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## NOTICE TO SKIPPERS No. 67/2021

### Re.: Winter season on the Oder Waterway - possible occurrence of ice phenomena.

The Regional Water Management Board in Wrocław informs that due to the forecasted drop in temperatures below 0 degrees Celsius, ice phenomena may occur on the Oder Waterway.

Permanent ice cover may appear on the canals, sluice outports and sluices, while frazil ice, floe and shore ice may occur on the Oder River. This may result in the need to close individual sections of the Oder Waterway.

Ice cover can occur especially in closed bodies of water such as ports, wintering grounds and marinas. Even when daytime temperatures rise above 0 degrees Celsius, the ice cover on these water bodies may not disappear. Therefore, all users of the Oder Waterway must be aware that in the event of ice phenomena occurring on the navigation waterway and the necessity to close individual sections of the Oder Waterway, an ice cover in some ports or wintering grounds may make it impossible to use them as safe winter shelter areas.

All users of the Oder Waterway are advised to urgently monitor the hydro-meteorological situation on the Oder River, adapt their navigation plans to the technical parameters of the units, including navigation conditions and ice situations on the waterway and in ports, as well as to properly secure and supervise all floating facilities in winter shelters.

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 Water Management Board in Wrocław, in the folder - [Hydrological and navigational situation](#).