

GENERAL INFORMATION, VHF PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS

APPLICATION

This is a mandatory VTS Reporting Area. Vessels for Nikolayev Port utilise the Bugsko Dneprovsko Limansky Channel, this channel has a width of 100m and is 44 nm long from Berezan Island to the port. Vessels proceeding to Kherson Port use the Khersonsky Sea (KS) Channel

VHF PROCEDURES

The Approaches to Nikolayev pass through the outskirts of Odessa VTS (see page NVK3).

Nikolayev VTS consists of two reporting areas (See page NVK2):

1. VTS Ochakov VHF Ch 73
2. VTS Russkaya Kosa VHF Ch 69

When transiting the system all vessels should keep watch on the designated VHF Channel. Permission to change frequency or to end VHF watch should be obtained from the appropriate VTS.

PILOTAGE

Pilotage is compulsory in the areas to the east of Longitude 31°E. Call "Yugny Pilot" at least 4 hours before arrival at Yugny Roads.

REGULATIONS

Permission must be obtained before entering the system, anchoring, arrival, berthing and departure and all other movements. If such permission is not acted upon within 30 minutes, permission must be obtained again.

The VTS may give instructions for vessel movements, including routes to be taken, speed, anchoring and other actions to ensure the safety of all vessels. Such instructions must be repeated by the vessel to the instructing VTS and the VTS must be informed if the vessel is not able to comply it must inform the VTS of the reason.

Tug assistance is provided for vessels of more than 187m LOA, but for 170m LOA for vessels proceeding to Kherson port.

Vessels must not navigate within the VTS area with a faulty anchor, steering gear, trimmed by the head, trimmed by the stern by more than 3m or with a list of more than 5°. Vessels with a faulty radar are also prohibited during periods of restricted visibility.

Entry for vessel to the BDL Channel and KS Channel is prohibited during mist, drizzle, snow, fog, heavy rain and any other conditions when the navigation aids ashore are not clearly visible and in addition when speeds are more than 15 m/s.

Vessel with a draught of more than 8m must enter or leave the BDL Channel at the Berezansky buoy, all other vessels must enter or leave the Channel at light buoy No. 2.

Speed of Vessels

BDL Channel:

Vessels of length less than 170m and draught less than 7 m	12 knots
Vessels of length less than 170m and draught between 7m & 9m	10 knots
Vessels of length less than 170m and draft of more than 9m	9 knots

KS Channel

Vessels of length less than 170m and draught more than 7m	8 knots
Vessels of length less than 170m and draught less than 7m (part 1 and 2)	10 knots
In all other parts of KS Channel and River Reach	8 knots.