

Notice to Skippers
No. 119 /23.09.2020

Skippers are informed that as from 00:00 hours, on 24.09.2020, the navigation shall be temporarily closed on Sulina Channel for the seagoing vessels and rivergoing convoys sailing upstream, due to the crossing on the sector **S.N. VARD Tulcea – Sulina Bar** of the special transport consisting of **ERACLEA** tug (Panama flag) positioned ahead - **C.N. „SHIP -PART 6298” –FARUL** tug (Romania flag - owner A.F.D.J.-R.A.) positioned in the stern, chartered by **IDU SHIPPING & SERVICES S.R.L.**, having the following characteristics: **L≈ 199,68 m; B = 40,50 m, D= 6,20 m.**

The maritime vessels sailing upstream on Sulina Channel on 23.09.2020 before closing the navigation, shall only be accepted if they meet the physical type required to overtake Nm 34 until 23:00 hours, stationing in Sulina Port or anchoring on the channel being forbidden.

The maritime and rivergoing vessels sailing downstream shall keep a minimum distance of 5 Nm from the special transport and maintain a permanent VHF connection to ensure the safe transit of the transport through Sulina Channel.

When crossing Tulcea bend, the special transport shall be assisted by **GHEORGHIEI 2** tug owned by A.F.D.J. R.A. Galati.

Also, The convoy shall be accompanied in the bow on Nm 40 - Black Sea sector by a boat belonging to RNA – Tulcea Harbour Master’s Office and all vessels shall be subject to the provisions passed by it.

Vessels arriving in Sulina Channel's mouth shall wait in the Black Sea for the exit of the convoy, after which they will receive the permission to enter the port of Sulina. The navigation upstream shall be permitted immediately after the convoy exited the sea.

Rivergoing passenger ships engaged on regular voyages shall be exempt from the provisions of the present NtS. All skippers shall be required to take all necessary measures to ensure that navigation is carried out in a safe manner and that the transit of the special transport is not affected.

Failure to observe the provisions of the present Notice to Skippers entails administrative, disciplinary or penal responsibility, as the case may be.

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