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No.	Related Documents	Status *
1	Latest MAS Tide Table	Active
2	ISPS ship pre-arrival form (F-51/52.001)	Active
3	Maritime Declaration of Health form (F-51/52.021)	Active
4	Questions related to the Ebola outbreak (F51/52.027)	Active
5	Shipping notice 2015/01 Minimum requirements for safe and efficient passage of sea-going vessels in Surinamese waters	Active
6	Shipping notice 2023/06 nautical Accessibility Suriname River	Expired and replaced by Shipping notice 2026/13
7	Chart no 2765/2218 Suriname River from Entrance to Toevlucht and corresponding ENC's no. SR402218, SR52218A and no.SR52218B	Active
8	Relevant NtM of the area on www.mas.sr	Active

Additional requirements for ships to navigate the Suriname River

1, Length overall (L.O.A.) and Beam

The maximum L.O.A. of a ship that can have a safe and smooth passage under the current conditions of the Suriname River from the river mouth up to Paranam must be no more than 225 (two hundred and twenty-five) meters.
The maximum beam is set at 35 (thirty-five) meters for the entire channel.

2. Tugboat assistance

In special or exceptional cases, the MAS is fully authorized to request tugboat assistance for partial or the entire distance to be navigated within the channel.

Tugboat assistance is required for tug combinations with barges longer than 61 (sixty-one) metres when passing the Jules Wijdenbosch bridge and only allowed during the daytime.

3. Chart datum in the navigation channel

River section	CD (m)	Ship LOA	Channel boundary	Latitude	Longitude
From the Entrance of the Suriname river up to Groot Chatillon Anchorage (Paranam port)	5.5	Determined by the accessibility of the jetty which will accommodate the vessel	A D	6° 11.965'N 5° 36.943'N	55° 12.708'W 55° 4.180'W

4. Ships draft calculation

The Chart datum in Suriname river is 5.5 (five and a half) meters at Low water. Sea going vessels making use of the ports of this section in the Suriname River can load up to 7.35 (seven 35/100) meters at MHWN (Mean High Water at Neap tide) and 7.9 (seven 9/10) meters at MHWS (Mean High Water Spring). (see table 1).

Table 1

Water level	CD + water level	Depth	Keel clearance	Ship Draft
MHWN	5.5 m + 2.15 m	7.65 m	0.30m	7.35 m
MHWS	5.5 m + 2.80 m	8.30 m	0.40m	7.90 m

Mean Draft Calculation

WATER LEVEL: MEAN RIZE BY SPRING- AND NEAPTIDE

Mean rise at springtide: 2.80 meters
Mean rise at neap tide: 2.15 meters
Bar depth in the River Mouth: 5.5 meters.

Spring to Neap tide	:	2.80 m.
Bar depth	:	5.50 m.
Total	:	8.30 m.
Keel clearance	:	0.40 m.
Ship's draft to depart	:	**7.90 m.**

At mean spring tide (2.80 m.) ship can safely load to ± 7.90 m.

Neap tide to springtide	:	**2.15 m.**
Bar depth	:	**5.50 m.**
Total	:	**7.65 m.**
Keel clearance	:	**0.30 m.**
Ship's draft to depart	:	**7.35 m.**

At mean neap tide (2.15 m.) ship can safely load to ± 7.35 m.

Note: The calculations above are based on mean values. The actual tide can be lower or higher than the mean values. The day-to-day tidal information is published in the annual tide tables of the Maritime Authority of Suriname. The calculation is based on freshwater density (1.0 kg/l).

5. Anchorage areas

Suzannasdaal Anchorage: 5°51'.976 N - 55° 05'.635 W
At present, local water depths are adequate for accommodating vessels at anchor with draughts of up to 8.1 meters.

Simonspolder Anchorage: 05º38'.812 N - 55º04'.023 W
At present, local water depths are adequate for accommodating vessels at anchor with draughts of up to 7.1 meters.

Groot Chatillon Anchorage: 05º36'.943 N - 55º04'.180 W
At present, local water depths are adequate for accommodating vessels at anchor with draughts of up to 8.1 meters

Vessels may anchor at the Suzannasdaal Anchorage for a maximum of 2 days. At the other anchorages, vessels may anchor for a maximum of 3 days. Vessels may not anchor outside designated anchorages.

6. Bridge Passage Jules Wijdenbosch bridge

Location: latitude 05° 48.334'N- longitude 55° 9.830'W

BRIDGE PASSAGE OVER THE SURINAME RIVER

Passage heights at the Tidal Waterlevels .

Tidal W.L.	NSP	Passage Heights
25 cm	-103 cm	44.03 m
50 cm	-78 cm	43.78 m
75 cm	-53 cm	43.53 m
100 cm	-28 cm	43.28 m
125 cm	-3 cm	43.03 m
128 cm	0 cm	43.00 m
150 cm	22 cm	42.78 m
175 cm	47 cm	42.53 m
200 cm	72 cm	42.28 m
225 cm	97 cm	42.03 m
250 cm	122 cm	41.78 m
275 cm	147 cm	41.53 m
300 cm	172 cm	41.28 m
325 cm	197 cm	41.03 m

Note: Chart datum=LWS= -128cm NSP.

7. **Duty to Report**

The Vessel traffic control (VTC) must be notified on VHF channel 12 upon arrival at the following buoys; LS (Sea buoy), NA, J9, D2, D10 and Paranam Port.

8. **Speed restrictions on the Suriname river**
   * Approach S8 and S10: Maximum 7 knots (due to the sharp bend).
   * Passage section NA-buoy to Belwaarde: Maximum 8 knots.
   * Passage section J9 to D6: Maximum 7 knots (due to the distance of the fairway to the bank and the approach to the bridge).

General Note:

- **Vessels with bow thrusters which are not in good working condition are regarded as vessels without bow thrusters.**
- **A mooring boat must be on standby to assist with the mooring lines.**
- **For tugboat assistance tugboat operators/companies should possess a valid license for tugboat operations issued by the Maritime Authority Suriname.**
- **Draft calculation is based on freshwater.**
- **The navigation channel is maintained by dredging operations, and monthly surveys are conducted to monitor the progress of the works.**

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