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Water sports in Fryslân

Tips for sailing on the Frisian waters



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Welcome to a European top region

Tourism is on the up. Last year we had a beautiful summer and the Netherlands experienced the largest growth in tourism in the last ten years. In Fryslân, the Cultural Capital manifestation was reason for extra bustle. Not only because of the numerous special activities, but also because of new destinations.

The fountains of the Eleven Frisian Cities have proved themselves real attractions. The new visitor centre on the Afsluitdijk is also generating more visitors daily than expected. Experiences from other Cultural Capitals have shown that the crowds keep on coming in the first years after a celebratory year. We do not want this to stop after those years. Because there is more than enough to see and do here.

It is not without reason that our province made third place in Lonely Planet's list of European destinations not to miss. Naturally, the travel guide praised Fryslân as an attractive water sports' region.

The advantage of our province is that, despite the increasing bustle, there is more than enough space for everyone. As recurrent water sports enthusiast, you already know this. As newcomer to our province, you will be experiencing it.

On behalf of all Frisians, I would like to wish you a pleasant stay in Fryslân. Anything you need to know about sailing can be found in this brochure.

In soad wetterwille tawinske! Have a great time on the water!

Mei freonlike groetnis,
with kind regards,

Drs. A.A.M. Brok
The King's Commissioner
for the Province of Fryslân



Frisian infrastructure: the facts*



6 aqueducts An aqueduct is an artificial channel for conveying water over a road or railway.



55 movable bridges A movable bridge can open and close, so ships that are too tall to sail underneath a bridge can still pass the road.



198 fauna facilities A fauna facility enables animals to safely reach the opposite side of the road. Examples include badger tunnels and wildlife crossings.

50 traffic control systems



A traffic control system (TCS) is the technical name for 'traffic lights'. A TCS controls the traffic based on optical signals: red, amber and green.



131 fixed bridges A bridge is a construction where traffic can cross the water via a road. It depends on the height of the bridge whether traffic can pass underneath. After all, a fixed bridge cannot open.



21 locks A lock is a division of two waterways, with doors. It makes it possible to manipulate the water level. Locks regulate the water level so ships can pass.



81 tunnels A tunnel runs underneath a road or railway. There are a total of 81 tunnels in Fryslân. The smaller ones are meant for cyclists and pedestrians.



18 viaducts A viaduct enables traffic to pass over a road, railway or other obstacle.

Carefree sailing in Fryslân

The Province of Fryslân controls and manages multiple waters. The quality of our water and the accessibility of our waterways are very important to us. That's why we improve shallow and narrow passages and raise bridges.

- 850 kilometres nautical management of waterways
- 10,109 hectares nautical management of lakes
- 820 kilometres soil management of waterways
- 219 kilometres embankment management

We provide for safe roads in Fryslân.

- 7,273,100 m² hard shoulders
- 120 kilometres service roads
- 188 kilometres cycling paths
- 526 kilometres carriage ways
- 820 kilometres ditches

* This concerns infrastructure that is managed by the province of Fryslân.



Sailing calling card celebrates its jubilee

The State Yacht Friso is the sailing calling card of the province of Fryslân. This year, the magnificent boyer celebrates its jubilee. The sailing ship was built in 1894 at Eeltsjebae's shipyard in Joure and was commissioned by the Queen's commissioner at the time. The Friso changed hands several times.

In 1954 it was almost sold abroad. Frisian entrepreneurs and the Koninklijke Zeilvereeniging Oostergoo sailing association felt this would be a shame. They purchased the Friso and gave it to the province to be used in the interest of Fryslân and the Frisian economy.

Since then, the successive commissioners of the Queen and King and the representatives have used the State Yacht as idyllic meeting venue for thousands of guests from home and abroad. About numerous subjects that concern Fryslân. Ministers open up as soon as they step on board, entrepreneurs immediately become hooked on the beauty of the Frisian waters.

Now that the State Yacht is 125 years old and has been serving as the province's calling card for 65 years, there will be extra activities this year. The ship was present at the Boot Holland trade fair in Leeuwarden. In May, tribute will be paid to the 1954 donation in Grou. And the Friso can be admired at many locations all over the province.

So, there is every chance you will be bumping into the birthday boyer on the Frisian water.



