

# **GUIDELINES FOR OWNERS OF SMALL VESSELS, PLEASURE CRAFT AND SPORT SAILBOATS**

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## TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

"Water area" of a port shall mean the space of inland waterways allocated in accordance with the laws of the Russian Federation. (*Federal Law No. 24-FZ dated 07.03.2001 (as revised on 14.06.2020) "Code of inland water transport of the Russian Federation"*)

"Inland waterways of the Russian Federation" shall mean inland water transport routes defined by the Government of the Russian Federation (*Federal Law No. 24-FZ dated 07.03.2001 (as revised on 14.06.2020) "Code of inland water transport of the Russian Federation"*)

"Inland sea waters of the Russian Federation" (hereinafter — the inland sea waters) shall mean waters located towards the coast from the baselines from which the width of the territorial sea of the Russian Federation is measured. (*Federal Law No. 155-FZ dated 16.07.1998 (as revised on 16.12.2019) "On inland sea waters, territorial sea and contiguous zone in the Russian Federation"*)

"State control authorities" shall mean subdivisions of bodies of border, custom, sanitary and quarantine, veterinary, quarantine and phytosanitary, or transport control which exercise state control at the border checkpoint within the limits established by the laws of the Russian Federation. (*Order of the Ministry of Transport of Russia No. 247 dated 22.12.2009 (as revised on 21.10.2013 and amended on 17.11.2016) "On approval of the typical scheme of organization of passage of persons, transport vehicles, cargoes, goods and animals through the state border of the Russian Federation at sea and river (lake) checkpoints"*)

"Small vessel" shall mean a vessel whose length should not be more than 20 meters and the total number of people on which should not be more than 12. (*Federal Law No. 24-FZ dated 07.03.2001 (as revised on 14.06.2020) "Code of inland water transport of the Russian Federation"*)

"Limits of the checkpoint" shall mean the boundaries of the area (water area) within the sea, river (lake) port open for international transport, as well as the area specially designated in the immediate vicinity of the State border of the Russian Federation where, in accordance with the laws of the Russian Federation, the passage of persons, transport vehicles, freight, goods and animals takes place. (*RF Government Decision No. 253 dated 07.04.2008 (as amended on 17.12.2016) "On approval of the rules for determination of the limits of checkpoints on the state border of the Russian Federation"*)

"Border zone" is a zone that is established within the area of settlements and inter-settlement territory adjacent to the state border on land, the sea coast of the Russian Federation, the Russian banks of border rivers, lakes and other water bodies, and within the area of the islands in the water bodies. Limits of the border zone shall be determined and modified, warning signs shall be established by decisions of the federal government agency authorized in the sphere of security. (*Law of the Russian Federation No. 4730-1 dated 01.04.1993 (as revised on 27.12.2019) "On the state border of the Russian Federation"*)

"Vessel's arrival" shall mean the time of completion of mooring operations and setting the accommodation ladder for shipside communications. (*"Process flow scheme of organization of passage of persons, transport vehicles, cargoes, goods and animals through the state border of the Russian Federation in the harbor cargo and passenger permanent multilateral checkpoint at the sea port Big Port of Saint Petersburg"*)

"Stores" shall mean goods that are:

- necessary for ensuring normal operation and technical maintenance of vessels, at their parking points and on the way, with the exception of spare parts and equipment;
- intended for consumption and/or use by crew members of vessels

(Customs Code of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU CC))(*Annex to Treaty on the Customs Code of the Eurasian Economic Union dated 11.04.2017*)

"Pleasure craft" shall mean a vessel the total number of people on which should not be more than 18, including not more than 12 passengers, and which is used for non-commercial purposes and is intended for recreation in water bodies. (*Federal Law No. 24-FZ dated 07.03.2001 (as revised on 14.06.2020) "Code of inland water transport of the Russian Federation"*).

"State border checkpoint" shall mean the area (water area) within a sea, river (lake) port open for international transport, as well as the area specially designated in the immediate vicinity of the state border where, in accordance with the laws of the Russian Federation, the passage of persons, transport vehicles, freight, goods and animals takes place. (*Law of the Russian Federation No. 4730-1 dated 01.04.1993 (as revised on 27.12.2019) "On the state border of the Russian Federation"*)

"Accompanied baggage" shall mean goods for personal use, including carry-on baggage, that are moved across the customs border of the Eurasian Economic Union during the actual entry of an individual to the customs area of the Eurasian Economic Union or their departure from the customs area. (Customs Code of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU CC))(*Annex to Treaty on the Customs Code of the Eurasian Economic Union dated 11.04.2017*)

"Sport sailboat" is a vessel built or converted for sports, that uses the force of wind as the main driving force and is operated for non-commercial purposes. (*Federal Law No. 24-FZ dated 07.03.2001 (as revised on 14.06.2020) "Code of inland water transport of the Russian Federation"*)

"Ship owner" (hereinafter also — the owner of the vessel) shall mean a citizen of the Russian Federation or a Russian legal entity operating a vessel under the State Flag of the Russian Federation on their behalf, irrespective of whether they are actual owner of the ship, ship manager, or other legal user. (*Federal Law No. 24-FZ dated 07.03.2001 (as revised on 14.06.2020) "Code of inland water transport of the Russian Federation"*)

"Navigable channel" shall mean a part of the inland waterway intended for ship traffic and identified by navigation marks or otherwise. (*Federal Law No. 24-FZ dated 07.03.2001 (as revised on 14.06.2020) "Code of inland water transport of the Russian Federation"*).

"Goods" shall mean any movable property, including currency of the Member States, securities and/or currency assets, traveler's checks, electric power and other items in transportation equated to immovable property; (Customs Code of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU CC))(*Annex to Treaty on the Customs Code of the Eurasian Economic Union dated 11.04.2017*)

"Goods for personal use" shall mean goods intended for personal, family, home and other needs of individuals not engaged in business activities, as moved across the customs border of the Customs Union in an accompanied or unaccompanied baggage, as international postal items or by other means. (Customs Code of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU CC)) (*Annex to Treaty on the Customs Code of the Eurasian Economic Union dated 11.04.2017*)

"Transport vehicles for personal use" shall mean a category of goods for personal use, including certain types of motor vehicles and trailers to motor vehicles as determined by the Eurasian Economic Commission, watercraft together with spare parts to them and their usual accessories and equipment, fuel and lubricants, cooling and other technical fluids contained in the filling tanks provided for by their design, that are owned, used and/or disposed of by an individual moving these transport vehicles across the customs border of the Union for personal purposes rather than for the transportation of persons for a fee, industrial or commercial transportation of goods for a fee or free of charge, including vehicles registered to legal entities and individual entrepreneurs. (Customs Code of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU CC)) (*Annex to Treaty on the Customs Code of the Eurasian Economic Union dated 11.04.2017*)

"Vessel's departure" shall mean the departure of a vessel from harbor to leave the Russian Federation. (*"Process flow scheme of organization of passage of persons, transport vehicles, cargoes, goods and animals through the state border of the Russian Federation in the harbor cargo and passenger permanent multilateral checkpoint at the sea port Big Port of Saint Petersburg"*)

"Vessel crew member" shall mean any person who is actually engaged during the voyage on board with the duties of operation and maintenance of the vessel, holding a valid license (seaman's book/service record) and included in the crew list. (*"Process flow scheme of organization of passage of persons, transport vehicles, cargoes, goods and animals through the state border of the Russian Federation in the harbor cargo and passenger permanent multilateral checkpoint at the sea port Big Port of Saint Petersburg"*)

## ABBREVIATIONS

RF IWW — inland waterways of the Russian Federation

HMCP — harbor multilateral checkpoint

COLREGs — International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea

DSTS — daily ship traffic schedule

STCS — ship traffic control system

EAEU CC — Customs Code of the Eurasian Economic Union

## **CHAPTER 1. Tourist routes along the waterways of the North-West of Russia.**

The North-West region of the Russian Federation has great tourist and recreational potential. Dozens of fascinating water routes will help lovers of water trips to learn the history and nature of these places. The natural conditions of the region allow the use of small vessels for travel: yachts, motor boats, while special routes with guest parking spaces arranged along the way will make such travel comfortable and safe.

### Inland water tourist routes of the North-West region:

- The Vyborg route: Saint Petersburg — Kronstadt — Primorsk — Vysotsk — Vyborg (main inland route of the Baltic Sea);
- The Novgorod route: Saint Petersburg — Shlisselburg — Staraya Ladoga — Kirishi — Veliky Novgorod;

### Outside water tourist routes of the North-West region:

- The Saimaa route: Kronstadt — Vyborg — Lappeenranta — Imatra — Puumala — Savonlinna;
- The Severny route: Kronstadt — Saint Petersburg — Shlisselburg — Konevets — Valaam — Sortavala — Svir River — Voznesenye — Petrozavodsk — Kizhi — Medvezhyegorsk — Belomorsk — Solovetsky Islands — Arkhangelsk — Kirkinets.

### **The Vyborg route.**

#### Saint Petersburg — Kronstadt — Primorsk — Vysotsk — Vyborg.

A direct route between Saint Petersburg and Vyborg, two major Russian ports in the Gulf of Finland, with a visit to Kronstadt, a city of naval glory and smaller but not less interesting towns of Primorsk and Vysotsk, which are also important ports in the Baltic Sea. The total length of the route is about 170 km.

#### Cities and places of interest on the route:

- Vyborg:
  - Medieval castle and Tower of St. Olaf;
  - Clock Tower;
  - Annenkrone;
  - Monrepos Park;
  - Byurger Estate;
  - Town Hall.
- Vysotsk is one of the largest ports in the North West. The town itself is famous for magnificent views of the Vyborg Bay and historical monuments:
  - Trångsund Fortress;
  - Niemel battery.

- Primorsk is the largest Russian oil port in the Baltic Sea and at the same time a quiet town with beautiful seascapes and scenic nature:
  - Old Lutheran Church of Mary Magdalene;
  - Primorsky Museum of Local Lore;
  - Church of New Martyrs and Confessors of the Russian Orthodox Church.
  
