

SAFETY THROUGH COMMUNICATION

SHIPPING INFORMATION - VTS - BASIC RULES

- Responsibility as to safe navigation always remains with the master or skipper on board the vessel.
- 2 A continuous listening watch on the assigned VHF channels should be maintained to be kept well informed about the traffic situation.
- 3 Information should be given on request of the VTS-authority / VTS-operator.
- 4 The VTS provides information, navigational assistance when deemed necessary and possibly traffic instructions on behalf of the Harbourmaster.
- 5 All communication should be brief and relevant.
- 6 Any particulars with regard to navigation or the vessels equipment should be reported.
- 7 The language to be used is primarily Dutch and secondly English with the exception of the sectors Maas Approach (VHF 1), Pilot Maas (VHF 2) and Maas Entrance (VHF 3), where the language to be used is English and secondly Dutch.