Fryslân – land of water

In Fryslân, you can discover the waters in countless ways. You could go sailing with a traditional Frisian skûtsje or rent a sloop and sail through the canals of one of the eleven cities. There are many possibilities to moor your boat in one of the beautiful Frisian harbours.

Fancy a little bit more excitement? Then try something more extreme, like kitesurfing, surfing, flyboarding or wakeboarding. You can find various surf spots to enjoy the good weather throughout Fryslân. And on top of that, fans of stand-up paddleboarding (supping) can indulge in this sport as Leeuwarden is an emerging sup city. Nowadays, there is even a SUP 11-City Tour!

You can find more information about all the water activities at www.friesland.nl.



Renting a boat

Just go to <https://boothuren.friesland.nl>. Here, you will find an overview of all the providers of boats that do not require a boat licence. There is plenty to choose from and you can book directly!

Water Calendar



Welcome to the most beautiful water sports province of the Netherlands! Experience the beautiful water landscape and visit one of the many activities. In the Water Calendar, we list them all for you.

Opening of the water sports season

13 April 2019

On Saturday 13 April, the water sports season will start with a bang in Fryslân! In different villages and towns, there will be activities on and along the water. Why don't you visit the water sports villages of Grou and Terherne or go to the Fleet Day in Harlingen?

Skûtsjesilen in Langwar

13 and 14 April 2019 - Langweer

Every year, the start of the 'Skûtsje season' takes place in Langweer. The best views of the sailing races are from the water. But, armed with binoculars or excellent vision, you can follow the races from the shore too. Go into the village and enjoy the cosy atmosphere.

Reuzedei

1 June 2019 – Akkrum

Annually, the much-coveted title of the Dutch Solar Boat Championships is battled for in Akkrum during Reuzedei. Around 7.30 in the evening, Akkrum is transformed into the Venice of the north. Bring your own boat or board someone else's and enjoy the intimate mini concerts on the water.

Small Sneek Week Sailing 2019

30 May to 2 June 2019 – Sneekermeer

Every year, from Ascension Day, around 300 skippers sail for four days with their crew for the highest achievable sailing honours on the Sneekermeer (the Sneek Lake). Are you a fan of live music? Come to the Small Sneek Week on Friday for the clubbers night in the centre of Sneek.

Lemster Visserijdagen (Lemmer Fishing Days)

21 to 23 June 2019 – Lemmer

During the Lemster Visserijdagen, Lemmer proudly hoists its sails. Part of the festivities take place at the Lemmer marina. In the Fiskerhaven (or Museum harbour) you will see many authentic Lemmer barges, with the historic Lemmer lock as a backdrop. The happy sounds of seamen's shanties heighten the atmosphere in the village.

Open Frisian Dragon Boat Racing Championship

22 June 2019 – Kollum

Spectacle, water, boats with people in bright colours, team spirit, competition, street theatre and music: just a few of the elements which make the Dragon boat festival so attractive to participants and spectators alike. Every year the Dragon boat festival on the banks of the Kollum Canal is pure enjoyment.

Sneekweek

3 to 8 August 2019 – Sneek

The Sneek Week is the biggest and most fun inland water sailing event in Europe: the perfect combination of conviviality and



sportsmanship. During the day there is fanatic sailing on the Sneekerveer (the Sneek Lake). Afterwards there is conviviality on the island and in the city.

Frisian Pole Vaulting Championship

10 August 2019 – Winsum

Apart from being a cultural sport, 'fierljeppen' (pole vaulting) is a very athletic sport: very strenuous to do and spectacular to watch. The 'ljeppers' (pole vaulters) climb in a vaulting pole up to a height of ten meters, while it swings over the water in a huge motion, to land sometimes more than twenty metres further in the sand.

Skûtsjesilen

SKS Skûtsjesilen: 27 July to 9 August 2019

Iepen Fryske Kampioenskippen (IFKS): 9 to 17 August 2019

Everyone who is even slightly interested in sailing, follows the competition between the 'skûtsjes' closely. Skûtsjes are old cargo vessels, built at the beginning of the last century to transport peat, manure and other cargo to farms.

Visserijdagen

28 to 31 August 2019 - Harlingen

The Frisian port town Harlingen revolves around the Visserijdagen (Fishing Days) from 28 to 31 August. During four days, the visitors are treated to music, singing, dancing, folklore, art, gastronomy, markets, fairs, culture and sports activities. All of this takes place in a scenery of more than six hundred monuments and a modern fishing and trading port.



