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Navigation Message no. 5/2021

Pursuant to Art. 14 sec. 1 point 4 of the Act of 20 July 2017 Water Law (Dz. U. /Journal of Laws/ of 2021 item 624) and Art. 43 sec. 6 of the Act of 21 December 2000 on inland waterway (Dz. U. /Journal Of Laws/ of 2019, item 1568 as amended), the Regional Water Management Board in Białystok of the State Water Holding "Polish Waters" announces that:

as for 27 April 2021, the waterway of Great Masurian Lakes is going to be opened, including:

- lakes: Ros, Seksta, Śniardwy, Mikołajskie, Tałty, Tałtowisko, Kotek, Szymon, Szymonieckie, Jagodne, Boczne, Niegocin, Tajty, Kisajno, Dargin, Kirsajty, Mamry;
- rivers and canals connecting the above mentioned lakes between the towns of Pisz and Węgorzewo;
- distributary channel of the Pisz - Węgorzewo waterway running through lakes:
 - Mikołajskie - Bełdany - Guzianka Mała - Guzianka Wielka - Nidzkie (up to 3 km, constituting the border with the Nidzkie Lake nature conservation area (Rezerwat przyrody "Jezioro Nidzkie") together with the Nidzki Canal;
 - Tałty - Ryńskie;
 - Niegocin - Tajty - Kisajno together with Niegocin Canal and Piękna Góra Canal
 - Mamry - Święcajty

Opening of the waterway will include the following minimum waterway depth for safe navigation:

Waterway section	Distance [km]	Minimum waterway depth for safe navigation [cm].
Trail of Roś lake and Jegliński Canal	0+000 – 6+000	120
Trail of Seksty lake	6+000 – 10+000	140
Trail of Śniardwy, Mikołajskie, Tałty and Ryńskie lakes	10+000 – 33+000 0+000 – 12+000	180
Trail of Bełdany lake	0+000 – 13+700	180
Trail of lakes: Guzianka Mała, Guzianka Wielka, Nidzkie up to km 3+000 with Nidzki Canal	13+700 – 19+400	120

Trail of canals: Tałcki, Grunwaldzki, Mioduński, Szymoński; lakes: Szymonieckie, Jagodne and Kula and Kula Canal	33+000 – 49+000	120
Trail of lakes: Boczne and Niegocin	49+000 – 61+000	180
Trail of Niegocin Canal, Tajty lake and Piękna Góra Canal	0+000 – 4+200	120
Trail of Łuczański Canal	61+000 – 62+000	120
Trail of lakes: Kisajno and Dargin	62+000 – 74+000	180
Trail of Kirsajty lake	74+000 – 76+000	120
Trail of Mamry lake	76+000 – 84+000	180
Trail of Święcajty lake	0+000 – 7+900	180
Trail of Węgorapa river and Węgorzewski Canal	84+000 – 86+800	120

The given minimum waterway depth for safe navigation refer to average water level - the reading at the gauge in Giżycko was 119 cm.

The above-mentioned trails are not suitable for night-time sailing.

Hours of operation of Guzianka I and Guzianka II locks:

<u>Guzianka I</u>		<u>Guzianka II</u>	
		May	9 a.m.- 5 p.m
May	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.	June	9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
June	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.	July	9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
July	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.	August	9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
August	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.		9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
September	10 a.m. - 7 p.m.	September	
October	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	October	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Hours of operation of the Karwik and Przerwanki locks:

Karwik		Przerwanki	
May	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	May*	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
June	9 a.m. - 7 p.m.	June	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
July	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.	July	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
August	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.	August	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
September	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	September*	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
October	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	October*	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

* In: May, September and October, the Przerwanki lock is opened only on working days.

Navigational difficulties:

- Jegliński Canal (km 2+000 - 6+000) - temporary waterway signs are in use due to repairs of shoreline reinforcement;
- Łuczański Canal (Giżycki) (km 61+420 - 61+500) - temporary waterway signs are in use in the area of the south inlet (Dalba port area in Giżycko) due to the redevelopment of the quay of Lake Niegocin. Waterways of Dalba and City Water Sports Centre's (Miejska Baza Sportów Wodnych) port are closed.
- construction works aiming at rebuilding and reinforcing the following canals are underway :
 - Tałcki Canal at km 33+000 - 34+600 of the Pisz - Węgorzewo main trail
 - Grunwaldzki Canal at km 36+100 - 36+570 of the Pisz - Węgorzewo main trail
 - Mioduński Canal at km 37+050 - 38+970 of the Pisz - Węgorzewo main trail
 - Szymoński Canal at km 40+340 - 42+700 of the Pisz - Węgorzewo main trail

The canals are also subject to temporary waterway traffic arrangements, which may cause some disruption and prolonged passage times through the canals. However, the waterway users must strictly observe the installed waterway signs and instructions of the operator.

Details of how the waterway traffic arrangements on each of the canals to be repaired will be specified in separate messages.

Swing bridge on the Łuczański Canal in Giżycko

The schedule for the opening of the bridge on the Łuczański Canal to shipping traffic can be found at:

<http://www.gizycko.pl/most-obrotowy.html><http://www.gizycko.pl/most-obrotowy.html>

When planning a voyage, it is necessary to take into account the days and times when the waterway is opened for navigation.

We would also like to report that as of 1 May 2021, the **Dangerous Weather Phenomena Signalling System is going to be activated in the area of the Great Masurian Lakes.**

Additionally, the Masurian Voluntary Water Rescue Service is going to mark the most dangerous places of the Great Masurian Lake System that located beyond the area of the waterway.

Detailed information on navigation conditions can be obtained from Monday to Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. from the Management Board of Giżycko Catchment (tel. 87 428 39 92) or the Hydrotechnical Facility Manager (tel. 532 032 745) or via messages published at: bialystok.wody.gov.pl in the section "Navigation Updates".

We would also like to report that the Navigation Message No. 3/2021 **is out of date.**

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