- Kronstadt, the city of naval glory:
  - Naval cathedral of Saint Nicholas;
  - Petrovsky Dock;
  - Monument to Admiral Makarov.

### **The Novgorod route.**

Saint Petersburg — Shlisselburg — Staraya Ladoga — Kirishi — Veliky Novgorod.

The route follows the famous waterway From the Varangians to the Greeks. The route follows the Neva River through Saint Petersburg to the fortress of Oreshek, and then turns off to the Volkhov River via the water area of Lake Ladoga. On Volkhov, the route runs upstream past the fortress of Staraya Ladoga and the town of Kirishi to Lake Ilmen in Veliky Novgorod. The total length of the route is about 350 km.

#### Cities and places of interest on the route:

- Saint Petersburg is the capital of white nights and drawbridges.
  - Hermitage;
  - Peter and Paul Fortress;
  - St. Isaac's Cathedral, etc.
  
- Shlisselburg is the famous key-town at the head of Neva:
  - Oreshek fortress;
  - Ruins of St. John's Cathedral.
  
- Staraya Ladoga, a monument of Old Russian architecture:
  - Staraya Ladoga's fortress;
  - Church of St. George;
  - Church of St. John the Baptist on Malyshevaya Hill.
  
- Kirishi is the cradle of lacemaking with rich history.
  - Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin;
  - Kirishi Museum of History and Local Lore;
  - Memorial to Destroyed Villages.
  
- Gruzino:
  - St. Andrew's Cross;

- Gruzino estate.
- Veliky Novgorod, the place of origin of the Russian statehood:
  - Novgorod Detinets;
  - Yaroslav's Court and Trade Mart;
  - Cathedral of St. Sophia.

### **The Saimaa Route.**

Kronstadt — Vyborg — Lappeenranta — Imatra — Puumala — Savonlinna.

The route runs past the fortresses of Kronstadt and Vyborg (Russia), via the Saimaa Canal to Lake Saimaa. On Lake Saimaa, the route goes to two ports: Lappeenranta and Imatra (Finland). The total length of the route is about 340 km.

#### Cities and places of interest on the route:

- Lappeenranta:
  - The ancient Lappeenranta Fortress (Linnoitus);
  - Church of Protection of the Theotokos;
  - The old wooden Town Hall;
  - Volkoff museum;
- Imatra:
  - The famous waterfall Imatrankoski;
  - Kolmen Ristin kirkko (Church of the Three Crosses);
  - Imatran Kylpylä Spa;
- Puumala:
  - Puumalansalmi bridge (one of the longest bridges in Europe);
  - Viewing platform;
  - Church of St. John the Baptist.
- Savonlinna is one of the oldest towns in Finland:
  - Olavinlinna, a 15th-century castle;
  - Savonlinna Cathedral;
  - Savonlinna Small Church.



### **The Severny route.**

Kronstadt — Saint Petersburg — Shlisselburg — Konevets — Valaam — Sortavala — Svir River — Voznesenye — Petrozavodsk — Kizhi — Medvezhyegorsk — Belomorsk — Solovetsky Islands — Arkhangelsk — Kirkenes.

The total length of the route is about 2500 km.

The route follows the Gulf of Finland, the Neva River to Shlisselburg via Lake Ladoga with a visit to the islands of Konevets and Valaam further to Sortavala and Pellotsaari island and up the Svir River via Lake Onega to Petrozavodsk, Kizhi via the White Sea–Baltic Canal through the Solovetsky Islands to Arkhangelsk and on to Kirkenes (Norway).

- The island of Konevets is a former cult place of pagans and the cradle of an ancient shrine - the abode of the wonder worker Arseny Konevsky. The Konevsky Monastery founded in the late 14th century by Arseny Konevsky is the landmark of the island; it is considered to be one of the most ancient monasteries in the Russian North.

- The Valaam Island, famous for the Valaam Monastery located there is the pearl of the Russian North and a Russian architecture monument, with several sketes spread across the island in addition to the main monastery court.

- Kizhi island is one of the largest open-air museums in Russia. This is a unique historical and cultural and natural complex, a particularly valuable site of cultural heritage of the peoples of Russia. The basis of the museum collection is the architectural ensemble of the Kizhi Pogost included in the UNESCO List of World Heritage Sites in Russia.

- Solovetsky Islands The history of the archipelago dates back about 7000 years. The most mysterious monuments are pagan sanctuaries of the III-II millennia BC. The main historical and architectural monuments of the archipelago are associated with history of Solovetsky Monastery, the influential spiritual convent and the northernmost medieval fortress of the world. The historical and architectural ensemble of the Solovetsky Monastery is included in the UNESCO World Heritage List.

- Arkhangelsk is the northern port of Russia on the banks of Northern Dvina. The longest and very beautiful embankment built up with buildings of all styles and purposes - churches, houses, museums, factories, hotels, educational institutions, shops, etc.; time range — from mid-17th century through early 21st century. On the embankment, there are Zapad schooner, Victory War monument, City of Military Glory Stela, monuments to Solovetsk sailor boys, to participants of northern convoys, to Peter and Fevronia, and to victims of the allied intervention in the Russian Civil War.

- Kirkenes is a small town located in the northeast of Northern Norway, near the Russian border. Kirkenes is known as the capital of the Barents region and the gateway to the east. One of the biggest landmarks in Kirkenes is Snowhotel, which is built anew every year. The hotel is open from December to April. You can also meet Santa's helpers in the Gabba Reindeer Safari Park, or go on an exciting husky sled tour.

When following these routes, you should review the following:

- travel information issued by FBI Administration of Volga-Baltic Basin of Inland Waterways, FBI Administration of White Sea-Onega Basin of Inland Waterways, FBI Administration of North-Dvina Basin of Inland Waterways;
- Notices to Mariners issued by the Department of Navigation and Oceanography of the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation containing navigational warnings, current maps and sailing directions.<sup>1</sup>
- up-to-date detailed information about the seaports located along the route.<sup>2</sup>

## CHAPTER 2. Yacht clubs having guest berths

Name	Location Contacts	Features Basic services
<b>WATER AREA: VYBORG BAY</b>		
Dubkovaya Bay yacht club	Leningrad Oblast, Vyborgsky District, Okunevaya recreation center, Okunevyy proezd, 4 +7 (812) 928-08-68 +7 (812) 715-0500 Berth operator phone number: +7(931)531-5750 <a href="http://www.dubkovaya.ru">www.dubkovaya.ru</a> ; <a href="http://www.okunevaya.ru">www.okunevaya.ru</a> ; <a href="mailto:dubkovaya@list.ru">dubkovaya@list.ru</a> ; <a href="mailto:7150500@mail.ru">7150500@mail.ru</a> ; N60°14,055' E28°59,728'	<u>Number of parking spaces: 80</u> • Boat slip (width 6 m); • Repair and maintenance of yachts, technical support vessel, fuel delivery, winter storage, rent light boats; • Electricity, water, wi-fi, laundry, showers, WC, banya; • Okunevaya recreation center: cottages, hotel, restaurant, 24-hour security guards service.
Koivisto yacht club	Leningrad Oblast, Vyborgsky District, Primorsk, ul. Zavodskaya, 6 +7 (911) 119-02-87 yacht club +7 (911) 231-13-15 cottage rentals <a href="http://www.koivisto-pro.ru">www.koivisto-pro.ru</a> <a href="mailto:yika18091989@gmail.com">yika18091989@gmail.com</a> Geographical coordinates: N60.365, E28.579	<u>Number of parking spaces: 80 (15 for guests)</u> • Flat railless slip (width 4,5 m); • Winter storage; • Car parking; • 24-hour security guards service; • Rent houses with kitchenettes.
Johannes yacht club	Leningrad Oblast, Vyborgsky District, Sovetsky, ul. Sportivnaya, plots 1-5 +7 (911)923-73-30, +7 (911) 000-75-31 <a href="mailto:info@johannes-port.ru">info@johannes-port.ru</a> Geographical coordinates: N60°31'29" E28°39'25"	<u>Number of parking spaces: 300</u> • Boat slip (8m). • Parking of boats, motor boats and yachts, • Rent rowboats; recreation grounds, wi-fi.
Favorit yacht club	Leningrad Oblast, Vyborg, Tsvetushchiy Mys, 1 (Bobovy Cape) +7(813)789-97-08 +7(950)012-94-82 +7(911)-71-222-02 <a href="mailto:ka-yht@bk.ru">ka-yht@bk.ru</a> <a href="http://Parusa.vbg.ru">Parusa.vbg.ru</a> Geographical coordinates N 60°41'48" E28°44'15"	<u>Number of parking spaces: 30</u> • Two boat slips of 6x15, 8x20 • Winter storage of yachts, mast lifting device; • Electricity, water, WC and showers; • Car parking.

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<sup>1</sup> See the link in Chapter 4, "Useful Internet Resources"

<sup>2</sup> Website of Rosmorport Federal State Unitary Enterprise [www.rosmorport.ru](http://www.rosmorport.ru), see the Northwest Basin Branch section.