Gondelvaart Aldeboarn

30 August 2019 – Aldeboarn

With over 8,000 visitors, the Gondelvaart (Gondola Parade) in Aldeboarn is one of the biggest cultural events on the water in the Fryslân province. The parade sails through the river De Boarn over approximately two kilometres — in the dark — and back again.

SUP 11-City Tour

7 and 8 September 2019

The 11th edition of the SUP 11-City Tour starts on 7 and 8 September. This is the non-stop version – paddling the Eleven-City Route on a SUP board in one go. On 11 September, the 5-day version starts.

Admiraliteitsdagen (Admiralty Days)

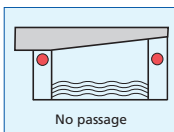
5 to 8 September 2019 – Dokkum

In the second weekend of September, the maritime and musical festival of the Northern Netherlands takes place. The festival is free of charge and attracts tens of thousands of people every year.

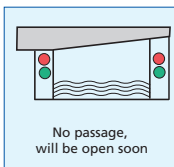
De Strontweek (The Dung Week)

18 to 26 October 2019 – Workum

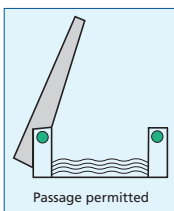
During the Dung Week there are four maritime events in the port city of Workum. Transport over water based on wind power will be reinstated for a while. Who brings the dung from Workum to Warm-ond and takes flower bulbs back the quickest?



Bridges and locks

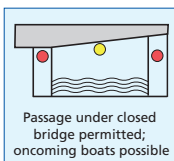
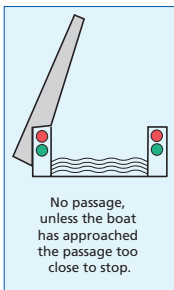


For up-to-date operating hours, go to www.fryslan.frl/bedieningstijden or check the **Water Sport app**.



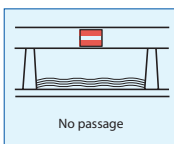
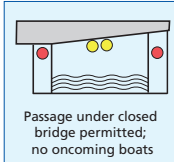
What to do at a bridge or lock?

- Sail as close as possible to the bridge or lock.
- In the event of busy road traffic, the boats will be clustered and you will have to wait for a while.
- Join the queue and wait for your turn.
- When the lights are green AND red, you can sail towards the bridge. This is the sign that the bridge is about to be raised.
- Quickly proceed when the bridge has been raised.
- At bridges with busy water traffic, lower your sails and mast, if possible.
- Follow any instructions given by bridge and lock keepers.
- In the event that the sign B.5 has been placed at a waiting area, you are obligated to wait before this sign. Even if you do not want to sail on, you must keep the passage clear.



Remotely controlled bridges

Not every bridge has a bridge keeper. A bridge keeper sometimes controls several bridges, also remotely. He or she does so using cameras. Therefore, make sure you moor your ship within the reach of the cameras. In this way, the bridge keeper can see any ships that want to pass the bridge. If there is a call button, please press it to call for service.



Bridge signals

The traffic signals near bridges are red, green and amber. These are for the bridge keeper to control the traffic flow. They are the main bridge signals.

Safely sailing together

'Safe sailing together!' is the motto for both recreational and professional skippers. To improve safety on the water, traffic rules on the water have been established, just like on the road.

TIP

- Start with sound preparations! Check your ship, the engine, the oil and coolant levels and the condition of your battery.
- Stay out of the blind spot of any cargo vessels. A rule of thumb is: if you can see the skipper, they can see you;
- Do not drop anchor near bridges, locks and in the middle of waterways;
- Do not ply against the wind on busy courses of navigation and keep the middle clear for larger ships;
- Stay away from fishing nets. Always pass the nets on the white side of the sign;
- Use the correct navigation lights in time;
- Swimming in fairways or near bridges, locks and waiting areas is not allowed.
- The rules for alcohol use are similar to road regulations. The maximum alcohol level is 0.5.

Who has right of way?

