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## Notice to Skippers No. 35/2021

Pursuant to Article 43 point 6 of the Act of 21 December 2000 on inland navigation (Dz. U. /Journal of Laws/ of 2019, item 1863), Polish Waters State Water Holding, Regional Water Management Board in Szczecin, in agreement with the Office of Inland Navigation in Szczecin and in agreement with the Oder - Havel Waterway and Shipping Authority in Eberswalde, informs that in connection with the forecast of low air temperatures in the region of the Lower Oder River, as well as in connection with the approaching winter period during which ice phenomena are expected to occur, starting from **7 December 2021**, the waterway administration will proceed with the reduction in the number of navigational signs in the following sections:

- Section I of the Oder River at km 542.4 - 586.0 (administrative area of the Regional Water Management Board in Wrocław)
- Section II of the Oder River at km 586.0 - 617.6 (administrative area of the Regional Water Management Board in Wrocław)
- Section IV of the Oder River at km 667.2 - 704.1
- The main inland waterway of Lake Dąbie (removal of approximately 50% of navigation buoys).

At the same time, please be advised that in connection with [Notice to Skippers no. 34/2021](#), the number of navigation markings has already been reduced in the 3rd operating section of the Oder River, i.e. at 617.6 – 667.2 km.

Due to the reduction in the number of navigation markings in the above-mentioned sections, the remaining markings will not meet the requirements for night navigation and will not comply with the requirements specified in Art. 7 sec.1. of the ordinance of the Director of the Inland Navigation Office in Szczecin, of 4 December 2009, on navigation in border waters of the Oder River, the Western Oder and the Lusatian Neisse (Dz.Urz./ Official Journal / of Zachodniopomorskie Voivodship/ of 2009, no. 94, item. 2704) and Art. 25 of the ordinance of the Director of the Inland Navigation Office in Szczecin of 17 February 2020, on detailed terms and conditions for the safety of traffic and berthing of ships (Dz. U. /Journal of Laws/ of 2021, item 1568), which **regulate the rules of night navigation.**

**In the above-mentioned sections, only daytime navigation will be possible.**

On the West Oder River, the navigational markings will not be removed and it will still be possible to navigate at night.

Also, please be advised that **as of 7 December 2021**, all navigational markings on the side routes of Lake Dąbie will be removed:

- Tor Dąbie Małe (section Dąbie Małe)
- Tor Lubczyna (section Lubczyna)
- Orli Przesmyk,
- Dąbski Nurt,
- Dąbska Struga.

In view of the above, starting from **7 December 2021, navigation on the above-mentioned routes is closed.**

Furthermore, we would like to remind you that the vessels operating during ice formation and navigation closures should proceed to the nearest port or another safe place outside the riverbed and the vessels not prepared for navigation should abandon the voyage. Also, hydro contractors on the water should stop working if flooding occurs.

In the event of the development of ice phenomena, closures of navigation on the lower and border sections of the Oder River should be expected. For more details, please follow Notices to Skippers posted by PGW WP RZGW Szczecin, available at: <https://szczecin.wody.gov.pl/komunikaty-nawigacyjne>

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