<b>WATER AREA: SAIMAA CANAL</b>		
Lavola yacht club	Leningrad Oblast, Vyborgsky District, Rappatily, ul. Farvaternaya, 4 +7 (931) 210-38-32 +7 (911) 207-02-08 e-mail: <a href="mailto:info@lavola.ru">info@lavola.ru</a> Geographical coordinates: N60°46.33 E28°41.964	<u>Number of parking spaces: 50</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two boat slips (width 3m and 5m)</li> <li>• Parking for yachts and boats, minor repairs, refueling;</li> <li>• Electricity, water, wi-fi, laundry, bathing zone;</li> <li>• Recreation areas, rent boats, catamarans, bicycles, restaurant, trailer parking, heliport;</li> <li>• Video surveillance, security guards.</li> </ul>
<b>WATER AREA: BIG PORT OF SAINT PETERSBURG</b>		
Fort Constantine yacht club	Saint Petersburg, Kronstadt, ul. Ilmyaninova 2 +7 812 382-08-88 +7 (921) 578-63-66 <a href="mailto:fort@3park.ru">fort@3park.ru</a> , <a href="http://www.forthotel.ru">www.forthotel.ru</a> <a href="mailto:info@balticborder.com">info@balticborder.com</a> Geographical coordinates: N59.9948 E29.7049	<u>Number of parking spaces: 130</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boat slip (width 6 m);</li> <li>• Winter storage of yachts, boats, jet skis in covered slipways;</li> <li>• Water, electricity on berths, wi-fi;</li> <li>• Security guards, video surveillance.</li> </ul>
Baltiyets yacht club (services for yacht club members only)	Saint Petersburg, Petergofskoe shosse, 75 bldg 2 +7 (921) 332-93-52 - guest mooring <a href="http://www.baltclub.com">www.baltclub.com</a> Geographical coordinates: N59.8592 E30.1288	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of water, fuel, gas, food products;</li> <li>• Yacht lift and launch;</li> <li>• Maintenance and repair.</li> </ul>
<b>WATER AREA: NEVA RIVER</b>		
Saint Petersburg River Yacht Club of Trade Unions	Saint Petersburg, Petrovskaya Kosa, 9 +7 (812) 235-66-36 <a href="mailto:yachtclub.spb@gmail.com">yachtclub.spb@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.central-yacht-club.ru">www.central-yacht-club.ru</a> Geographical coordinates: N59.964 E30.2437	<u>Number of parking spaces: 350</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boat slip (50 m)</li> <li>• Provision of water, fuel, gas, food products;</li> <li>• Maintenance and repair;</li> </ul>
Sea Wolves yacht club	Leningrad Oblast, Vsevolozhsky District, Dubrovka, ul. Sovetskaya, 1 +7 (812) 648-80-88 +7 (981) 810-05-00 <a href="mailto:katty@seawolfs.ru">katty@seawolfs.ru</a> Geographical coordinates: N59.831493 E30.943574	<u>Number of parking spaces:</u> Berth — 60, shore — 100 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boat slip (width 4m);</li> <li>• Electricity, water, recreation areas;</li> <li>• Repair and maintenance of motor boats, winter storage.</li> </ul>
<b>WATER AREA: LADOGA LAKE</b>		
Ladozhsky yacht club	Leningrad Oblast, Priozersky District, Priozersk, ul. Zavodskaya, 1b. Vuoksa River estuary Phone: +7 (921) 747 5794 <a href="mailto:Rofuss@mail.ru">Rofuss@mail.ru</a> , <a href="http://klub-ladogskii.ru">klub-ladogskii.ru</a> Geographical coordinates: N61°02,41' E30°10,000,8'	<u>Number of parking spaces: 80</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boat slip (4x10m)</li> <li>• Year-round parking for boats and yachts, ship wash, car parking;</li> <li>• Showers, WC, solid and liquid waste reception, security guards.</li> </ul>
Laguna yacht club	Leningrad Oblast, Priozersk, ul. Zaozernaya +7(921)966-10-85 +7(812)960-00-66 <a href="http://Lagunaladoga.ru">Lagunaladoga.ru</a> Geographical coordinates: N61°02' 35" E30°10' 22"	<u>Number of parking spaces: 150</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boat slip (width 6)</li> <li>• Refueling services, minor repairs, yacht lift and launch assistance;</li> <li>• Video surveillance, security guards.</li> </ul>

Koshkinsky farwater yacht club	Leningrad Oblast, Vsevolozhsky District, Morozovskoye settlement, Koshkino village, 17 +7(921)372-01-18 <a href="mailto:bazaTerraLagoga@yandex.ru">bazaTerraLagoga@yandex.ru</a> <a href="http://marinaladoga.ru">marinaladoga.ru</a> Geographical coordinates: N59.979343 E31.069424	<u>Number of parking spaces: 220</u> • Boat slip (5x15 m) • Guarded parking; • Parking for yachts, motor boats and boats; • Rent boats for water trips; • Restaurant, hotel, banya.
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## CHAPTER 3. Specifics of navigation in certain areas of waterways

### 3.1.1. *Navigation in the border area of the Russian Federation.*

Free movement of people and their economic activities within the border area are restricted.

The limits of the border zone in the territory of the Leningrad Oblast, adjacent to the state border of the Russian Federation with the Republic of Finland, the Republic of Estonia, the sea coast of the Russian Federation are established by the Order of the Federal Security Service of Russia No. 239 dated 02.06.2006 “On the limits of the border zone in the territory of the Leningrad Oblast” (as revised on 17.12.2013).

Access to the border area shall be granted subject to passes pre-issued by the Border Directorate of the Federal Security Service of Russia for Saint Petersburg and Leningrad Oblast.

Procedure for obtaining the pass, a sample application for the pass, as well as requisite documents are governed by the Notice Order.

Application for the pass is submitted to the Border Department of the Federal Security Service of Russia for Saint Petersburg and Leningrad Oblast in advance (30 days before the intended visit).

The following islands located in the border zone can be visited by citizens of the Russian Federation without registration of special passes. All visitors must present their identity documents:

- Moshchny island;
- Beryozovye islands;
- Islands of Vyborg Bay.

### ***3.1.2. Pleasure craft navigation on the Saimaa Canal.***

#### **1. Admissible navigation area:**

Private pleasure craft of all states are permitted to sail along the areas from the Gulf of Finland to the Saimaa water system and vice versa, including also entry to the port of Vyborg, using the southwestern (maritime) fairway south of Sommers island, or the coastal fairway off Santio island.

#### **2. Pilotage**

Where the hull length of the recreational boat is not more than 24 m, the boat may navigate without a pilot, provided that there is a VHF radio telephone on board, as also a person who speaks English or Russian is on board to ensure reliable communication.

In the territory of the Russian Federation, pilotage is carried out only in daylight hours from 08:00 till 20:00 Moscow time. Pilot requests must be submitted on weekdays by phone or fax at +7813 783 2294. Such request shall contain the following details: the vessel's name, length, speed, displacement, time and place of arrival, as well as full name of the person making the request. The request must be in English or Russian.

#### **3. Rules and instructions you need to know**

The maximum permissible speed of vessels with a hull width of 11.80 m or more is 9 km per hour in the channel bed and on the lake fairways of the canal is 12 km per hour.

Depending on the depth of the water course, the following permissible maximum speed values for cargo ships, passenger ships and pleasure craft, as also for tugboats less than 11,80 meters in width, in the water course, are established:

- more than 3.90 m — 9 km per hour;
- 3.90-3.0 m — 12 km per hour;
- to 3.0 m — 15 km per hour.

In the lake fairways of the Saimaa Canal, with the width of the vessel's hull up to 11,80 meters, the following maximum speed is permitted depending on the depth of water course:

- speed, 3.0 m or deeper — 15 km per hour;
- to 3.0 m — 18 km per hour.

To avoid collision when meeting other boats, small vessels must evade to the right.

Overtaking vessel must pass on the left side without impeding the movement of other vessels.

On the Saimaa Canal, overnight stop is permitted in the following locations:

- on the leased territory of the Saimaa Canal only when moving towards the sea at the upper port of the Brusnichnoye lock on the side of the pilot station;
- in Nuijamaa — in the area of examination berth for pleasure craft;
- behind the upper port on the west side of the Soskua lock;
- on the upper side of the Mustola lock onshore or behind the lower port on the east side.

#### **4. Saimaa Canal Safety Instructions**

If there is a VHF radio telephone on board, the vessel shall maintain a copy radio watch on channel 11.

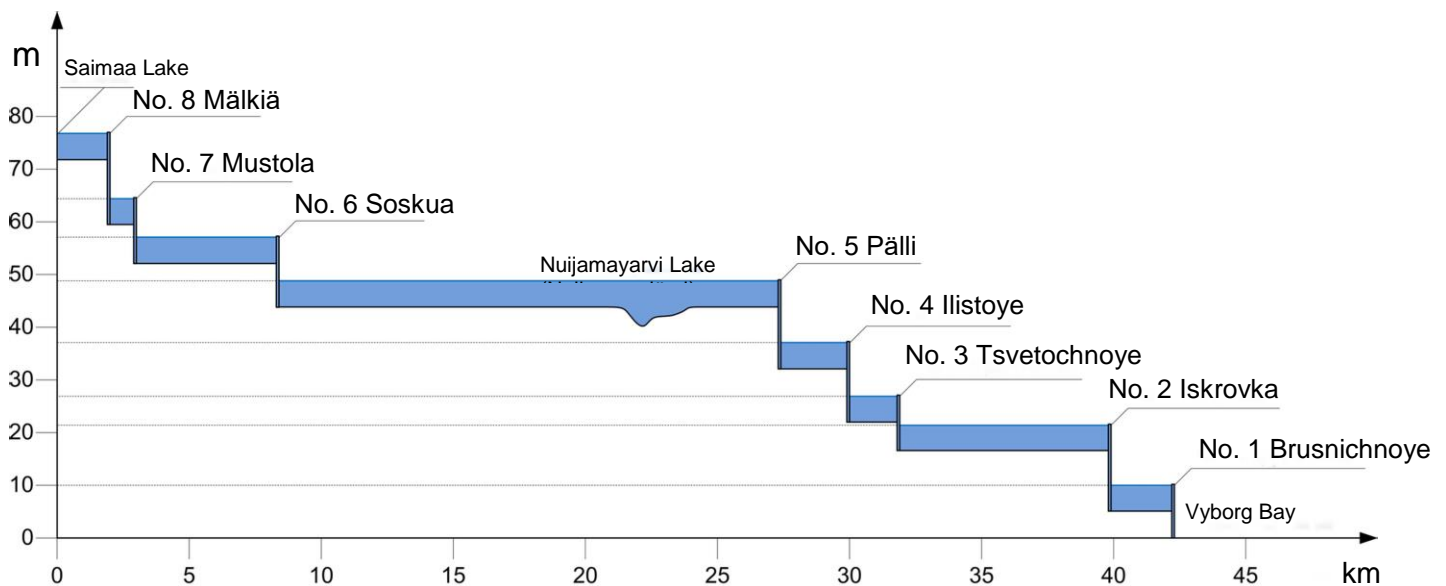
When entering the Saimaa Canal, contact the Mälkiä lock at +358 295 34 4157 and request permission to enter the canal.