- Smaller ships (shorter than 20 m) must give way to larger ships, passenger ships, ferries and tugboats;
- When leaving a mooring place, the crew of a small boat may require and demand the help of the crew of another small boat;
- Main waterways have priority over secondary waterways. Boats sailing under the keep-to-starboard (right) mandate on the main waterways always have the right of way, irrespective of the length and size of other boats.

What is the maximum speed on the water?

- Note your own and other boats' navigation speed. A cargo vessel might go faster than you first thought;
- A navigation speed limit of 6 or 9 km/h is in force on most of Fryslân's waterways;
- At the Van Harinxmakanaal, the Prinses Margrietkanaal and the Johan Frisokanaal, the speed limit is 12.5 km/h;



Minimum age

- All vessels longer than 15 m: 18 years old (boat licence compulsory);
- Fast motorboat, jet ski and water scooter able to run faster than 20 km/h: 18 years old;
- Motorboat and sailboat, shorter than 15 metres, max. 20 km/h: 16 years old;
- Open motorboat, shorter than 7 m, max. 13 km/h: 12 years old;
- Sailboats and rowboats, shorter than 7 m: all ages.

Need for speed?

Speed boating is possible, but only in designated areas. Those areas are marked with yellow beacons. And remember: speed boating in the designated areas is only allowed during daylight hours from 30 April to 30 September. During this period of time, other ships are not allowed to anchor in these areas. For more information about speed boating, go to www.fryslan.frl/watersport.

Last year, we introduced the 'Snelvaarkaat' (the Speed Boating Map). Want to know more about this map?

Go to: www.varendoejesamen.nl/kenniscentrum/artikel/bekijk-de-overzichtskaart-snelvaargebieden.

Princess Margriet Canal (PM Canal)

The PM Canal is a special waterway. Together with the Van Starckenborghkanaal and the Eemskanaal in Groningen, it is part of the major boating route Lemmer - Delfzijl for professional skippers. Consequently, the PM Canal is busy with many big inland waterway vessels. Alternative routes have been mapped for recreational skippers to improve the safety for recreational vessels and professional vessels.

PM Canal alternatives – Away from the waterway

Seven attractive alternative routes near the PM Canal take you to your destination through wonderful natural landscapes and fun areas. These routes have no bridges with breaks, except for the Scharsterrijn bridge on route 2. And when sailing route 6 via Wergea (Warga), you will also encounter break times. The routes can be found on the interactive map on www.fryslan.frl/kaarten.




www.varendoejesamen.nl
www.vaarweginformatie.nl
www.fryslan.frl/bedieningstijden



The Afsluitdijk

The Afsluitdijk is the icon of the Dutch Delta Works. The salty Wadden-sea and the wide, fresh IJsselmeer are divided by this 32-kilometre-long straight dike. For over eighty years, this dividing line has been an example of what the Dutch are capable of when it comes to battling the water.

Between 2018 and 2023 the Afsluitdijk will be renewed. After more than 80 years of loyal service, the Afsluitdijk needs a facelift. The dike needs to be safer. These major reinforcement works of the government offer a historical possibility for regional authorities (working together in De Nieuwe Afsluitdijk organisation) to execute a few big projects. Measures will be taken to reinforce the ecology and new facilities for recreation and tourism will be constructed. For more information, visit www.deafsluitdijk.nl.

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Visit the Afsluitdijk Wadden Center

De Afsluitdijk Wadden Center is the place where you can experience the story of Dutch Delta Design, Unesco World Heritage Waddenzee, the Vismigratierivier (fish migration river) and the renewed, future-proof Afsluitdijk and IJsselmeer.

An interactive experience exhibition

The Afsluitdijk Wadden Center features an interactive experience exhibition. Its key theme is the survival and living of the Dutch in the Delta over the centuries, while the future, including climate change and sea level rise, is paid attention to as well. Would you like to experience the Wadden area with dry feet? Discover it in the exhibition.

Aquavista

Experience the inspiring hinterland of the Afsluitdijk through a special flying experience. In this Aquavista show, visitors can join a breath-taking flight over the region. In a relaxed position on your back or stomach, you are floating over the Afsluitdijk hinterland and looking at the beauty of the region through the eyes of the black-tailed godwit. An experience that will leave you with a lasting impression...! For more information visit www.afsluitdijkwaddencenter.nl.



SKOM

Built up an appetite? You are welcome to replenish yourself in 'SKOM: eten & drinken', the restaurant with an unrestricted view of the ever-fascinating IJsselmeer and Frisian coast.



