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NOTICE TO SKIPPERS no. 21/2021

Re.: the passage of a flood wave on the Oder River - closure of the ODW section starting from km 181.3 - the estuary of Nysa Kłodzka to Bartoszowice Lock and Opatowice Lock

Pursuant to Art. 14 sec. 1 point 4 of the Act of 20 July 2017 – Water Law (Dz. U. /Journal of Laws/ of 2020, item 310, 284, 695, 782, 875) and Art. 43 sec. 6 of the Act of 21 December 2000 on inland navigation (Dz. U. /Journal of Laws/ of 2019, item 1568, 1901, 2170, of 2020 item 284.),

National Water Holding "Polish Waters" the Regional Water Management Board in Wrocław informs that due to the fact that the water level at the staff gauge located in Brzeg Opolski is forecasted to be exceeded and the necessity to prepare the hydro-technical facilities to accommodate the tidal surge, from 15 May 2021 the section of ODW starting **from km 181.3 - the estuary of Nysa Kłodzka up to Bartoszowice Lock and Opatowice Lock** is now closed.

All sailing units in the indicated section shall either leave the area immediately or proceed to a safe place of refuge.

Additionally, we would like to inform that since the flood wave moves forward, there is a possibility that the water level at the staff gauges located further down will be exceeded and, consequently, there will be a necessity to close the other sections of ODW or to introduce a prohibition of sailing in those areas.

All users of ODW are kindly asked to follow the weather forecasts and the updates on hydrological situation, the issued notices, to adjust the sailing plans to the present navigational conditions and to properly supervise and secure the vessels and other facilities in the mooring area. At the same time, we would like to remind you that once the water gauge in a given section shows values exceeding the highest navigable water level, water navigation in this particular section is automatically prohibited.

The Notice to Skippers no. 16/2021 and 14/2021 are no longer valid in so far as they relate to the opening of the section of ODW starting from Ratowice Lock to Bartoszowice Lock and Opatowice Lock.

Current information on the hydrological and navigational situation on the Oder River (navigation information) is available on the website of "Polish Waters" National Water Holding Regional Management Board in Wrocław, in the folder [CLIENT'S AREA – hydrological and navigational situation](#). For more information, please contact the Operations Centre of "Polish Waters" National Water

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