This is necessary to avoid collision with a cargo ship in the area between the canal head and the Mälkiä lock.

Mooring to fixed eyebolts mounted on the walls of locks is strictly prohibited!

Mooring or parking of the vessel is strictly prohibited in the following hazardous locations of the lock forebays:

- upper and lower ports on the east side of the Iskrovka lock (mooring or parking on the west side is permitted);
- lower port on the east side of the Tsvetochnoye lock (mooring is permitted only behind the berth);
- lower port on the east side of the Pälli lock (mooring or parking on the west side is permitted).



Locations of Saimaa Canal locks

### 3.1.3. Navigation of small vessels and yachts in Vyborg Bay.

Pleasure craft may navigate during daylight hours from 08:00 till 20:00 Moscow time.

1. When sailing in port waters and the Gulf of Vyborg, pleasure craft must be strictly guided by the COLREGs. Travel in the area from the Brusnichnoye lock to the port of Vysotsk is permitted only under motor with sails down.

2. When sailing in the territorial sea and inland waters of the Russian Federation in the Gulf of Finland from the state border to the border of port waters, pleasure craft must maintain a copy radio watch on channel 16.

3. For pleasure craft not equipped with means of communications, or pleasure craft whose masters do not speak English or Russian, pilotage is mandatory.

4. Pleasure craft should sail in port waters behind buoys enclosing the navigable areas and should not interfere with cargo carriers. In case of simultaneous approach of pleasure craft and merchant ships to the Lavola Strait, Vysotsky turn, pleasure craft must give way to commercial ships.

5. When navigating in port waters or in Bay of Vyborg, the boatmaster must at all times remain in the place from where the pleasure craft is steered.

6. Pleasure craft are not allowed to:

- approach moving vessels, interfere with their movement and maneuvering;
- approach the shore in places not designed for this purpose or moor to hydrotechnical structures and navigation equipment;
- take on board any unauthorized persons or hand over any items (goods) to other vessels.

#### ***3.1.4. Navigation of small vessels and yachts the water area of Saint Petersburg.***

In waters of the Gulf of Finland, Nevskaya Guba, Neva River below the lower edge of the Blagoveshchensky Bridge, Malaya Neva River and Malaya Nevka River along the western edge of the bridge crossing of the Western High-Speed Diameter, rivers Bolshaya Nevka and Srednyaya Nevka along the western edge of the Yakhtenny Bridge, small vessels **are not permitted** to:

- follow fairways and canals or cross fairways and canals so as to hinder the movement of other vessels;
- manoeuvre in close proximity to moving, anchored or berthed ships;
- moor to floating and stationary navigation equipment and cast the anchor nearby;
- navigate in the area of a port part of Saint Petersburg Sea Canal from the Golden Gate to the Nevsky Gate;
- approach foreign ships without the permission of border and customs authorities;
- fish and/or set fishing gear, anchor on and near fairways and canals;
- drift (except for emergency cases);
- sailing on small vessels without a marine frequency band radio. A copy radio watch on VHF channels 9 or 16 must be maintained on an ongoing basis;
- navigation of small vessels on established fairways and canals of the water area without the permission of the ship traffic service of the Big Port of Saint Petersburg;

- anchoring small vessels is possible at such a distance from the edges of fairways and canals, which ensures the safety of parking in the event waves are generated by passing ships.

In waters of Neva River above the lower edge of the Blagoveshchensky Bridge, Malaya Neva River and Malaya Nevka River above the western edge of the bridge crossing of the Western High-Speed Diameter, rivers Bolshaya Nevka and Srednyaya Nevka above the western edge of the Yakhtenny Bridge, small vessels are **not permitted** to:

- interfere with the movement and maneuvering of ships other than small vessels;
- navigate during the period of drawbridge opening under raised spans of drawbridges;
- navigate in the area of Malaya Nevka River from Kamennooostrovsky Bridge to Leontievsky Cape on weekdays from 09:00 till 12:00 and from 16:00 till 19:00, on weekends and public holidays from 09:00 till 13:00;
- sailing on small vessels on certain water bodies of Saint Petersburg without a river frequency band radio. A copy radio watch on VHF channel 5 must be maintained on an ongoing basis;
- securing small vessels to buoys and creating roadsteads for parking small vessels:
  - in one-way traffic areas;
  - on approaches to berths;
  - in areas with a navigable channel width of less than 20 m;
  - closer than 30 m from the bridges;
  - in the areas of underwater passages marked by the signs 'Do not drop anchors!';
  - closer than 30 m from the intersection of rivers and canals;
  - closer than 10 m from the axis of the navigable channel.

Demarcation lines between the areas of application of COLREGs and the Inland Waterway Navigation Rules are as follows:

- on Neva River — the lower edge of the Blagoveshchensky Bridge;
- on Malaya Neva River — the western edge of the bridge crossing of the Western High-Speed Diameter
- on Malaya Nevka River — the western edge of the bridge crossing of the Western High-Speed Diameter
- on Srednyaya Nevka River and Bolshaya Nevka River — the western edge of the Yakhtenny Bridge

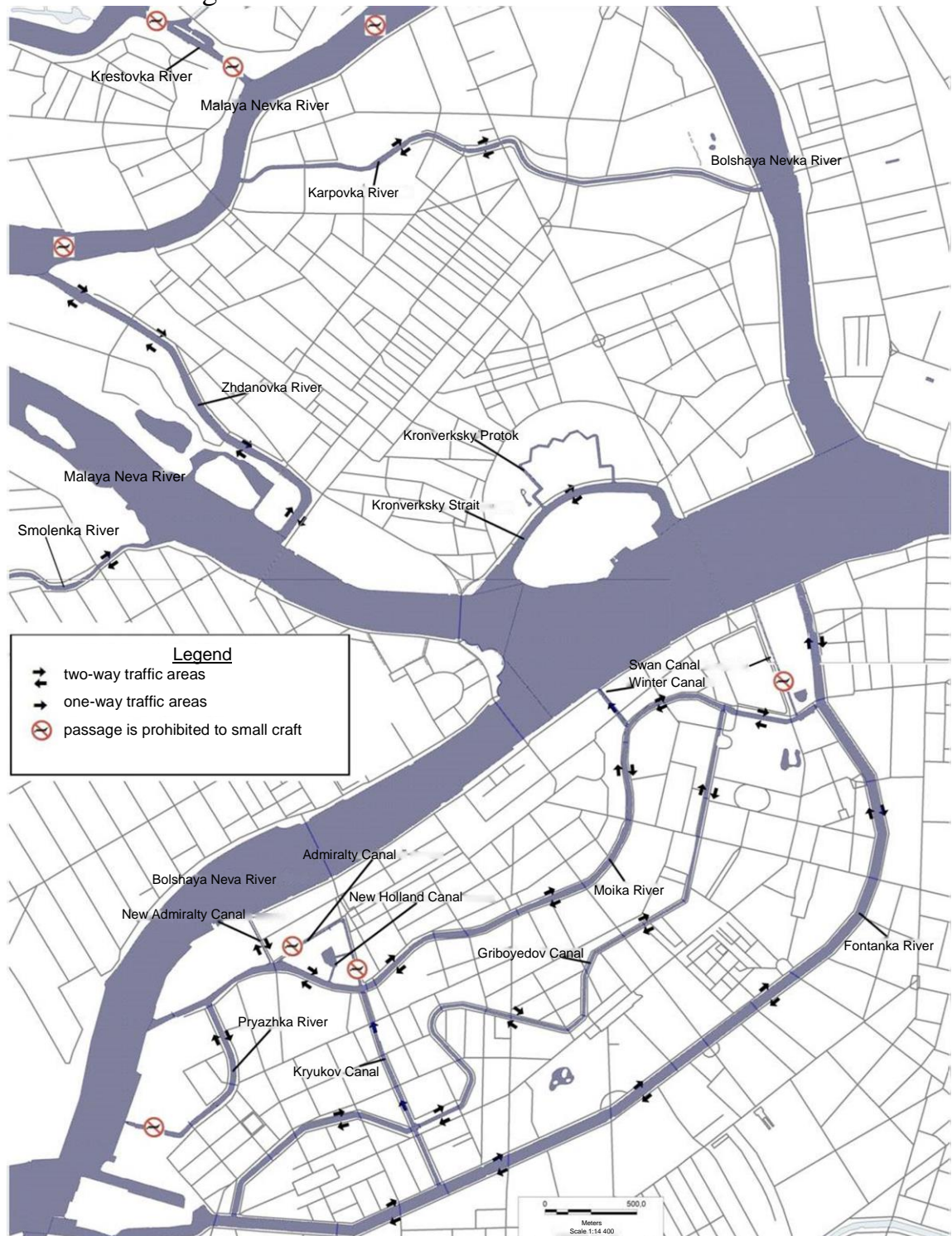
On the RF IWW, the movement of vessels with a total length of less than 20 meters, sport sailboats and pleasure craft near beaches, places of public recreation on water is allowed at a speed of not more than 12 km/h, and in the waters of river



ports, on artificial canals, within the boundaries of settlements, roadsteads, in areas of ships' parking — at a speed of not more than 15 km/h.

- On the waterways of Saint Petersburg, the speed of movement of small vessels on certain water bodies should not exceed 8 km/h, and when passing anchored floating docks and/or moored vessels and engineering ships — 5 km/h.

Small vessels shall use only navigable bridge spans marked by appropriate indicators of axis of the navigable channel.