Afsluitdijk 1c, 8752 TP • Kornwerderzand • Monday - Sunday, 10:00 - 18:00



Signage

Signs along the waterways tell the skippers about the dos and don'ts. Below is a list of the most frequently used signs.



Mandatory speed limit, as shown in km/h



Do not cause disturbing water movements



Obligation to stay to the starboard side of the waterway



No anchoring or mooring



No access for sailing boats



Marine telephone for nautical information, e.g., channel 18



Obligation to stop before the sign under certain circumstances



Obligation to pay special attention



Limited vertical clearance in metres



No entry, exit or passage



No meeting or passing-by



Waiting area for small boats

Angling in Fryslân 'Elt's mei graach ris fiskje'

(Everybody likes fishing occasionally)

Fryslân is the ideal province to go angling. Whether you are a purposeful specialist, a competitive angler or an offshore angler, or have angling purely as a hobby – with over 17,000 hectares of fishing water, Fryslân offers ample space for every angling discipline.

Obviously, angling is also subject to rules. A permit is required at all times. If you are already in the possession of a VISpas or, for young people, a JeugdVISpas, you meet the requirements for most locations. If you only want to go fishing for a short period of time, for instance because you are enjoying a well-earned holiday in Fryslân, you can buy a weekly permit. These are available from local tourist offices and angling stores in Fryslân at around 10 Euros.



Fishing is even more fun with the **Visplanner (Fishing Planner)** app. It provides you with the finest nearby angling spots and facilities. And do you want to know what fish you just caught? The **Vissengids (Fish Guide)** app will provide the answer.

The Fryslân Angling Association (Sportvisserij Fryslân) is the umbrella organisation for the 31 Frisian angling clubs, with over 34,500 affiliated anglers. For more information, please contact the office in Grou on +31 (0)566 624455 or go to www.visseninfriesland.nl.





Supervision on the water

The Province of Fryslân manages and maintains around 850 kilometres of waterway. But the province also supervises the water. As waterway supervisor it is responsible for the safety and flow of the shipping traffic.

Nautical enforcers

Ten nautical enforcers (supervisors) sail through Fryslân sixteen hours a day, seven days a week. Nautical enforcers have a variety of job responsibilities. Their duties include supervision of large transports, handling calamities and inspecting professional shipping documents.

In addition, the nautical enforcers also provide on-site information to watersports enthusiasts and professional skippers about the rules on the water. They also have corrective responsibilities, wherever

necessary. Furthermore, nautical enforcers have powers of criminal investigation. If necessary, they will issue fines or serve summons for more severe infringements.

Prevent theft!

Annually, around 1,200 boats and 2,100 outboard engines are stolen. The police watch marinas, records reports of theft and trace down criminals. You can also help – prevent theft!

- Moor the boat as securely as possible with a cable or chain with an approved lock;
- Fit an additional electronic security system, for instance an alarm system or a boat GPS tracking system;
- Place your postcode and house number on a clearly visible place on your boat, onboard engine or outboard engine;
- Take your engine off the boat or make sure that it has an approved outboard engine lock;
- Nothing in, nothing out: take all your valuables with you when you leave the boat.

TIP

Register!

