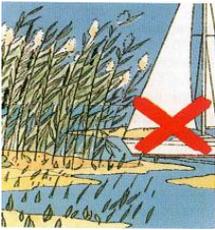
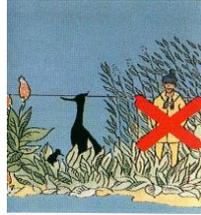


Instruction for boating in Germany

"Golden Rules" for water sportsmen



Avoid entry in reeds. Also avoid sand-, grit and mud banks especially banks with aquatic plants.

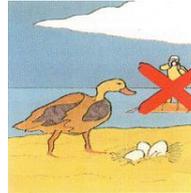


Converge very slowly the shore. There are habitats of many birds, fishes, plants and small animals. Do the same in the canals where speed is to reduce to max. 9 km/h (=1800rpm)
Max speed of your boat (on lakes) is 12km/h (=2200rpm)



Keep a distance from the shore of 50 to 100 meters. The closer you come to the shore the more you have to reduce speed.

You should absolutely follow the valid indicated instructions of natural reserves



Observe or photograph animals from a long distance.



Schleuse = lock (phone no. only for emergencies)
18/10 = number of the harbour
this number is also in the Törnplaner with info about facilities, activities and provisioning
yellow points = between the yellow points is 1km, on canal there are white signs with the no. of km for your orientation (see km no. 5)
yellow markers/buoys = restricted navigation (see on Zootzensee) = same for red marked areas

fresh water station
(boil water before drinking)

220V shore power
(coins needed)



fuel station
(fuel is enough for a week)

pump out station
(empty your waste tanks every 2nd day)



black points = channel = part of the waterway that is used by shipping-traffic due to certain depths (always pay attention to the signs on the channel!) = guideline (Do not anchor in the channel!)

red and green buoys mark the channel

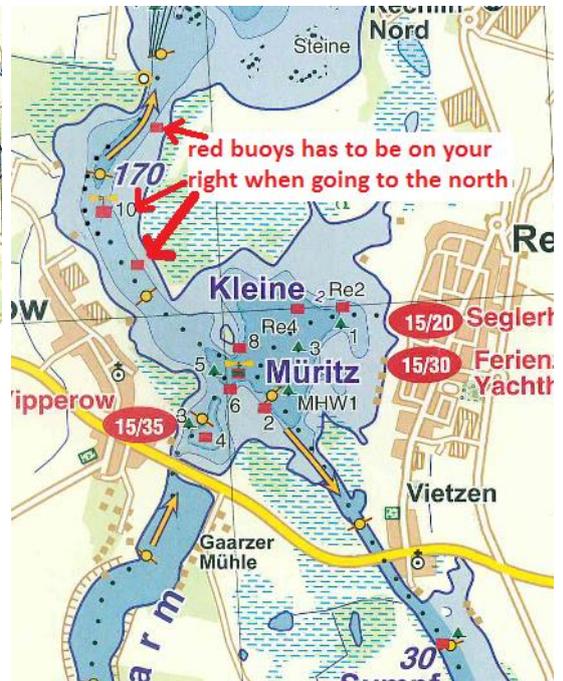
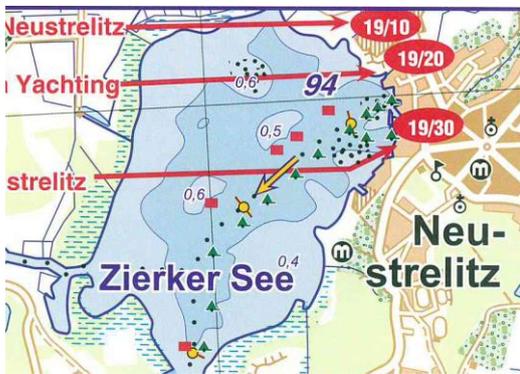
yellow arrow down to Rheinsberg = going downstream