Two-way and one-way traffic areas for small vessels in the water area of Saint Petersburg

### **3.1.5. Procedure for entry of vessels to the sea ports Big Port of Saint Petersburg and Passenger Port of Saint Petersburg.**

*(Boundaries of the sea port Big Port of Saint Petersburg are established by the RF Government Decree No. 1225-p dated 20.08.2009 (as amended on 12.02.2020); Boundaries of the sea port Passenger Port of Saint Petersburg are established by the RF Government Decree No. 856-p dated 29.06.2007 (as amended on 24.02.2010))*

Small vessels used for non-commercial purposes, pleasure craft and sport sailboats must have written permission to navigate the vessel in the sea port and navigate outside the sea port with a return to the sea port. Such written permission shall be issued upon presentation of a vessel's certificate and application to the harbor master indicating the area of the projected voyage, as well as license to operate the small vessel, pleasure craft or sport sailboat, respectively (paragraph 80 of the General Rules for Navigation and Parking of Ships in and on the Approaches to Sea Ports of the Russian Federation).

To obtain permission, you must:

1. Submit an application to the harbor master of the sea port Big Port of Saint Petersburg in the prescribed manner.

The application must include:

- the vessel's side number;
- the proposed area of navigation;
- contact details of the applicant.

The application must be appended with:

- a copy of the vessel's certificate,
- a copy of the license to operate the small vessel, pleasure craft or sport sailboat, respectively.

2. The application with appendices can be sent electronically in the form of portable documents (pdf format) to e-mail: [capsec@pasp.ru](mailto:capsec@pasp.ru).

Where necessary, inspector of the state port control may ask to present the original documents.

3. Permission documents are issued at the address: Saint Petersburg, ul. Gapsalskaya, 10 at the time agreed with the applicant.

4. For each departure from the sea port and each entry to the sea port, a vessel with the permission shall notify the harbor master on VHF channel 9, call signal "Radio-5" (alternative method of communication: at +7 (812) 245-16-77 and +7 (812) 714-92-11).

Small vessels, sport sailboats and pleasure craft are not allowed to:

- sailing without a marine frequency band radio;
- follow canals and fairways or cross canals and fairways so as to hinder the movement of other vessels;
- manoeuvre in close proximity to moving, anchored or berthed ships;
- moor to floating and stationary navigation equipment and cast the anchor nearby;

- approach foreign ships without the permission of border and customs authorities;
- fish and/or set fishing gear, anchor on and near fairways and canals;
- drift (except for emergency cases);
- navigate from the Golden Gate to the Nevsky Gate.

Guidelines for owners and boatmasters of small vessels, sport sailboats and pleasure craft, defining the procedure for entry to the waters of the sea ports Big Port of Saint Petersburg and Passenger Port of Saint Petersburg and the rules of stay in them are posted on the website of the Ministry of Emergency Situations for Saint Petersburg under “State Inspectorate for Small Vessels” <https://78.mchs.gov.ru/>

## **CHAPTER 4. Procedures for customs and border control and customs operations**

### ***4.1. Regulatory and legal framework.***

Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic (FAL) dated 09.04.1965 (as amended on 08.04.2016) contains the requirements for documents and procedures for the arrival, parking and departure of ships on international voyages.

Treaty between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Finland dated 27.05.2010 on lease of the Russian part of the Saimaa Canal and its adjacent territory by the Republic of Finland and on the navigation through Saimaa Canal (ratified by Federal Law No. 315-FZ dated 16.11.2011).

Customs Code of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU CC).

Decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission No. 107 “On certain issues related to goods for personal use” dated 20.12.2017 (as revised on 28.05.2019 and amended on 29.04.2020) defines categories of goods not related to goods for personal use.

Decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission No. 124 “On customs declaration of goods for personal use” dated 23.07.2019 establishes the form and procedure for filling out the customs declaration.

Federal Law of the Russian Federation No. 289-FZ dated 03.08.2018 “On Customs regulation in the Russian Federation and on amendments to certain legislative acts of the Russian Federation” regulates relations associated with the importation of goods into the Russian Federation, export of goods from the Russian Federation, their transportation through the territory of the Russian Federation under customs control, temporary storage, customs declaration, issuance and use in accordance with customs procedures, procedures for customs control, collection and payment of customs charges, special, anti-dumping, and countervailing duties.

RF Government Decision No. 872 dated 20.11.2008 (as revised on 13.02.2019) “On approval of the rules for control over the passage of persons, transport vehicles, cargoes, goods and animals through the state border of the Russian Federation”. The rules determine the procedure for monitoring the passage of persons, transport vehicles, cargoes, goods and animals through the state border of the Russian Federation in order to coordinate activities of state authorities that exercise control functions.

RF Government Decision No. 341 dated 28.03.2019 "On the specifics of crossing of the state border of the Russian Federation by Russian and foreign vessels at sea."

Order of the Federal Security Service of Russia No. 239 dated 02.06.2006 (as revised on 17.12.2013) “On the limits of the border zone in the territory of the Leningrad Oblast” establishes the limits of the border zone in the territory of the Leningrad Oblast adjacent to the state border of the Russian Federation with the Republic of Finland, the Republic of Estonia, the sea coast of the Russian Federation.

Order of the Ministry of Transport of Russia No. 247 dated 22.12.2009 (as revised on 21.1.2013) “On approval of the typical scheme of organization of passage of persons, transport vehicles, cargoes, goods and animals through the state border of the Russian Federation at sea and river (lake) checkpoints” defines the procedure for the implementation of the main control activities at sea and river (lake) state border inspection posts of the Russian Federation.

Order of the Federal Customs Service of Russia No. 1349 “On the approval of the Instructions on actions of officials of customs authorities performing customs operations and conducting customs control for vessels used for commercial navigation purposes, as well as goods and vehicles moved across the customs border of the Customs Union by these vessels” dated 19.07.2013 revised 08.07.2016.

Order of the Federal Security Service of Russia No. 454 dated 07.08.2017 (as revised on 19.06.2018) "On approval of Rules of border regime" contains the rules of the border regime in the Russian part of the waters of border rivers, lakes and other water bodies, in inland sea waters, and in the territorial sea of the Russian Federation.

Order of the Federal Security Service of Russia No. 455 dated 07.08.2017 "On approval of administrative regulations of Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation on provision of the state service for issue of passes for entering of persons and vehicles to border zone, permissions for economic, trade and other activity, holding mass social and political, cultural and other activities, cattle management and grazing in border zones, trade, research, prospecting and other activities in the Russian part of the waters of border rivers, lakes and other water bodies where the border regime is set" contains the rules of the border regime in the Russian part of the waters of border rivers, lakes and other water bodies, in inland sea waters, and in the territorial sea of the Russian Federation, and establishes the procedure for obtaining a pass to the border territory as well as the form of application for this pass.

Order of the Ministry of Transport of Russia No. 72 dated 26.02.2018 “On approval of the crew list maintenance rules on vessels of inland water transport”. The rules establish a uniform procedure for maintaining a crew list and are mandatory for Russian shipowners, masters of ships intended for use for navigation on inland water routes of the Russian Federation and sailing under the State Flag of the Russian Federation.

Order of the Federal Customs Service of Russia No. 541 dated 01.04.2019 “On approval of the procedure for customs operations in relation to vessels used for commercial navigation purposes, as well as goods and transport vehicles moved across the customs border of the Eurasian Economic Union by these vessels, using the Unified Automated Information System of Customs Authorities”.

Process flow scheme of organization of passage of persons, transport vehicles, cargoes, goods and animals through the state border of the Russian Federation in the harbor checkpoint at the sea port Big Port of Saint Petersburg.

Process flow scheme of organization of passage of persons, transport vehicles, cargoes, goods and animals through the state border of the Russian Federation at the Brusnichnoye checkpoint (Saimaa Canal).

RF state border checkpoints in the territory of Saint Petersburg and Leningrad Oblast (navigation 2020):

Currently, customs and border control for small vessels is carried out at the harbor checkpoint at the sea port Big Port of Saint Petersburg in the territory of Fort Constantine, as well as at the Brusnichnoye checkpoint (Saimaa Canal). Border and customs control of small vessels, sport sailboats and pleasure craft at these checkpoints is provided 24 hours a day.

Brusnichnoye checkpoint (Saimaa Canal) is operating only during the period of navigation.

***4.2. Specifics of control operations to check the grounds for passing the state border by Russian and foreign small vessels, sport sailboats and pleasure craft.***

State control shall be subject to all foreign small vessels, sport sailboats and pleasure craft that have arrived to the Russian Federation or depart to another country. Border control is provided at the checkpoint.

State control and registration of foreign small vessels, sport sailboats and pleasure craft that navigate through the Saimaa Canal is provided (Lock No. 1, Brusnichnoye — customs checkpoint in the sea port of Vyborg of the Vyborg customs office — customs control; Lock No. 5, Pälli — Border Directorate of the Federal Security Service of Russia for Saint Petersburg and Leningrad Oblast — border control) This checkpoint is operating only during the period of navigation.

State control at the checkpoint Big Port of Saint Petersburg is provided by subdivisions of border control bodies (checkpoint Saint Petersburg Sea Port - Passenger), customs control (Kronstadt customs post of the Baltic customs), sanitary quarantine, veterinary, quarantine and phytosanitary control (hereinafter referred to as the "SCB") to the extent permitted by the laws of the Russian Federation.

Specifics of border and customs control at the Brusnichnoye checkpoint (Saimaa Canal):

The following types of control are consistently carried out at the Brusnichnoye checkpoint (Saimaa Canal):

- Upon arrival of persons, vehicles, goods and animals to the territory of the Russian Federation:

- Border control (Lock No. 5);
- Customs control (Lock No. 1);

Small vessels imported by individuals for personal use and not registered in the EAEU Member States, as also vessels temporarily imported by foreign individuals and registered in states other than EAEU member states, and vessels moving from the territory of the Republic of Finland to the customs territory of the EAEU shall pass border control at lock No. 5, Pälli. Customs operations upon vessel's arrival are provided at lock No. 1, Brusnichnoye.