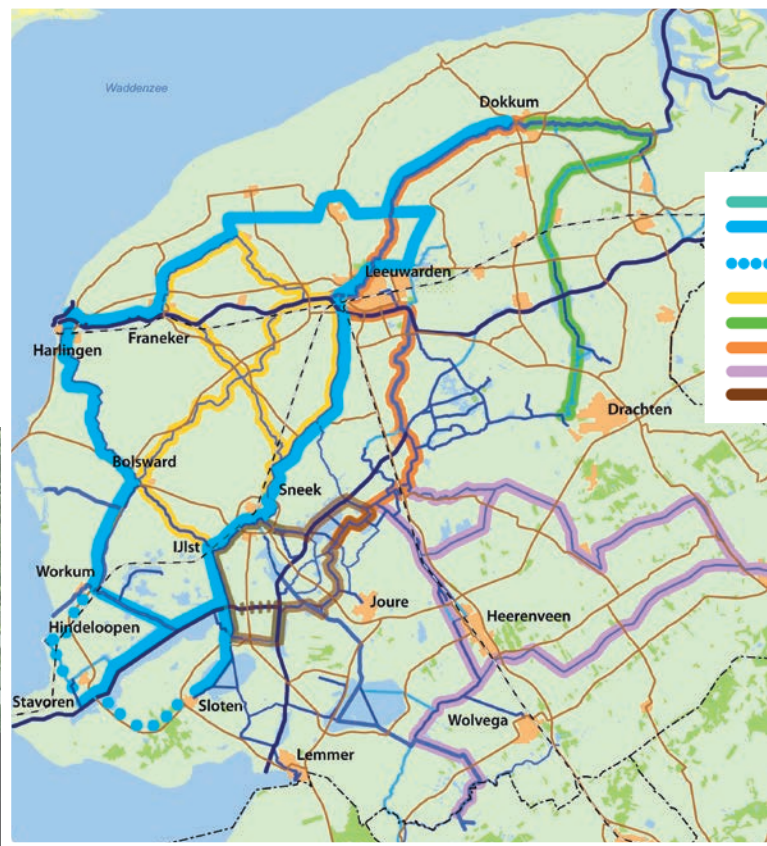
Should your boat or outboard engine be stolen, it would help if you can provide a detailed description. If you have filled in a registration card, you will always have all details close at hand. You can download the registration card from www.stichtingvbv.nl/vaartuigen. Or use the app.

Reporting theft

Has your boat been stolen? Or has something been nicked from your boat? Report the theft! To do so, go to www.politie.nl or call the police on number +31 (0)900-8844.

Nuisance?

If you are bothered by a lot of nuisance, including noise nuisance, please report this to the harbour master, or to the police by calling +31 (0)900 - 8844. Should the disturbance continue, and after a warning, the perpetrators will be removed from the marina and, where appropriate, the sound equipment will be seized.



Sailing across Fryslân

Experience a day on the Frisian waters? Sail one of the many boating routes Fryslân has to offer. Most routes have more than one location where you can get aboard.

Rondje Súdwest (South-Western Route)

Boarding place(s): Harlingen, Franeker and Leeuwarden

The Súdwest route is a 'standing-mast route', a route where you do not have to lower your mast. The boating route takes you across the Frisian lakes and small waterways, of which the Wymerts, between Bolsward and IJlst with its reed fringes and small villages and bridges, is one of Fryslân's most beautiful ones. You will pass cosy villages like Heeg and the towns Workum, Bolsward and IJlst.

Lits-Lauwersmeer Route

Boarding place(s): Drachten

Sail unobstructed past picturesque villages, new mooring berths for transient vessels and interesting landmarks. This beautiful boating route connects the Frisian Lakes and Lauwersmeer with the towns Drachten and Dokkum.

Turfroute (Peat Route)

Boarding place(s): Akkrum, Heerenveen, Driewegsluis, Echtenerbrug and De Veenhoop

The other Fryslân with woods, peat-land villages and heath: this is the south-eastern corner of the province. In the sixteenth century, work began on the construction of a network of boating routes where peat barges could carry their cargo to the western side of the country. The Peat Route travels through three provinces – the south-eastern part of Fryslân, the western part of Drenthe and the northern part of Overijssel.

TIP

Go to www.friesland.nl or download the app 'Routes Friesland Style'!



Elfstedenroute (Eleven Cities Route)

Boarding place(s): any of the eleven cities

Every year the tension rises in winter – will the ice be thick enough for the Eleven-City Ice-skating Tour to take place? But rest assured, you can sail it now. Since 2013, the entire Eleven-City Route has been suitable for recreational boats that have a maximum draft of 1.30 metre and a maximum vertical clearance of 2.50 metres. You can start in Leeuwarden or in any of the other cities. A route full of sights!

Aqueductroute (Aqueduct Route)

Boarding place(s): Stavoren

Boating in the southwestern part of the Frisian Lakes area has become even more attractive. The construction of five aqueducts gives a clear field for water sports enthusiasts: rather than waiting for bridges, they can now go full steam ahead. The following aqueducts are part of the route: the Galamadammen-Akwadukt near Koudum, the Ie-Akwadukt near Woudsend, the Jeltlesleat-Akwadukt near Hommerts, the aqueduct Hooidammen near Sneek, and the Geau-Akwadukt near IJlst.

