



Port Regulations

EXTRACTS OF THE BY-LAW APPROVING THE SPECIFIC POLICE REGULATIONS FOR THE PONT-DE-VAUX HARBOUR AND ITS APPROACH CHANNEL

This by-law can be read in full at the harbour master's office in Pont-de-Vaux

Article 3 :

Maximum sizes authorised for boats navigating the Pont-de-Vaux canal :
Length from beginning to end (with the rudder up) : 38.50 m
Overall width : 5.00 m
Draught : 1.20 m
Clearance height : 4.20 m

Article 4 :

The boat's speed in relation to the river bank must not exceed 6 km /hr to limit the backwash as much as possible.

Article 6 :

Navigation on the canal will be interrupted when the 171.70 mark has been reached (+0.80m compared to the normal volume of the harbour). This mark corresponds to the beginning of the upstream lock-gate flow.

Article 10 :

Going through the lock:
When approaching upstream or downstream landing piers, boats should slow down. If they cannot enter the lock, they should dock at the landing piers provided. Anchors should be completely raised in the lock. Fenders are compulsory and removable fenders should be afloat. Engines must not be used from the time the boat is docked until it is ready to leave the lock.

Articles 12, 13 and 21 :

Parking:
Parking and docking are forbidden along the harbour approach channel outside the areas provided for this purpose.
It is prohibited to drop the anchor anywhere in the harbour except in the event of an emergency or if absolutely necessary.
Parking on the upstream or downstream landing piers is strictly limited to lock-opening waiting times.
Parking on the canal's left-bank quays is limited to 2 hours.
Parking in excess of 2 hours should take place at the harbour installations.

Articles 17, 40 and 41 :

The harbour master's office should be informed as soon as a boat arrives, and a ship's arrival declaration should be duly filled in.
The harbour manager will then assign a mooring site.
Harbour installations (pontoons, quays, posts) can only be used if authorised by the harbour manager.

Article 24 :

It is prohibited to light fires on the quays, pontoons, islands, harbour installations and banks. Open flame lights are forbidden.

Article 32 :

It is forbidden to throw earth, debris, waste, unsanitary liquid or any other products onto the installations or into the harbour or canal waters.

Article 34 :

Harbour users may not, in any way modify the harbour installations that are made available to them.
They are fully responsible for any damage they cause to the property, with the exception of circumstances beyond their control.

Article 35 :

Fishing is permitted in the harbour waters and surrounding appurtenances provided that traffic, parking and manoeuvring are not hampered. Fishing from floating pontoons, passenger quays and the lock is forbidden.
Fishing from the canal's left bank quays is tolerated, as boats have priority to moor along these quaysides. Fishing is forbidden from boats in all the waters defined in the attached plans.

Article 37 :

Swimming and diving are forbidden in the harbour and canal waters.

Article 46 :

The harbour manager cannot be held responsible for any damage, deterioration or theft that may occur to boats moored in the harbour or along the channel, as a result of users' errors, neglect or carelessness.

Articles 47, 48 and 49 :

If there is a breach of the regulations of this by-law, authorised officers will draw up a report and will immediately take the necessary steps to stop the violation.
After giving formal notification, they have the authority to remove and impound the boats in violation, at the owner's cost and risks.