downstream > red buoys > @ right side of the boat

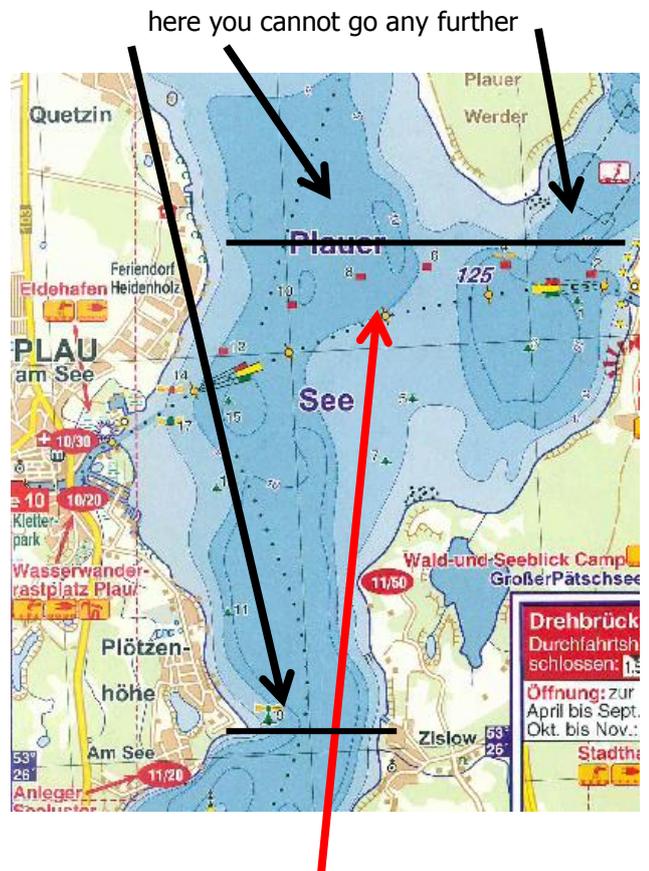
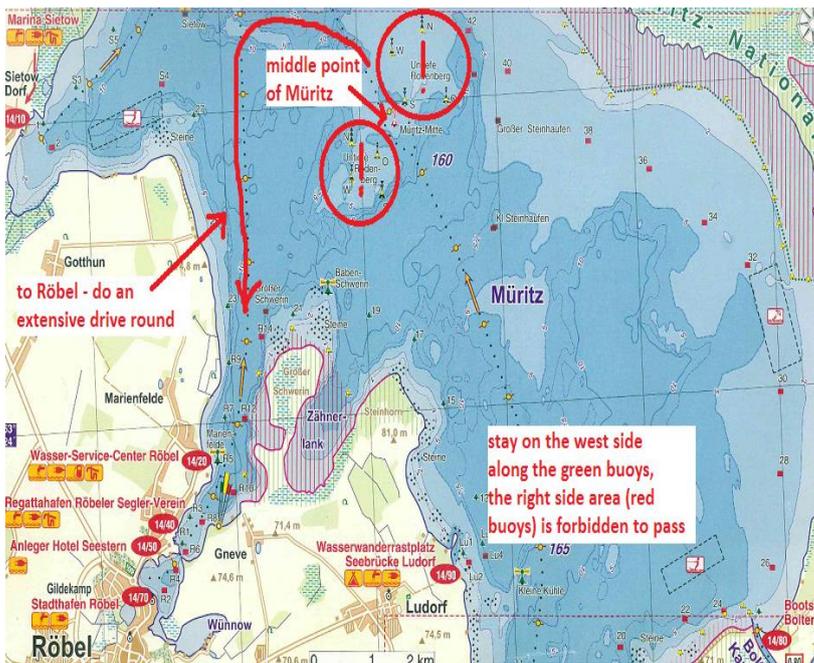
upstream > green buoys > @ right side of the boat

- always make sure where you are so that you don't pass buoys on the wrong side (Danger of RUN AGROUND)
- in harbours you pay 1-2€/m of the boat for overnight
- shore power stations & pump out stations work often with coin machines, harbour staff helps you with this
- max. speed of your boat = 12km/h (=2200rpm)
- speed limit in canal generally = 9km/h (=1800rpm)
- navigable canals are marked with this sign on their entrance and exit
- You should drive on the right side but this is not compulsory
- Fastening and anchoring are prohibited in canals

