Shipping notice 2026/23	NAUTICAL ACCESSIBILITY VABI JETTY-SRPBM-0024

Date of approval: 2nd September 2026

No.	Related Documents	Status *
1	Latest MAS Tide Table	Active
2	ISPS ship pre-arrival form (F-51/52.005)	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 2021/03 NAABSA Berth procedure	Active
8	Chart no 2765/2218 Suriname River from Entrance to Toevlucht and corresponding ENC's no. SR2218A and no.SR2218B	Active
9	Shipping notice 2026/07 Nautical Accessibility Vabi Jetty	Expired and replaced by Shipping notice 2026/23
10	Relevant NtM of the area on www.mas.sr	Active

Additional requirements for ships to navigate alongside VABI jetty.

1. **Length overall (L.O.A.)**

The Vabi Jetty can accommodate vessels with a maximum length of **one hundred and twenty meters (120m)**

2. **Depth at berth**

The berthing area from the channel to the jetty is subdivided into two zones (see appendix 1). Zone 1 covers the area where vessels are moored at the Vabi Jetty and Zone 2 covers the area of approach from the channel to Zone1.
Zone 1: has a depth of **5.9 meters** at Low Water Spring
Zone 2: has a depth of **5.0 meters** at Low Water Spring

The calculated vessel draft in **Zones1 and 2**:

- Vessels mooring and departing at portside is 5.0m- 0.20m (keel clearance) = 4.8 m + tidal rise calculated at time of mooring and departing.

3. Tugboat assistance

At Vabi Jetty there is no requirement for tugboat assistance.

NAABSA

The NAABSA procedures (Shipping notice 2021/03 NAABSA Berth procedure) apply to the Vabi Jetty. The vessel owner may determine the NAABSA draft of the vessel, taking in to account the accessibility of the Navigation channel of the Suriname River (Shipping notice 2026/13 nautical Accessibility Suriname River) and the calculated vessel draft in zone 1 at the Vabi Jetty.

Bathymetric survey for monitoring the depth at Vabi Jetty.

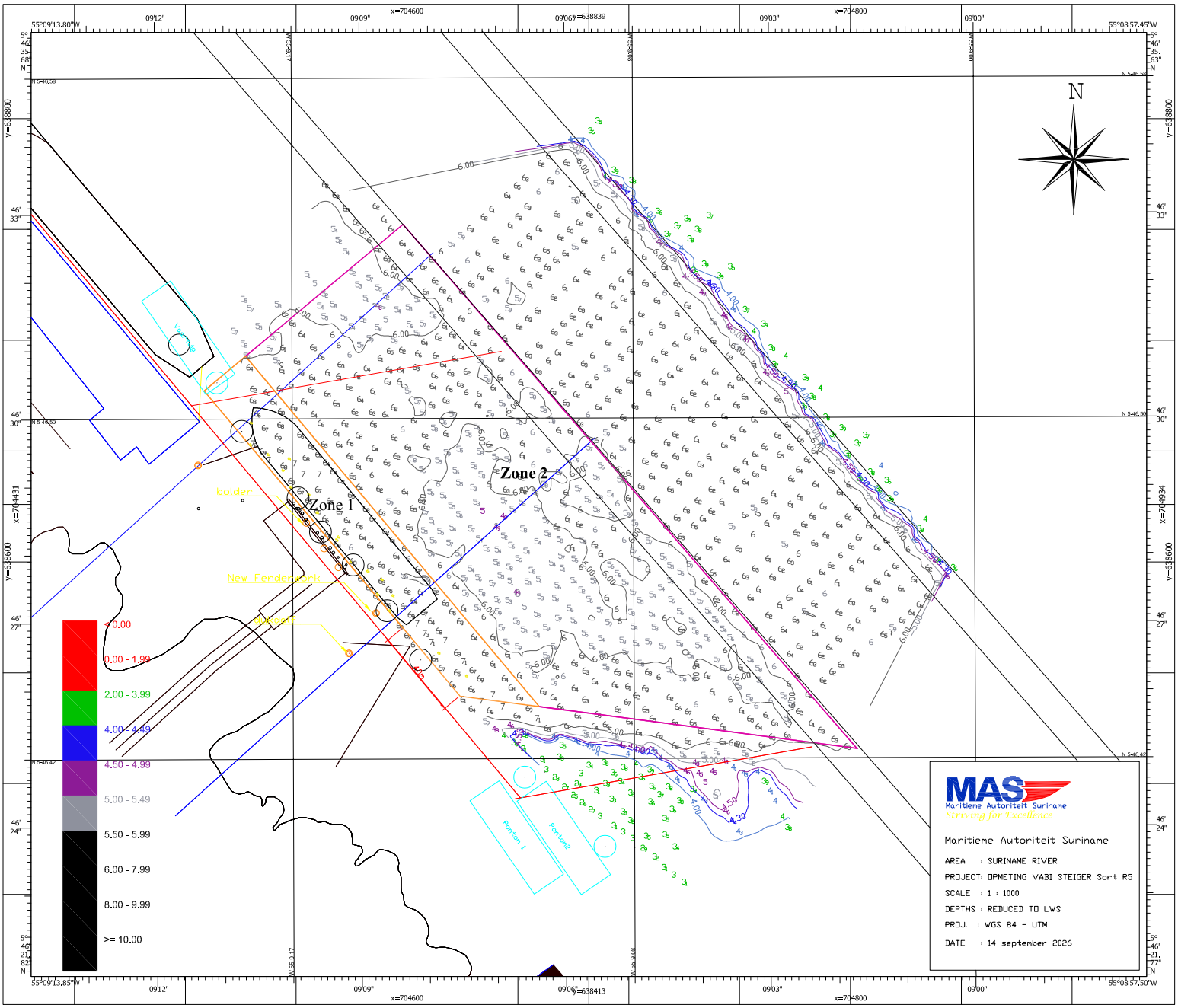
Due to the rapid sedimentation rate periodic maintenance is required. The Maritime Authority Suriname will issue a Shipping Notice regarding the depth at Vabi Jetty two times a year after each bathymetric survey. The latest depth survey at Vabi Jetty dated 14th September 2026 (depth referred to LWS) is hereby shown as an attachment in figure 1.

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**

Approved by the
Maritime Authority Suriname,

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Director


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Zone 1
Zone 2
bolder
bolder
New Fenderwork
Pontoon 1
Pontoon2
< 0.00
0.00 - 1.99
2.00 - 3.99
4.00 - 4.49
4.50 - 4.99
5.00 - 5.49
5.50 - 5.99
6.00 - 7.99
8.00 - 9.99
>= 10.00
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AREA : SURINAME RIVER
PROJECT: OPMETING VABI STEIGER Sort R5
SCALE : 1 : 1000
DEPTHS : REDUCED TO LWS
PROJ. : WGS 84 - UTM
DATE : 14 september 2026