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### Notice to Skippers No. 16/2022

Pursuant to Art. 43 point 6 of the Act of 21 December 2000 on inland navigation (consolidated text: Dz. U. /Journal of Laws/ of 2020 1863.), the "Polish Waters" State Water Holding (Państwowe Gospodarstwo Wodne "Wody Polskie"), Regional Water Management Board in Szczecin in agreement with the Office of Inland Navigation in Szczecin and the Oder-Havel Waterway and Shipping Office informs that due to the low fairway in the 4thA exploitation sections of the Oder River, i.e. from km 667.2 to km 677.2 , **the waterway administration from 16 June shall cease all soundings and inspections of the above waterway section until further notice.**

This situation is caused by periodically occurring very low water levels, which prevent the determination of exploitation parameters of the given section (it is not possible to carry out soundings) and maintenance of proper marking of the navigation route. It is necessary to exercise extreme caution when crossing the indicated sections of the waterway. Approximate exploitation parameters of individual sections of the waterway can be calculated based on current water levels in relation to the last sounding at: <https://kgt.szczecin.rzgw.gov.pl/aplikacja/>

Once the hydrological conditions have improved, both Polish and German waterway management authorities will resume the soundings of the above sections of the Oder River without undue delay. The currently published information on the fairway in the 4thA exploitation sections is mathematically calculated based on the latest soundings of the 22nd week of 2022.

River section	Km	Water mark	Sounding in the 22nd week of 2022		Stan aktualny	
			Water levels	Fairway	Water levels	Fairway
<b>IVa</b>	<b>km 667,2-677,2</b>	<b>Hohensaaten Ost</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>72</b>

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For more information concerning navigational conditions, please contact the Operational Centre from Monday to Friday, between 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (phone: 91 44 11 257), or visit the website: <https://szczecin.wody.gov.pl/komunikaty-nawigacyjne>