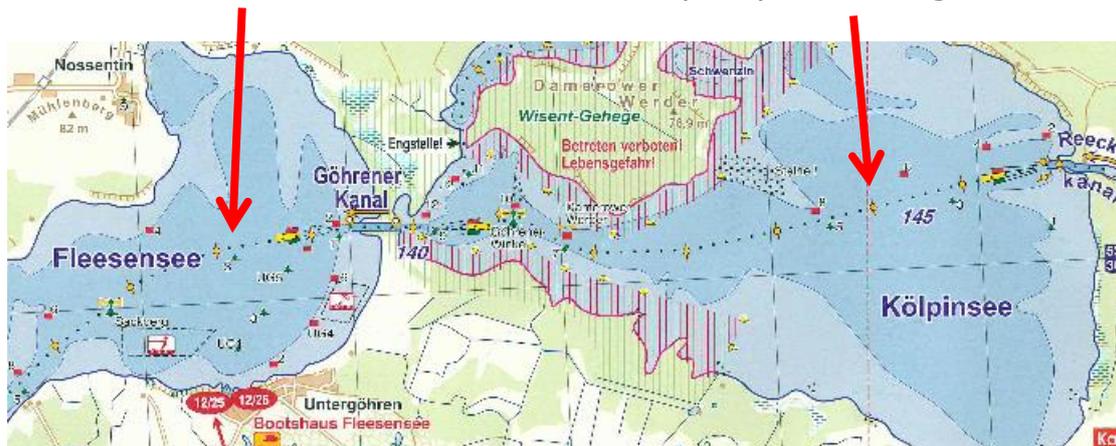




Please pay attention especially to the setting up of buoys on Zierker See in Neustrelitz and also the buoyage on the Zootzensee on the Rheinsberger lakes.

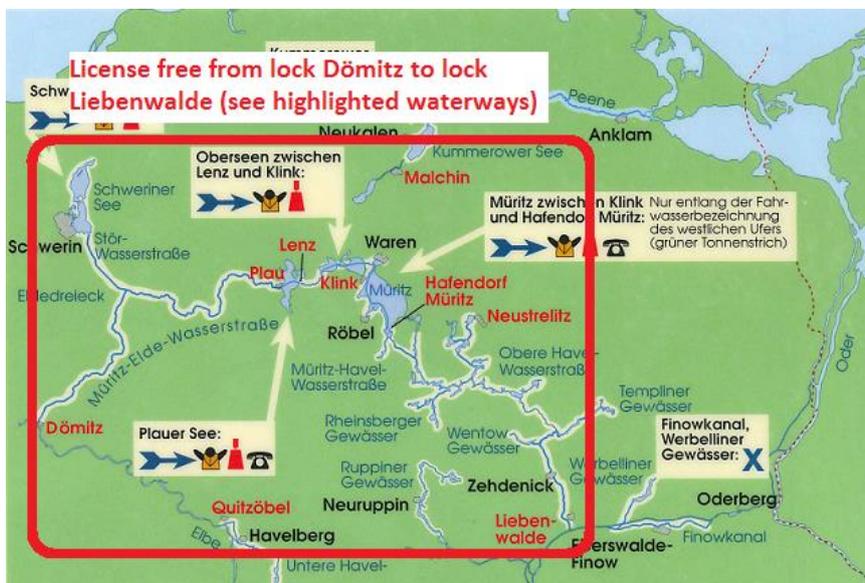


Do not leave the channel between the buoys as you will run aground



License free starting from "Marina Wolfsbruch" going to the MÜRITZ and the BIG LAKES

- License free area is from lock Dömitz till lock Liebenwalde (never leave the license free area)
- Cruising in the night is forbidden. Cruise from Sunrise to Sunset.
- For safety reasons all Crews should have a mobile phone for emergencies and should give that number to the Le Boat reception.



Who is allowed to steer the boat on license free areas?

the person must be:

- min. 16 years old
- driving license to prove that person is physically and mentally able to drive a vehicle
- person has to have a valid ID or passport
- person has to join the 3 hours instruction (Charter Instruction)

THE BIG LAKES

Müritz, Kölpinsee, Fleesensee, Plauer See, Schweriner See

Rules:

1. forbiddance for crossing THE BIG LAKES up from wind strength 4 (20km/h) therefore...
2. ... before driving over Müritz, Kölpinsee, Fleesensee, Plauer See and Schweriner See call the base manager Nicole to **get approval** to pass this lakes by checking weather condition
3. make announcement to the base manager when having crossed those lakes
4. crossing is allowed only on the west waterside (green line of buoys)
5. all crew members have to put on life jacket (on deck and inside the boat at any time when crossing the big lakes)
6. to anchor on the big lakes is absolutely forbidden, do not stop for swimming

Questions, Problems, Assistance and

Approval for the big lakes

call the base manager Nicole on **0049 172 567 3295** (available 24hrs)

General Traffic Rules

On the lakes the following priority rules are valid:

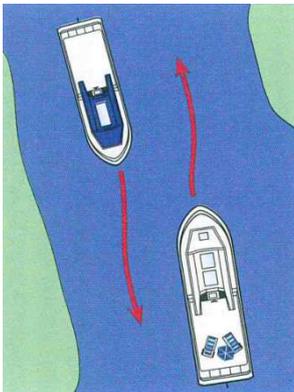
1. professional shipping is always first
2. muscular strength has priority too
3. strength of wind has priority ...
4. ... to motor-boats
5. right is in preference to left

Basic rules for behavior on the water

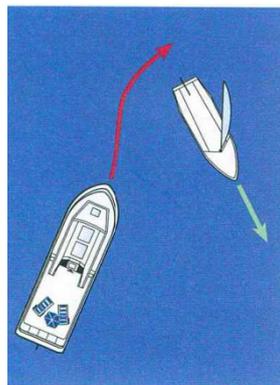
There are safety measures to be taken so that human life will not be endangered, other water-vehicles, swimming subjects and shore fastenings may not be damaged and shipping-traffic may not be hindered and environment may not be endangered.

