

NOTICE TO SKIPPERS
No. 198/21.12.2021

Skippers are informed that on 22.12.2021, **as from 00:00 hours**, the navigation shall be temporarily closed on Sulina Channel for the seagoing vessels and rivergoing convoys sailing upstream due to the crossing of the special transport consisting of **CARLO MAGNO** tug boat (Italian flag) positioned ahead - **C.N. no. 907 –FARUL** tug boat (Romanian flag – owned by A.F.D.J.-R.A. Galati) positioned in the stern, chartered by **S.C. ARCHER DANUBE & BROTHERS S.R.L.**, having the following characteristics: **L≈ 309,00 m; B = 23,50 m, D= 6,18 m**, on **S.N. VARD Tulcea –Sulina harbor sector**.

Maritime vessels intending to sail upstream on Sulina Channel on 21.12.2021, before the closing of the navigation, shall be accepted only if they meet the physical type required to overtake Nm 34 until 24:00 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.

The convoy shall be accompanied in the bow on the S.N. VARD Tulcea – Black Sea sector by a boat belonging to RNA – Tulcea Harbour Master's Office and in the stern by GALAȚI 3 tugboat owned by A.F.D.J. - R.A. Galați and BSV PORTUGALIA tugboat – owned by Black Sea Services SRL Constanta.

All vessels shall be subject to the provisions passed by the RNA representatives.

Vessels arriving in Sulina Channel's mouth shall wait in the Black Sea 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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