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No.	Related Documents	Status *
1	Latest 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 2026/13 nautical Accessibility Suriname River	Active
7	Shipping notice 2025/12 Accessibility La Vigilantia Port Facility	Expired and replaced by Shipping Notice 2026/16
8	Chart no 2765/2218 Suriname River from Entrance to Toevlucht and corresponding ENC's no. SR2218A and no.SR2218	Active
9	The NAABSA procedures (Shipping notice 2021/03 NAABSA Berth procedure)	
10	Relevant NtM of the area on www.mas.sr	Active

Additional requirements for ships to navigate alongside La Vigilantia Port Facility

A. La Vigilantia Main Facility

1. Length overall (LOA)

La Vigilantia Port Facility can accommodate vessels with a maximum length of one hundred and ninety meters (190 m).

2. Passage Suriname River

Ships passing the outer bank of the Suriname river must use the calculated vessel draft in accordance with "Nautical accessibility for the Suriname River version May 2026- 2026/13".

WL	CD + WL =	Depth	Keel clearance	Draft
MHWN	5.50 m + 2.15 m	7.65 m	0.30	7.35 m
MHWS	5.50 m + 2.80 m	8.30 m	0.40	7.90 m

Table 1: calculated depths at MHWN and MHWS

3. Depth at berth

The berthing area at La Vigilantia Port Facility has a depth of **10.5 meters** at Low Water Spring.

- Mooring at starboard side is 10.5m- 0.60m (keel clearance) =9.9m + tidal rise calculated at time of mooring.
- Mooring at portside is 10.5m- 0.60m (keel clearance) =9.9m + tidal rise calculated 3 hours before HW.

- Departing from starboard side is 10.5m- 0.60m (keel clearance) =9.9m + tidal rise calculated at time of mooring.
- Departing from portside is 10.5m- 0.60m (keel clearance) = 9.9m + tidal rise calculated at time of departure.

4. Tugboat assistance

Tugboat assistance is required for vessels with a LOA of 170 meters and up to 190 meters.

5. Turning basin for vessels of more than 160m:

Vessels of more than one hundred and sixty meters (160m) in length must use the turning basin or anchorage area at Chatillon.

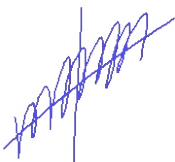
Note:

- 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.
- 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.

B. Barge construction

Conditions that apply to the barge construction:

- a. Length overall (LOA): the barge jetty can accommodate barges with a maximum length of sixty-one meters (61 m);
- b. The mooring area where the barge is partially moored has a depth of 0 meters at Low Water Spring;
- c. The barge will moor vertically to the barge construction;
- d. When the barge is moored at the jetty, the tugboat must be placed alongside (starboard or port) the barge;
- e. When seagoing vessels are passing, the barge may not be moored vertically;
- f. The barge must be removed in time so that sufficient passing distance is available for the passage of seagoing vessels;
- g. VHF communication with Vessel Traffic Control and ship-to-ship communication will be mandatory during the operation;
- h. The NAABSA procedures (Shipping notice 2021/03 NAABSA berth procedure) apply to the barge construction. The vessel owner may determine the NAABSA draft of the vessel taking into consideration the safety of own vessel and passing traffic.



Bathymetric survey for monitoring the depth at La Vigilantia Port Facility

Due to the moderate sedimentation rate, periodic maintenance is required. The Maritime Authority Suriname will issue a shipping notice regarding the depth at the La Vigilantia Port facility on a yearly basis after each bathymetric survey. The latest depth survey of the La Vigilantia Port facility dated 15th June 2026 (depths are referred to LWS) is hereby shown as an attachment in figure 1.

**Approved by the
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