During vehicle operation the captain do not has to be under influence of alcohol or drugs (0, 00‰)!!!

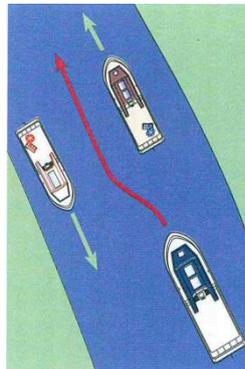
**In darkness or misty weather (fog & strong rain) shipping-traffic has to be stopped.
Overtaking is forbidden in canals, only canoes can be overtaken but do this slowly**



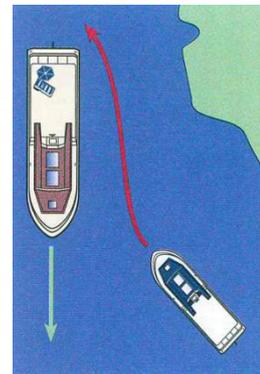
stay on the right side



the house boat has to dodge



don't do that!



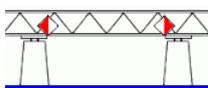
pass always behind

Rules For Passing Through Bridges

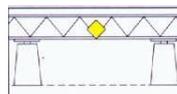
Professional shipping has precedence (passenger ships, water police, DLRG and Water and Shipping Authority)

**A ship coming downstream has precedence to a ship coming upstream!
(but don't insist on this)**

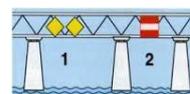
- the person who is the nearest from the passage has the right of way (the seaman has to give the right of way to the driver on the channel)
- if you have to stop give notice by a hand sign to the following ships
- When passing the bridge don't use the hook to correct the distance from the wall of the bridge



stay within the white



downstream priority to upstream



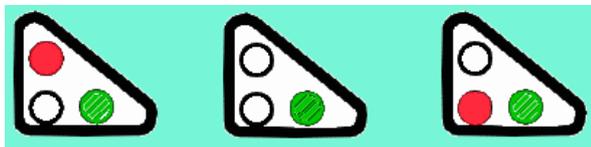
1=you have to pass here
2=passing here forbidden

The Locks

There are 2 type of locks. **Manned locks and self-service (Selbstbedienung) locks.**
All locks are free of charge.

Self-Service locks have a chart with explanations in german and english at the parking area. When you are the first boat on a self-service lock you will see a metallic box on the shore which is easily to reach from your boat. It has a green lever which you pull and the lock confirms with a beep that your request to pass the lock was entered. Then gate open automatically. Inside the lock the green lever will close the gates. Pull it when all boats are in. The red lever in the lock is for emergencies to stop the lock immediately. Wear the life jackets as the current in locks is very strong and you can drown when you fall in the water. Gates to leave the lock open automatically.

In **Manned locks** you just have to follow the instruction of the lock keeper and the lock signals



only conditional
entrance possible,
please call!

entrance free

wait! lock
preparation



no signal, lock
out of order

System failure,
please call

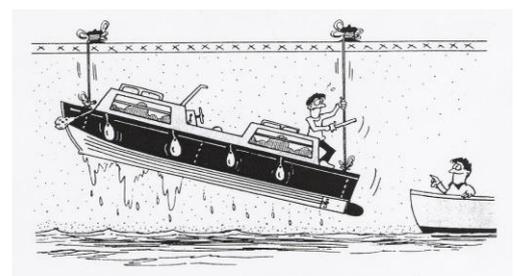
no entrance

In Front Of The Tock

1. professional shipping has precedence!
2. come close slowly
3. line up in order
4. to overtake is forbidden
5. drive in slowly when the gate is open and you see green light

Inside The Lock

1. drive in slowly ship by ship
2. instructions of the lock staff always have precedence
3. only hold bow rope and stern rope – **don't fasten!!!**
4. stop the motor



