

NAVIGATION RULES IN THE ERASMUSBRUG ZONE

Leuvehaven

Noorderland
Koningshaven

Rijnhaven

Parkade

INLAND VESSELS



1. General navigation rules

As the skipper of an inland vessel, you have to navigate through a busy and complex environment. The Erasmusbrug zone is subject to strict rules to ensure safety and keep nautical traffic flowing smoothly:

General rules

1. Speed limit: 20 km/h in the Erasmusbrug zone & 50 km/h in the approach areas.
This refers to the maximum speed relative to the water.
2. Mandatory direction of travel: starboard side of the waterway.
3. Turning within the zone is not permitted.
4. Follow buoys and the signs of the BPR (Inland Waterways Police Regulations).

These rules apply to all navigation, unless a specific exception applies.

2. Exceptions for through inland waterway traffic

Exception when departing upstream from Leuvehaven

- You cross as perpendicularly as possible to the starboard side of the waterway.
- Then continue your route in the upstream lane on the starboard side of the waterway.
- **Take note:** this exception applies only to departure, not to arrival.

Exception for vessels lying alongside

- A vessel that moors alongside another vessel to provide services, such as water, bunkering or waste collection, must comply with the general navigation rules. The vessel may only turn during the actual mooring process. This allows it the skipper decide for themselves whether to moor alongside to starboard or port.

3. Navigational manoeuvres in practice

The movements of these vessels depend on their berth and route, but must always comply with the applicable rules:

- **On departure/arrival at Koningshaven (Figure 3.1)**

The vessel navigates on the starboard side of the waterway and leaves the zone without turning into it. If the vessel needs to turn around to continue its route, this will only happen outside the Erasmusbrug zone.

Take note: Vessels are not permitted to cross directly from Leuvehaven to Koningshaven.

- **Upon departure from Leuvehaven (Figure 3.2)**

- **Option 1:** Navigate directly to the starboard side of the waterway.
- **Option 2:** You cross as perpendicularly as possible to the starboard side of the waterway. Then continue your route in the upstream lane on the starboard side of the waterway.

- **Upon arrival at Leuvehaven (Figure 3.2)**

- **Option 1:** When you are navigating upstream, continue until you are outside the Erasmusbrug zone. There, you turn around and navigate into Leuvehaven on the starboard side.
- **Option 2:** When navigating downstream, keep to starboard and sail into Leuvehaven.

- **Through traffic (Figure 3.3)**

The vessel navigates on starboard of the waterway, following the buoys the signs of the BPR (Inland Waterways Police Regulations). You must not cross or turn around within the zone.

- **Ships lying alongside (Figure 3.4)**

A vessel mooring alongside another vessel to provide services such as water, bunkering or waste collection must comply with the general navigation rules. The vessel may only turn during the actual mooring process. This allows it the skipper decide for themselves whether to moor alongside to starboard or port.



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