



NOTICE TO MASTERS

MOORING ARRANGEMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR VESSELS CALLING AT AMBES Posts 501/ 511 / 512 / 515

PORT AUTHORITY

CAPITAINERIE

Loïc.Sinquin
Commandant du port

Diffusion :
DC Ambès / BCM
Pilotage
Lamanage
Tous agents maritimes concernés
Opérateurs pétroliers Chimiquiers
gaziers Ambès

The ship's master attention is particularly drawn to the following points:

- The management of moorings on a river with strong flood and ebb currents is completely different from the management of mooring in a dock without any current.
- During the call, a sharp watch is required on the moorings.
- The tidal range is between 3 and 5 meters.
- Mooring lines should preferably all be of the same material and characteristics and must be in good condition. All lines in the same direction should be the same size and type.
- Self-tensioning winches should not be used in the automatic mode while the vessel is moored.
- Breaks must be adequately tightened to achieve the operating holding capacity (80% of the MBL instead of 60%)
- Mooring lines must be checked constantly with slack being taken in whenever necessary.

Never try to adjust the lines already tight, except during the relatively calm periods:

- o From 1 hour before the low tide till the low tide
- o From 1 hour before the high tide till the high tide

Always observe the power of the current before any adjustment.

In any case, mooring line must remain well equalized.

- The master is accountable for the safety of the tanker and its proper mooring. Although responsibility for the mooring of the vessel rests with the master, the terminal should also ensure at regular intervals that the vessel is securely and safety moored as per SSSCL.
- Before each flood and ebb the terminal operator will check the moorings with the crew.
- Inform the terminal operator by the approved mean of communication for any mooring adjustments before performing them.
- Inform Bordeaux Port on VHF channel 12 for any problem or emergency.

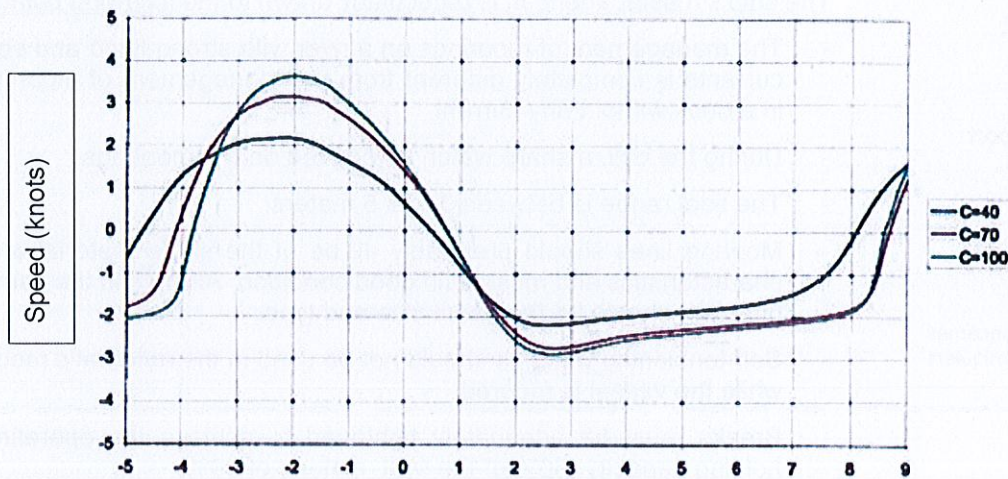
The brochure "information and port regulations" is available at the harbour master office (vhf channel 12 or phone +33(0) 664 499 245) or on the port's website : <https://www.bordeaux-port.fr/>

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Harbour Master/ L. Sinquin

CURRENT GRAPH

AVERAGE FLOW



Times / high water

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