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NOTICE TO SKIPPERS no. 14/2023

Concerning closure of sections of Oder Waterway - Inner-city Water Junction from Tumski Bridge and Piaskowy Bridge to Mieszcząńska Lock and Opatowice and Bartoszowice Locks

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

State Water Holding Polish Waters Regional Water Management Board in Wrocław would like to inform that due to the passage of freshet wave on the Oder River and high speed of the current, from May 19, 2023 from approx. 09:00 a.m. it closes for shipping - until further notice - the section of the Inner-city Water Junction - from Tumski Bridge and Piaskowy Bridge to Mieszcząńska Lock and it closes Bartoszowice Lock and Opatowice Lock (locking is not possible).

All vessels in the above sections of the shipping lane should abandon them or sail to places of refuge.

In addition, we ask the users of the Oder Waterway to urgently follow the hydro-meteorological situation on the Oder River on weather portals, to adapt their sailing plans to the technical parameters of the vessels and the navigational conditions, to properly secure all floating objects at the berths and to adequately supervise them (including protection against falling down branches, litter, etc.).

As the freshet wave moves, one should take into account that further sections of the Oder Waterway will also need to be closed.

At the same time, we would like to remind you that, irrespective of the announcements issued, once the High Navigable Water (HNW) level is exceeded at the indicator water gauge for a particular section, sailing on that section is automatically prohibited.

We ask all users of the Oder Waterway to take the resulting situation into account in their shipping plans.

Current information on the hydrological and navigational situation on the Oder River (navigational information) is available on the website of the SWH PW RWMB Wrocław, in the tab [CUSTOMER'S ZONE – Hydrological and navigational situation](#). For further information, you can contact the Operations Centre of SWH PW RWMB in Wrocław on working days from 08:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. by phone: 71 32 80 587.