Persons importing small vessels for personal use that are registered in states other than EAEU member states shall carry out customs operations for their release into free circulation at the customs checkpoint in the sea port of Vyborg, while the vessel remains in the customs control zone at lock No. 1, Brusnichnoye

- Upon departure of persons, vehicles, goods and animals from the territory of the Russian Federation:

- Customs control (Lock No. 1);
- Border control (Lock No. 5).

Customs operations and customs control in relation to small vessels registered in states other than EAEU member states and exported by individuals after temporary importation control shall be provided at lock No. 1, Brusnichnoye. The vessels then proceed to Lock No. 5, Pälli for border control and departure to the Republic of Finland.

For vessels registered in EAEU Member States and temporarily exported by individuals of the EAEU Member States, Customs operations and customs control are provided at lock No. 1, Brusnichnoye. The vessels then undergo border control at Lock No. 5, Pälli and depart to the Republic of Finland.

Passage is allowed through the Russian part of the Saimaa Canal and the inland waters and territorial sea of the Russian Federation, through the canals and fairways to the Gulf of Finland, for transit citizens of the Republic of Finland and citizens of third states traveling to/from the Republic of Finland on small vessels for personal use, not for commercial purposes.

Specifics of border and customs control at the checkpoint of the sea port Big Port of Saint Petersburg:

Small vessels, sport sailboats and pleasure craft proceeding in the RF to Fort Constantine and further to yacht clubs in Saint Petersburg and from the RF yacht clubs in Saint Petersburg to Fort Constantine and further abroad must cross the State border of the Russian Federation only at certain points along certain fairways specified in the “Notice to Mariners”<sup>3</sup> and proceed through the water area of the port along the established routes specified in the "Mandatory Resolutions in the sea port Big Port of Saint Petersburg".<sup>4</sup>

When small vessels, sport sailboats and pleasure craft proceed from the RF State border to Fort Constantine and further to the ship base in the port area and back, the boatmaster may not:

- cast anchor to keep the ship at rest;
- approach other vessels in port waters;
- change the travel route;
- moor anywhere before passing border control.

In case of any force majeure circumstances, the boatmaster of a small vessel must immediately report the situation to the STCS of the sea port Big Port of Saint Petersburg (see “Information about communication channels” in Chapter 4 of these Guidelines) and to the border control unit on channel 6, call signal “Granit”.

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<sup>3</sup> See Chapter 4, “Useful Internet Resources”

<sup>4</sup> Approved by the Order of the Ministry of Transport of Russia No. 388 dated 19.12.2016 “On approval of mandatory resolutions in the sea port Big Port of Saint Petersburg”



The rules of communication at control points for small vessels proceeding to the sea port Big Port of Saint Petersburg and back:

- when approaching Saint Petersburg entrance buoy and proceeding from the entrance buoy to the passage in the Kotlin island dam (Kronstadt), vessel must maintain a copy radio watch on channel 9, call signal “Peterburg-traffic”;
- when passing the dam passage and proceeding to Fort Constantine, the boatmaster must switch to channel 6, call signal “Granit” and report himself and the vessel data;
- when proceeding from Fort Constantine after the border control to the location of the yacht club in the port area, the boatmaster must switch to channel 9.

When crossing the state border, the boatmaster notifies by means of communication the STCS of the port, which in turn monitors the route of the vessel, as well as when the vessel is going abroad.

***4.3. Procedure for the passage of ships in the HMCP of the sea port Big Port of Saint Petersburg (terminal for servicing small vessels, sport sailboats and pleasure craft in Fort Constantine).***

Small vessels, including those under a foreign flag, which proceed from the Baltic Sea to Saint Petersburg shall:

- give preliminary notice about the approach to the Fort Constantine checkpoint to the Border Directorate of the Federal Security Service of Russia - to channel 6 (VHF), call signal “Granit” and report himself and the vessel data to the operational duty of the Border Directorate by e-mail [pu.spb.lenobl@fsb.ru](mailto:pu.spb.lenobl@fsb.ru) ;

The notice must be filed within 24 hours prior to the expected approach (but not less than 4 hours) (VHF, Border Directorate telephone - see Chapter 4 of these Guidelines), *(to facilitate the passage of state control, small vessels under foreign flag are recommended to provide documents on the vessel to the operational duty by e-mail in advance)*

- The traffic control service specifies the mooring berth in the border and customs control zone (BCCZ) for clearance (via VHF communication channels):
  - the vessel is moored to the berth of the checkpoint and passes the clearance, after which it may proceed as intended to the parking areas located in the sea port Big Port of Saint Petersburg or remoored in Fort Constantine yacht club;
  - the period of free parking at BCCZ berths is not more than 2 hours. The maximum possible parking period is not more than 12 hours, then the vessel must proceed to the berths of Fort Constantine yacht club or any other yacht club.
  - at least 24 hours before the sea voyage, the boatmaster shall notify the agent of departure time, with update 4 hours before approaching the checkpoint.



**Checkpoint berth maps, wind wave forecast on the Gulf of Finland, depth map** can be found on the official MMPP website through the state border of the Russian Federation in the sea port Big Port of Saint Petersburg (Terminal for small vessels, sport sailboats and pleasure craft (Constantine Fort) <http://balticborder.com/ru/>

***4.4. Procedure for border and customs control:***

- Deliver the vessel for inspection by state supervisory authorities;
- Inspection (examination) of a small vessel in the presence of the boatmaster together with a customs officer;
- Obtaining marks on the passage of state control;
- Upon completion of border and customs control for clearance/departure, the boatmaster shall inform the border guards of the location of the small vessel (yacht club) and must notify the yacht club duty officer of his arrival. Incoming foreign small vessels should notify the border guards of their expected navigation areas;
  - Upon arrival of a small vessel to the yacht club, the yacht club duty officers and the agent inform the duty service of the border control unit;
  - Upon departure of a small vessel to inland waters, inland sea waters, or navigational area in the border zone, the boatmaster shall personally or through the yacht club duty officers, or agent inform the duty service of the border control unit.

***4.5. Documents to be provided to state control authorities when the state border of the Russian Federation is crossed.***

Provided to border and customs authorities:

- Crew List (issued by the boatmaster, certification is not required)<sup>5</sup>;
- customs declaration <sup>6</sup> in cases established by customs laws;
- identity documents of all crew members confirming the right to cross the border;
- document of title to the vessel or power of attorney, or other document confirming the legal right to use the vessel;
- official permission to operate the vessel.

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<sup>5</sup> The document complies with the standards of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) as approved by Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic (FAL) dated 09.04.1965 (as amended on 08.04.2016), the current form of Crew List is given on the website [www.imo.org](http://www.imo.org) under “FAL Forms and Certificates”)

<sup>6</sup> The sample and procedure for filling out the declaration form is established by the Decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission No. 124 “On customs declaration of goods for personal use” dated 23.07.2019<sup>6</sup>)

#### 4.6. Procedures for sanitary and quarantine control of small vessels, sport sailboats and pleasure craft.

Sanitary and quarantine control of persons (if necessary) is carried out in the international zone in the border control sector prior to border control.

The results of sanitary and quarantine control shall be made by stamping transport documents as appropriate, and in cases established by the laws of the Russian Federation, also by drawing up the relevant report.



Checkpoint location map for the sea port  
Big Port of Saint Petersburg

***4.7. Specifics of customs regulation with regard to temporary import/export of a small vessel from the customs territory of the EAEU:***

Small vessels temporarily imported into the customs territory of the EAEU are subject to customs declaration.

Small vessels imported to the customs territory of the EAEU by individuals for personal use shall be subject to customs declaration with the application of the passenger customs declaration and the submission of documents confirming the information declared therein.

Temporary importation of small vessels for personal use registered in state other than EAEU member states to customs territory of the EAEU is allowed for foreign individuals without payment of import customs duties, taxes for a period of not more than 1 year.

Temporary importation of small vessels for personal use registered in state other than Union member states to customs territory of the EAEU is allowed for individuals of EAEU member states without payment of import customs duties, taxes for a period of not more than 1 year.

Temporary importation of second and subsequent small vessels for personal use registered in state other than EAEU member states into the customs territory of the Union for foreign individuals, if there are small vessels not removed from the customs territory of the EAEU after they were temporarily imported by such persons for personal use is allowed subject to security for performance of the obligation to pay customs duties and taxes.

Small vessels for personal use moving across the customs border of the EAEU in any way, with the exception of small vessels registered in the Union member states, are subject to customs declaration using passenger customs declaration in accordance with the form established by the Decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission No. 124 dated 23.07.2019.

Customs declaration of a small vessel registered in the territory of the EAEU member state during its temporary exportation from the customs territory of the EAEU by an individual of the EAEU member state is the right of that person and may be exercised if so desired.”

In case a small water vessel proceeds from outside the customs territory of the EAEU to the Republic of Finland, without entering the Saimaa Canal, this vessel shall arrive for customs control at the harbor checkpoint at the sea port Big Port of Saint Petersburg in the territory of Fort Constantine. Customs operations and customs control in relation to such a vessel are carried out by the Kronstadt customs post of the Baltic customs (the work pattern of the customs post is 24 hours a day).

## **CHAPTER 5. Specifics of navigation on inland waters and sea routes of the Leningrad Oblast and Saint Petersburg.**

### ***5.1. Regulatory and legal framework.***

Treaty between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Finland on lease of the Russian part of the Saimaa Canal and its adjacent territory by the Republic of Finland and on the navigation through Saimaa Canal (ratified by Federal Law No. 315-FZ dated 16.11.2011) (as amended on 20.04.2016) provides the terms for navigation on the Saimaa Canal.

