



Bordeaux, le 13/01/2025 V3

## NOTICE TO MASTERS

### MOORING ARRANGEMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR VESSELS CALLING AT AMBES Postes 501/ 511 / 512 / 515

PORT AUTHORITY

CAPITAINERIE

Loïc Sinquin  
Commandant du port

Diffusion :  
DC Ambès / BCM  
Pilotage  
Lamanage  
Tous agents maritimes concernés  
Opérateurs pétroliers, Chimiquiers,  
gaziers Ambès  
Ship's Master

The ship's master attention is particularly drawn to the following points :

- The management of mooring on a river with strong flood and ebb current is completely different from the management of mooring in a dock without any current.
- During the call, a sharp watch is required on the moorings.
- The tidal range is between 3 and 5 meters.
- Mooring lines should preferably all be of the same material and characteristics and must be in good condition. All lines in the same direction should be the same size and type.
- Self-tensioning winches should not be used in the automatic mode while the vessel is moored.
- Breakes must be adequately tightened to achieve the operating holding capacity (80% of the MBL instead of 60%)
- Mooring lines must be checked constantly with slack being taken in during authorized period. Never try to adjust the lines already tight, except during the relative calm periods :
  - o From 1 hour before the low tide till the low tide
  - o From 1 hour before the high tide till the high tide

In any case, mooring line must remain well equalized.

- The master is accountable for the safety of the tanker and its proper mooring. Although responsibility for the mooring of the vessel rests with the master, the terminal should also ensure at regular intervals that the vessel is securely and safely moored as per SSSCL.
- Before each flood and ebb the terminal operator will check the mooring with the crew.
- **Authorization is required from Harbour master or terminal operator, by the approved mean of communication, before any mooring adjustment.**
- Inform Bordeaux Port on VHF channel 12 for any problem or emergency.

The brochure "information and port regulations" is available at the harbour master office (vhf channel 12 or phone +33(0) 556 315 864 ?) or on the port's website : <https://www.bordeaux-port.fr/>

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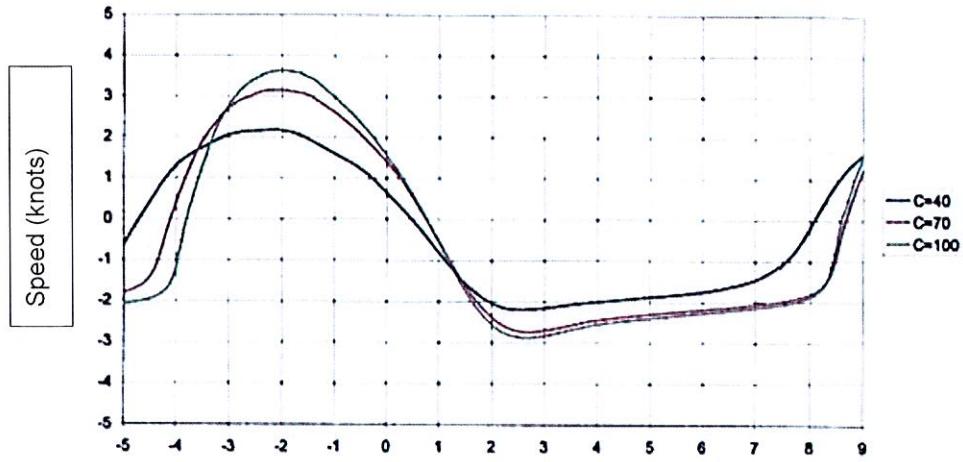
Harbour Master/ L. Sinquin

LE COMMANDANT DE PORT  
Loïc SINQUIN

# CURRENT GRAPH

TIDE REFERENCE : LE MARQUIS

AVERAGE FLOW



Times / high water

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