Anchorage

To anchor is only allowed on lakes or subsidiary lakes (not on Müritz, Kölpinsee, Fleesensee, Plauer See, Schweriner See). Stay outside of the channel (black points in the maps):

**We recommend for the using the heating operation (at temperatures <math><15^\circ\text{C}</math>),
not to anchor but to stay in a harbor with shore power connection!**

1. outside of reed zones and areas of water-lilies
2. set up anchor lights in the night
3. distance between shore and boat or boat and other boat is minimum 100 Meter
4. mooring on trees, shrubs, navigation signs is prohibited!
5. note specified depths on maps
6. when you cruise 4-5h a day your batteries are charged and you can anchor, engine also produces hot water, you only have 12V at anchor, 220 V are only available with shore power

Ground Touching

When touching the ground it is absolutely necessary to inform Le Boat and get further instructions. Stop the engine immediately.

Assistance After Accidents

Every driver is obliged to give immediately assistance if it is in accordance with his personal safety and that of his boat.

- inform Le Boat and if 3rd party is involved also call the water police
- boat has to be driven outside of the channel
- write down the names of the persons as well as the registration of the boat, use therefore the accident report form and give us much details as possible, do photos
- to take someone out of the water you have to stop the motor

Advices in ports

- reduce the speed
- be careful of the formation of the boats
- give notice to the port office

Environment Protection

THINK GREEN

- due to rest and brood places of birds and fishes it is not allowed to drive to reeds and other aquatic plants
- it is principally not allowed to hold fast to trees, bushes and shipping signs
- it is also principally not allowed to fasten boats to shore grounds by using stakes

Help to keep the water clean. Do not throw rubbish into the water. Use only sanitary facilities in the ports. When stopping the motor shouldn't longer be on.

What to do, if you are on, in or at the water during a thunderstorm?

The boat has no lightning protector.

But it is safe to be on board. Stay in your cabins.

Don't touch electrical units or devices.

When you see dark clouds coming and wind is getting stronger try to get in a harbour as quick as possible.

If not possible go and anchor close to the shore.

Fix all tables and chairs on deck that you do not lose them.

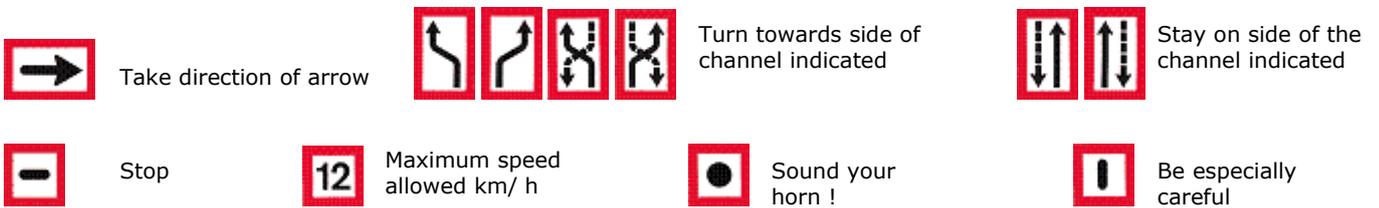
Don't fish, swim or stay on deck, this is not safe.

signs and signals

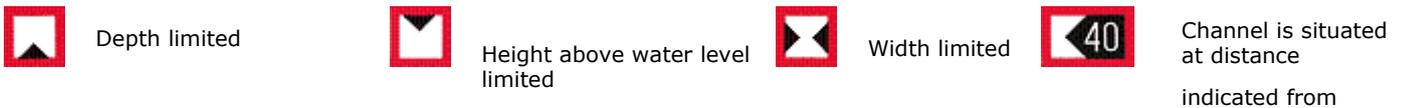
Signs indicating prohibition



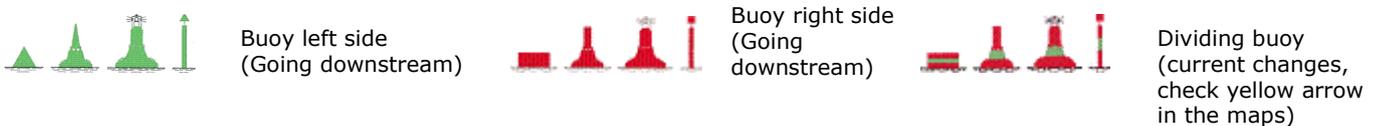
Signs indicating obligation



Signs indicating restrictions



information signs



4 black and yellow markers with different triangles on the top mark a sandbank or shallow water

horn signals

(4 sec) Attention

When you here horn signals from commercials ships, please don't overtake, stay away and reduce speed!