

Bye-Laws for the Port of Gothenburg



**THE MUNICIPALITY OF
GOTHENBURG**



**THE COUNTY
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
OF VÄSTRA GÖTALAND**

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Over and above what is directed in the Act (1993:1617) concerning Public Order and in other laws and statutes the following regulations on order and safety shall be applicable to the port of the municipality of Gothenburg.

In case of dispute over the content or the interpretation of the text, the original Swedish wording shall prevail.

Introductory regulations

- 1 § These bylaws apply within the area indicated on the map attached to the bylaws.
- 2 § A decision 1998-11-26 in the County Administrative Board of Västra Götaland states: For the parts of the port that no longer are owned or managed by the municipality of Gothenburg or of companies owned by the municipality shall no longer 2 § in the bylaws for the Port of Gothenburg be valid. The port area referred to in 1 § is administered by the Port Authority. The president of the port conducts operations of the port company.
- 3 § The Port Authority refers to the president and the harbour master in these bylaws. When the Port Authority grants a permit in accordance with these bylaws, the authority may combine the permit with provisions.
- 4 § In these bylaws, ships are understood to mean all objects used for transportation on the water or all other objects that can be moved on or in the water. Ships and boats, not used in commercial traffic are, in these bylaws, referred to as pleasure craft.

Traffic regulations

- 5 § Ships shall be navigated in such a way that danger or unnecessary hindrance does not arise to other vessel traffic and in such a way that other ships or installations are not damaged. The ship's master shall exercise particular caution when passing an area where work is in progress in the water.
- 6 § Ships may not be navigated solely by the use of sails east of the Älvsborg Bridge without permission from the Port Authority.
- 7 § Barges and rafts, not equipped with steering appliances and unmanned, may not navigate the port area if linked together to a larger length than 100 metres or a larger width than 20 metres without special permission from the Port Authority.
- 8 § Ships under way across the river shall exercise particular caution and keep away from ships sailing longitudinally on the river.
- 9 § Aeroplanes may not land within the port area without permission from the Port Authority and other appropriate authority.
- 10 § Pleasure craft may not navigate closer than 25 metres to ships moored in the port area.

Mooring, shifting, moving, etc.

- 11 § Ships may only be berthed, moored or anchored in places assigned by the Port Authority.
- The master of the ships shall keep himself informed about the water depth at the assigned berth, mooring place or anchorage.
- 12 § Pleasure craft may only be berthed or moored at a place specially designated for the purpose. Pleasure craft may, however, be moored at other places on the concession of the Port Authority.
- 13 § Ships may only be laid up after permission from the Port Authority. The master of the ship or the owner shall ensure that the ship is properly made fast.
- 14 § The master of the ship shall ensure that, when mooring, anchoring or shifting, other ships and quays, landing bridges, cables, pipe lines or the like are not damaged and that vessel traffic is not unnecessarily hindered or disturbed.

- 15 § Mooring places, pipe lines, electrical cables or other pipes or cables, pontoons or temporary bridges and the like may not be set up or put out without the permission of the Port Authority.
- 16 § The Port Authority may require the master of the ship or the ship-owner to move or shift the ship or to make other arrangements if this is considered necessary with regard to the order and safety of the port. The request may be combined with directions and instructions.
- 17 § If, according to the judgement of the Port Authority, there is a risk that the ship, due to its condition or for any other reason, may sink, be damaged, obstruct the vessel traffic or other activity or affect the safety and order of the port area, the Port Authority may decide that the ship shall not be brought into the port area, that it shall be removed from the area or that any other measure shall be taken to eliminate the danger.
- 18 § The master of a ship, the ship-owner or the representative of these shall immediately report to the Swedish Maritime Administration's VTS central in Gothenburg (Gothenburg Traffic) if a ship has sunk, grounded or in any other way has become inoperative.
- 19 § The owner of any other sunken object, or the representative of the owner, shall notify Gothenburg Traffic. If the object is lost from a ship, the master, the ship-owner or their representative shall submit this notification. The Port Authority may order the owner to remove the object within a certain time. If the owner does not obey or if it is urgent the Port Authority may remove the object at the expense of the owner.
- 20 § The Port Authority may, if special reasons are at hand, prescribe the assistance by tugboat.
- 21 § Salvage of ships, goods or other objects may not be carried out without the permission of the Port Authority.

Obligation of notification etc.

- 22 § If the ship intends to call at or pass through the port the ship's master, the ship-owner or the representative of these shall notify the Port Authority of this intention.

The notification shall be made as soon as possible, but not later than 24 hours prior to the arrival of the ship. The Port Authority may, with respect to the ship's passage time or any other circumstance, consent to a shorter notification time or grant an exemption from the obligation of notification.

The master of the ship shall notify the Port Authority of the departure time, at the latest when the ship is ready for departure.

Note: This paragraph is not applicable to pleasure craft.

Loading, unloading, storage of goods etc.

23 § Goods, vehicles and other objects shall be handled and stored in such a way that wharfs, buildings, pavement, tracks, cranes, etc. are not damaged and that danger to persons does not arise.

There are special instructions regarding the notification and handling of dangerous goods.

24 § Goods and other objects may not be put in fire lines or other places where they will obstruct rescue vehicles or in such a way that storm mooring posts are blocked up.

Special instructions

25 § Permission shall be obtained from the Port Authority prior to the commencement of larger repair work, maintenance work or similar work. Gothenburg Traffic shall be notified before repair or maintenance work from rafts commences.

26 § Permission shall be obtained from the Port Authority before a ship is made inoperative due to repair or similar work.

27 § Diving and other underwater works may be carried out only after permission from the Port Authority.

28 § Rotating the propeller when moored may only be done upon permission from the Port Authority.

29 § Fishing with other equipment than rod or other hand tackle is prohibited.

30 § Anyone who damages an installation or any other property within the port area shall immediately report this to the Port Authority.

Provisions of liability

31 § Anyone who deliberately or negligently infringes upon an instruction in these port regulations may be fined in accordance with chapter 3, § 22, 2nd paragraph of the Act concerning Public Order.

There are also provisions on penalties in the Act concerning Public Order.

Entering into force

32 § These bylaws entered in force 1 May 1995. At the same time the earlier bylaws for the Port of Gothenburg were annulled.

Bye-Laws area for the Port of Gothenburg

