hours plus downtime of up to 24 hours;
- (b) for berths in cluster 2: 7 x 24 hours plus downtime of up to 72 hours;
- (c) for berths in cluster 3: 5 x 24 hours plus downtime of up to 48 hours.

Downtime is only granted if the period of use exceeds 24 hours. The aforementioned maximum downtime will be shortened if there is an overlap with previous booking.

Changes in ETA and ETD must fit within the booked period of use including downtime. It is not permitted to use a berth after expiry of this period. If there is a risk that the period of use will be exceeded, the Shipping Desk should be contacted immediately.

Booking system (KING)

- (1) The booking with the name of the vessel is public and can be viewed by third parties in the public online booking diary.
- (2) The berths designated as Buoys 50, 51, 61 and 62 are subject to a separate procedure; for these berths, a request for booking can be made via KING. The requested berth will be shown as blocked in the booking diary during the processing of the request. Within 24 hours of submitting the request, the applicant will receive notification as to whether the booking has been accepted or rejected.
- (3) Request for a booking for which the 'notify me' function has been enabled are in principle granted based on availability and response. Whoever is first to confirm the reservation in the system is entitled to the berth.

Changes

- (1) Changes or cancellations must be communicated via the online booking system (KING).
- (2) In the event the ETA or ETD change, communicating this change is mandatory.
- (3) When changing a booking, it is not allowed to move the ETA back more than 48 hours. If this 48-hour period is exceeded, the Shipping Desk must be contacted immediately.
- (4) An ETD can be changed separately. The time by which it may be changed is equal to the assigned downtime.
- (5) In the event the booked period is not (fully) used or is cancelled, the Port of Rotterdam Authority is entitled to assign the berth to a third party.

Cancellations

- (1) Cancelling a booking within cluster 1 is free of charge if done no later than 12 hours before ETA. After this period, the buoy or dolphin dues are due for the entire booked period.
- (2) Cancelling a reservation within cluster 1 is free of charge if done no later than 12 hours before ETA. After this period, the buoy or dolphin dues are due for the entire reserved period.
- (3) Cancelling a reservation within cluster 2 is free of charge if done no later than 12 hours before ETA. After this period, the buoy or dolphin dues are due for the entire reserved period.
- (4) When cancelling a reservation in cluster 3, the dolphin dues for the entire reserved period are due.
- (5) If a vessel does not show up, without prior notice, and upon expiry of the ETD, there will be a 'no show' surcharge of 100% of the buoy and/or dolphin rate.

The rates for buoy and dolphin dues and the terms of payment are determined in accordance with the general terms and conditions of the Port of Rotterdam Authority's sea port and inland port tariffs and waste levy for sea-going vessels (GTC) and the information from the booking. Costs for all clusters are calculated on the basis of actual use, with the exception of cluster 3, for which the longest times are taken into account - booked time + any deviating times.

Sanctions in the event of irregularities

In the event of irregularities when booking and/or the use of the booking system (KING), the Port of Rotterdam Authority shall be entitled to deny the agent/cargadoor access to the system.

Disclaimer

Although we will do everything in our power to guarantee the uninterrupted availability of the KING online booking system and ensure that users are provided with correct information, we cannot completely rule out possible hitches or malfunctions in the system. The Port of Rotterdam Authority is unable to guarantee that the booking system will function without issues or interruptions at all times.

The Port of Rotterdam Authority explicitly disclaims any liability with regard to the accuracy and completeness of the provided information and the unimpeded use of the booking system.