

NAVIGATION RULES IN THE ERASMUSBRUG ZONE

Parkade

Leuvehaven

Rijnhaven

Noorderland
Koningshaven

WATER TAXI



1. General navigation rules

As a water taxi skipper, you 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 vessels, unless a specific exception applies.

2. Exceptions for the water taxi

Exception when departing from the Holland Amerikakade stop

- If your destination is downstream, you may cross within the zone.
- Here too, after crossing, you continue navigating on the starboard side of the waterway.

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 departures, not to arrivals.

3. Navigational manoeuvres in practice

○ Upon departure from Leuvehaven (Figure 8.1)

- **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 8.1)

- **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.

○ When departing from the Holland Amerikakade (Figure 8.2)

When the water taxi departs from the Holland Amerikakade and has a destination downstream within the zone, it may cross to the other side of the waterway within the zone. After crossing, the vessel continues its passage on the starboard side of the waterway in the downstream direction.

○ When departing from the water bus jetty (Figure 8.3)

When the water taxi wishes to travel from the water bus pier to Leuvehaven, it may not cross directly within the Erasmusbrug zone. The water taxi first sails past the Erasmusbrug zone. There the vessel turns around and continues its passage via the starboard side of the waterway towards Leuvehaven.

○ Upon departure/arrival via Koningshaven (Figure 8.3)

The vessel shall proceed on the starboard side of the fairway and leave the zone without turning within the zone. If the vessel needs to turn in order to continue its voyage, this shall only be done outside the Erasmus Bridge zone.

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



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