Federal Law No. 24-FZ dated 07.03.2001 (as revised on 14.06.2020) “Code of inland water transport of the Russian Federation” regulates the relations arising between the organizations of inland water transport of the Russian Federation, passengers and other individuals and/or legal entities when carrying out navigation on inland waterways of the Russian Federation, and determines their rights, obligations and responsibilities.

RF Government Decision No. 472 dated 12.05.2012 (as revised on 20.07.2013) “Rules of Navigation for Sports Sailing Vessels and Leisure Craft Flying Foreign Flags through the Inland Waterways of the Russian Federation”

On the basis of paragraph 2, sport sailboats and pleasure craft under flags of foreign states are allowed to navigate on the inland waterways of the Russian Federation and to enter ports included in the List of Waterways and List of Ports, respectively. (RF Government Decree No. 734-p dated 05.05.2012 (as revised on 30.06.2015) “On approval of the list of ports open for entry of ships under flags of foreign states and the list of RF inland waterways where ships under flags of foreign states may sail”)

RF Government Decree No. 1800-p dated 19.12.2002 (as revised on 30.01.2020) “On approval of the list of inland waterways of the Russian Federation”

Order of the Ministry of Transport of Russia No. 47 dated 01.03.2010 “The procedure for dispatch control of the movement of vessels on inland waterways of the Russian Federation”

Order of the Federal Security Service of Russia No. 239 dated 02.06.2006 (as revised on 17.12.2013) “On the limits of the border zone in the territory of the Leningrad Oblast” establishes the limits of the border zone in the territory of the Leningrad Oblast adjacent to the state border of the Russian Federation with the Republic of Finland, the Republic of Estonia, the sea coast of the Russian Federation.

Order of the Ministry of Transport of Russia No. 380 dated 19.10.2012 (as revised on 23.06.2015) “Mandatory Decisions in the Sea Port Passenger Port of Saint Petersburg”

Order of the Ministry of Transport of Russia No. 432 dated 13.12.2012 “Mandatory Decisions in the Sea Port Vyborg”

Order of the Ministry of Transport of Russia No. 5 dated 15.01.2013 “Mandatory Decisions in the Sea Port Primorsk”

Order of the Ministry of Transport of Russia No. 6 dated 15.01.2013 (as revised on 30.09.2014) “Mandatory Decisions in the Sea Port Ust-Luga”.



Order of the Ministry of Transport of Russia No. 161 dated 05.05.2015 (as revised on 08.11.2017) “Mandatory Decisions in the Sea Port Vysotsk”

Order of the Ministry of Transport of Russia No. 388 dated 19.12.2016 “Mandatory Decisions in the Sea Port Big Port of Saint Petersburg”

Mandatory resolutions in ports contain rules for entering the sea port and exit of ships from the sea port, including measures to ensure the safety of navigation for the entrance/exit of vessels to/from sea port(s), rules for navigation of vessels in and approaches to the sea port; description of the STCS zone and rules for navigation of vessels in that zone; rules for the parking of vessels at the sea port and indication of their parking places; rules for ensuring environmental safety, rules for observance of quarantine in the sea port; rules for the use of special means of communication in the territory, water area of the sea port and approaches to it; information on the boundaries of the seaport; information on approaches to the seaport; information on the technical capabilities of the seaport in terms of ship reception; information on the navigation period; information on the areas of mandatory and non-mandatory pilotage of vessels; information on the depth of the sea port and approaches to it.

Order of the Ministry of Transport of Russia No. 235 dated 10.07.2013 (as revised on 01.07.2019) “Rules of movement and parking of vessels in the Volga-Baltic basin of inland waterways of the Russian Federation” determines the procedures for movement and parking of vessels carrying out navigation in the Volga-Baltic basin of inland waterways of the Russian Federation, such as speed limits for small vessels, sport sailboats and pleasure craft in water areas of sea ports and canals, as well as the specifics of movement of ships under draw spans of drawbridges of Saint Petersburg immediately during raising of the spans.

Order of the Ministry of Transport of Russia No. 58 dated 03.03.2014 (as revised on 16.06.2015) ”Rules of passage of vessels through the locks of inland waterways”.

Order of the Ministry of Transport of Russia No. 463 dated 26.10.2017 “General rules of navigation and parking of vessels in sea ports of the Russian Federation and on approaches to them” regulates the procedures for navigation and calls at ports of the Russian Federation.

Order of the Ministry of Transport of Russia No. 19 dated 19.01.2018 (as revised on 11.02.2019) “Rules for navigation of vessels on inland waterways” establish the procedure for navigation of vessels on inland waterways of the Russian Federation, contain requirements for visual and sound signaling, use of VHF radio communications, rules of parking of vessels and the procedures for navigation under different conditions of visibility.

Saint Petersburg Government Decision No. 1165 dated 18.09.2007 (as revised on 22.10.2019) “On Approval of the Rules of Use of Water Bodies for Navigation on Small Vessels in Saint Petersburg” provides for specifics of use of water bodies for navigation on small vessels in Saint Petersburg.

## 5.2. Waterways of Saint Petersburg



Waterways located within the administrative boundaries of Saint Petersburg fall into three different categories.

1. Inland sea waters of the Russian Federation in the area of responsibility of the FSBI Administration of Sea Ports in the Baltic Sea:

- the sea port Big Port of Saint Petersburg (the borders are established by the RF Government Decree No. 1225-p dated 20.08.2009);
- the sea port Passenger Port of Saint Petersburg (the borders are established by the RF Government Decree No. 856-p dated 29.06.2007);

2. Inland waterways of the Russian Federation in the area of responsibility of the FBI Administration of Volgo-Balt (in accordance with the List of Inland Waterways of the Russian Federation, approved by RF Government Decree No. 1800-p dated 19.12.2002):

- Neva River;
- Malaya Neva River;
- Bolshaya Nevka River;
- Srednyaya Nevka River;
- Malaya Nevka River.

3. Waterways of Saint Petersburg in the area of responsibility of the Saint Petersburg Committee on Transport (in accordance with the annex to the Saint Petersburg Law No. 175-38 dated 22.04.2009 “On Transport Services provided by Water Transport in Saint Petersburg”):

- Admiralty Canal;
- Bumazhny Canal;
- Duderhof Canal;
- Winter Canal;
- Izhorsky Pond;
- Griboyedov Canal;
- Kronverksky Strait;
- Kronverksky Protok;
- Kryukov Canal;
- Lakhtinsky Razliv;
- Matisov Canal;
- Obvodny Canal;
- Razliv Lake;
- Volkovka River;
- Glukharka River;
- Ekaterinhofka River;
- Emelyanovka River;
- Zhdanovka River;
- Izhora River;
- Karpovka River;
- Krestovka River;
- Moika River;
- Monastyrka River;
- Okkervil River;
- Okhta River;
- Pryazhka River;
- Slavyanka River;
- Smolenka River;
- Tarakanovka River;
- Fontanka River;
- Chornaya Rechka River (from Kolomyazhsky Bridge to B. Nevka);
- Shkipersky Canal.

Actual dimensions of navigable channels on waterways of Saint Petersburg are published on the website of Saint Petersburg SPI Agency for External Transport under “Water transport” at [www.avt.spb.ru](http://www.avt.spb.ru)

### ***5.3. Procedure for passage of yachts and small boats within the waterways of the FBI Administration of Volgo-Balt***

Before entering the Volga-Baltic Basin, an application for navigation on inland waterways must be submitted to the FBI Administration of Volgo-Balt; the application must contain the following details:

- name of the vessel;
- flag;
- route and estimated voyage dates;
- overall dimensions (length, width, molded depth, draft);
- information on the necessity to navigate when Saint Petersburg drawbridges are open (pilotage);
- contact details of the responsible individual (full name, mobile phone, e-mail, address) or details of the organization.

Application is submitted in advance to the following 2 contacts:

(1) Paid Services and Contracts Department (PS&CD): e-mail: [dogovor@volgo-balt.ru](mailto:dogovor@volgo-balt.ru) phone +7 (812) 494-85-51, 494-85-44, 494-83-36;

2) Vessel traffic regulation service (control service):  
e-mail: [vtrs@volgo-balt.ru](mailto:vtrs@volgo-balt.ru), phone +7(812) 415-42-00.

When applying, time required for bank transactions to pay receipts should be taken into account.

Vessels may enter only after the payment is made.

When entering inland waterways of yachts and small vessels, the following must be considered:

- small vessels under the Russian flag may navigate on inland waterways without any fees for passage;
- vessels under the Russian flag, which are more than 20 meters long, must pay a navigation fee for passage on inland waterways;
- foreign flag vessels which are not more than 20 meters long and a total number of persons is not more than 12 persons shall pay a fee for passage of vessel under a foreign flag;
- foreign flag vessels whose length is more than 20 meters shall pay a fee for passage of vessel under a foreign flag and a navigation fee for passage on inland waterways;

In case of need in pilotage of the vessel when Saint Petersburg drawbridges are open, application on the prescribed form must be submitted (in the Documents section on the FBI Administration of Volgo-Balt website), and pilotage services paid (Fee Rates section).

The current fee rates for ships for services on the use of infrastructure of inland waterways and for services in river ports provided by FBI Administration of Volgo-Balt can be found on the website [www.volgo-balt.ru/page/11](http://www.volgo-balt.ru/page/11) .

The rates are approved by Order of the FBI Administration of Volgo-Balt No. 66 dated 16.03.2020 "On approval of rates of fees paid by ships for services in river ports provided by FBI Administration of Volgo-Balt", as well as by Order of the FBI Administration of Volgo-Balt No. "On approval of rates of fees paid by ships for services in river ports provided by FBI Administration of Volgo-Balt" No. 62 dated 19.02.2019 on the basis of the Federal Law No. 147-FZ dated 17.08.1995 "On natural monopolies".

Sample payment documents for individuals (receipts) and organizations (payment order) can be found on the website <https://www.volgo-balt.ru> in the Passage of Yachts section.

The applicable opening timetables for drawbridges of Saint Petersburg and the Leningrad Oblast, as well as the procedure for submitting requests for raising certain bridges can be found on the website <https://www.volgo-balt.ru> in the Bridge Opening Times section.



#### ***5.4. Procedure for passage of small vessels through the locks of the FBI Administration of Volgo-Balt***

The following types of vessels may not pass through locks without assistance:

- Inflatable vessels (with or without motors);
- Rowing and sailing vessels without motors.

These vessels may only pass through locks by a towing vessel with alongside mooring; the boatmaster and passengers of inflatable vessels and water scooters must be on the towing vessel. Transfer of people and mooring of the towed vessel must be carried out before entering the approach channel of the lock.

Rigid-hull inflatable vessels pass through locks in accordance with the usual procedure using devices that protect the sides from damage (fenders).

Small vessels equipped with VHF river frequency band radios (300-336 MHz) are allowed to pass through the locks.

Procedure for locking:

If permitted by the lock watch supervisor, small vessels in anticipation of locking may moor in specially designated places fitted with notices “Parking of small boats” without causing interference for the movement of other vessels.

Single locking of small vessels is allowed in the event that such a passage does not delay the movement of passenger and transport vessels.

Locking of small vessels together with oil carriers is prohibited.

Small vessels may enter and exit the lock, and be placed in the chamber only as instructed by the lock watch supervisor by means of radio on VHF band and only when green light of the entrance signal is on.

Small vessels shall enter the lock chamber only after completing the mooring of transport, passenger or engineering ships and get behind them at a distance of at least 20 meters from the last vessel stern.

In the lock chamber, small vessels must be safely moored. During locking, one person must constantly be at the mooring lines.

During locking, engines of small vessels must be ready for immediate start.

In case of adverse meteorological conditions (the presence of ice, slush ice and grease ice, fog, strong winds, snowfall in the water area), locking of small vessels is not provided.

All small vessels going to locking are registered at the locks of FBI Administration of Volgo-Balt listed in the table below:

Lock name	Registration taking into account movement direction of the vessel	
	downstream	upstream
Volkhovsky	in the head race	in the tail race
Nizhne-Svirsky	in the head race	in the tail race
Verkhne-Svirsky	in the head race	in the tail race
Lock No. 1	–	in the tail race
Lock No. 6	in the head race	–
Locks No. 7, No. 8	in the head race	in the tail race

When approaching the lock, the boatmaster of a small vessel shall inform the lock watch supervisor by means of radio on VHF band about their readiness for passage.

In order to obtain permission from the lock watch supervisor to enter the lock chamber, the boatmaster must undergo the process of registration, as follows: the lock watch supervisor must enter ship details in the log of established format, such as vessel's name, nationality, full name of the boatmaster, flag, point of departure, and destination.

Boatmasters may not:

- operate a small vessel
  - if it is not registered in accordance with the established procedure;
  - if it has not passed the examination;
  - without a license to operate a small vessel;
  - if it has no identification numbers on it;
  - under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- enter and exit the lock when red light of the entrance signal is on or without the permission of the lock watch supervisor;
  - approach the lock closer to the boundary of the long-distance light signal without the permission of the lock watch supervisor;
  - relinquish control of the small vessel to a person who is not licensed to operate the small vessel or is under the influence of alcohol or drugs;
  - exceed the prescribed speed limit;
  - violate applicable steering rules, rules of supply of sound and light signals, rules of carrying navigation lights and signs;
  - overtake another vessel while entering or exiting the lock;
  - enter and exit the lock under sail;
  - at parking places while waiting for locking — build bonfires, drain oils or fuel, pollute the territory and water areas, bathe, drink alcoholic beverages;
  - moor more than 3 vessels board by board in the lock chamber;
  - moor to inappropriate fixed structures of the lock (ladders, gates, embedded parts, etc.);

- exit from the locking vessel to the chamber wall and berths without the permission of the lock watch supervisor;
- park in front of or lie abreast of transport and passenger vessels;
- transfer people from one vessel to another in the chamber and the approach channels of the lock;
- be on a small vessel outside the ship's rooms without wearing life jackets properly secured;
- throw any items or garbage overboard;
- add lettering or apply any other marks on the surface of walls, bitts, mooring walls or other lock structures.

**CHAPTER 6. Contacts of emergency services, information about VHF communication channels in the sea ports of the Leningrad Oblast and Saint Petersburg, useful Internet resources.**

1	Universal emergency number	112
2	Department of the State Inspectorate for Small Vessels of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of Russia	+7 (495) 449-98-64 hotline
3	Saint Petersburg Search and Rescue Unit	+7 (812) 335-78-34
4	Northwestern Regional Search and Rescue Unit of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of Russia	+7(921)-331-64-32,
5	Border Guard Service of the Russian Federation	in the range of marine mobile service (channel 16, 156.8MHz). The call signals for stationary units are “Lebed”, border ships — “Vel'bot”, border boats — “Lombard”. in Saint Petersburg: +7 (813) 271-45-88, in Vysotsk: +7 (813) 789-3370; +7 (911) 111-5687.
6	Contact number for background information on the procedure of departure from the Russian Federation and entry into the Russian Federation for Russian and foreign citizens	+7 (495) 626-77-40

Information about very high frequency (VHF) communication channels used in the sea ports of the Leningrad Oblast

Sea port	Call recipient	Very high frequency channels			Call signal
		call channel	working channel	backup channel	
	Emergency and Rescue Department	71	71, 6, 8	-	Peterburg-radio-dvenadtsat'
	Saint Petersburg Marine Rescue Coordination Center	16, 70	71	24, 26, 27	Peterburg-SKC [ES-KA-TSE]
	Sanitary and quarantine station for Lomonosov	9	67	-	Lomonosov-radio-odin
	Sanitary and quarantine station for Kronstadt	9	67	-	Kronstadt-radio-odin
	The basin communication unit of the Federal Budget Institution Volgo-Balt, Saint Petersburg	23, 84	23, 84	-	Peterburg-sem'desyat dva
Ust-Luga	Ust-Luga Department of North-Western Basin Branch of Rosmorport	16	17		Ust-Luga-radio-desyat'
Ust-Luga	Harbor master	16	10, 14	-	Ust-Luga-radio-odin
Vysotsk/ Vyborg	Central Post of the State Port Control Inspectorate of the Sea port	12	12	68	Vyborg-radio-pyat'
Vysotsk	State Port Control Inspectorate	90	90	-	Vysotsk-radio-chetyre
Primorsk		9	9	67	Primorsk-Portokontrol'
Vyborg		11	6	-	Vyborg-radio-odinnadtsat'
Ust-Luga		16	10, 14	-	Ust-Luga-radio-pyat'
Vyborg	Sea port dispatcher	9	9	-	Vyborg-radio-dva
Saint Petersburg	Port fleet dispatcher	14	14	-	Peterburg-radio-shest'
Saint	STCS	9	9, 13	67	Peterburg-radio-semnadtsat'

Petersburg		67	67	75	Peterburg-passazhirsky port
		12, 9, 16	12, 73, 13	67, 30	Peterburg-radio-devyat'
Vysotsk/ Vyborg		9	9	12	Vysotsk-Traffic
Primorsk		68	68	9	Primorsk-Traffic
Ust-Luga		1	10, 74	-	Ust-Luga-traffic
Vysotsk/ Vyborg	Pilot service dispatcher	10	10	12	Vyborg-Lotsman
Primorsk		15, 17	15, 17	-	Primorsk-Pilot
Saint Petersburg		67	67	9	Peterburg — radio-dvadsat' odin
Vysotsk/ Vyborg	Pilot ship	10	10	12	Lotsman Del'phin
Ust-Luga		16	6	-	Ust-Luga-Lotsman
Saint Petersburg		9, 16	9	67	Peterburg-Lotsman
Vysotsk	Non-state pilot service dispatcher	18	18	12	Vysotsk-Lotsman
Saint Petersburg		9, 67	67	20	Peterburg-radio-odinnadtsat'

Useful Internet resources:

- Procedure for the passage of yachts and small boats within the waterways of the FBI Administration of Volgo-Balt, rates of fees for passage and parking of yachts and small boats under the Russian flag and flags of foreign countries, pilot services, contract form, application forms and contact phone numbers can be found on the website [www.volgo-balt.ru](http://www.volgo-balt.ru) under “Passage of yachts”.
- North Western Customs Directorate website <http://sztu.customs.ru>.
- Website of the Border Guard Service of the FSS of the Russian Federation <http://ps.fsb.ru/>.
- Information required for navigation on the waterways of Saint Petersburg is published on a regular basis on the website of the Saint Petersburg state public institution Agency for External Transport [www.avt.spb.ru](http://www.avt.spb.ru).
- Official information (daily bulletin of parking and traffic of ships, daily schedule of ship traffic requests, passenger schedule) is posted in the Operational Information section on the website of the FSBI Administration of Sea Ports in the Baltic Sea at [www.pasp.ru](http://www.pasp.ru), see tab Sea Ports Activities - Sea Port Big Port of Saint Petersburg - Information.
- The updated “Notices to Mariners” are published on the website of the Directorate for Navigation & Oceanography of the RF Ministry of Defense <https://structure.mil.ru>.
- Online service for booking guest berths: [www.Book-marina.com](http://www.Book-marina.com).
- Website of the RF state border checkpoint for small vessels in the Sea Port Big Port of Saint Petersburg <http://balticborder.com/ru/border-control-point/>.
- Search for hotels, cafes, restaurants, with online booking:
  - [www.tripadvisor.ru](http://www.tripadvisor.ru)
  - [www.tomesto.ru/spb/1](http://www.tomesto.ru/spb/1)
  - [www.peterburg2.ru/eatplaces/175/](http://www.peterburg2.ru/eatplaces/175/)
  - [www.tourprom.ru](http://www.tourprom.ru)
  - [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com)
  - [www.101hotels.ru](http://www.101hotels.ru)
  - [www.trivago.ru/](http://www.trivago.ru/)