Woudaap Route

Boarding place(s): Sneek

The Woudaap Route lets the whole family enjoy the Frisian lake district. Sail past Terherne, Langweer, Woudsend and Heeg. During the barge route, the children can experience all kinds of adventures such

as pole-vaulting, raft-building and marsh-walking. This route can be sailed with ships that have a maximum mast height of 11.50 metres.

Standing Mast Route

Boarding place(s): Dokkum

Starting in Dokkum, sail around Leeuwarden, and from the Frisian capital to Terherne. To the tranquillity of pastures and small villages... and back again. A beautiful trip for ships with a standing mast. Do not forget to explore the capital itself!

Oudkerk Route

Boarding place(s): Snakkerburen

This route passes the bridge of Bartlehiem, famous for the Eleven-City Ice-skating Tour, and takes you in the direction of the picturesque village Oudkerk. From Oudkerk, you will sail via 'De Moark' to the 'Tegeltjesbrêge' (the Tiles Bridge) where it is certainly worthwhile mooring and looking at pictures of the Elfstedentocht participants. Perhaps you will see a familiar face!

Kleiroute (Clay Route)

Boarding place(s): Franeker

The Klei (Clay) Route passes the atmospheric villages of Dongjum, Boer, Ried, Berltsum (Berlikum) and Menaam (Menaldum) and more. While on the boat, you can enjoy the varied nature in a particularly interesting surrounding. Along the way, there are facilities at several places to moor. Starting there, you can take gorgeous walks or bike rides. The minimum depth of the Clay Route is 1.50m. The bridges have a vertical clearance of 2.50m.

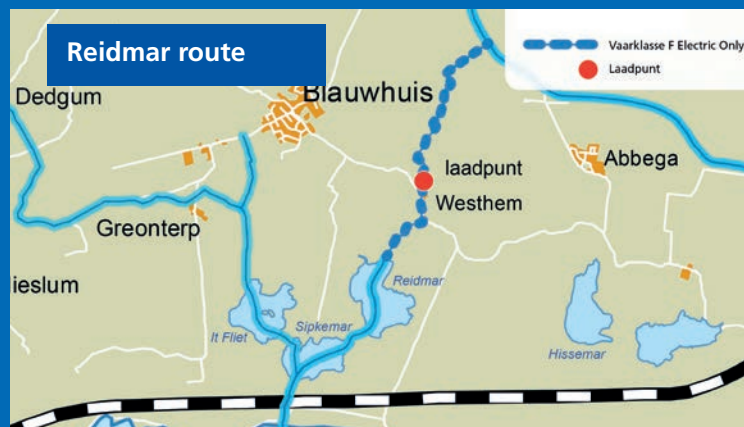
Middelseeroute (Middelsee Route)

Boarding place(s): Sneek

The historic Middelsee Route, part of the Eleven-City Ice-skating Tour, has been an important waterway between Leeuwarden and Sneek for a very long time. Now it is an excellent alternative for the busy Princess Margriet Canal for motorboats and sailboats with easily lowerable masts. The maximum vertical clearance is 2.50 metres.

Electric boating

Fans of clean and silent cruising: Fryslân offers three electric-only routes during the sailing season of 2019. You will only find electrical or hybrid powered boats here. If you prefer supping (stand-up paddleboarding) or canoeing, you can use the electric-only routes too. For a link to the electric charging points map, see www.fryslan.frl/waterrecreatie.





The Marrekrite recreational amenities board: berthing in the midst of nature free of charge

Fryslân has more than 3,500 Marrekrite mooring places at very special spots in the midst of nature. Here you can stay for up to three days free of charge while you enjoy the scenic beauty of the Frisian countryside. Recreatieschap Marrekrite (the Marrekrite recreational amenities board) maintains and manages these free mooring places, and in many places removes the litter left behind, makes sure the vegetation is mowed and trimmed and maintains the cycling and walking network nodes. Marrekrite acts on behalf of the Province of Fryslân and the Frisian municipal authorities.

Banner

Maintaining the Marrekrite mooring places is quite expensive. Therefore, we would really appreciate any contributions. By buying the Marrekrite banner you make a direct contribution to the maintenance of free mooring places in Fryslân! You can buy the banner at the website of Recreatieschap Marrekrite, from the volunteers in the field and at a large number of sales points. For more information please visit www.marrekrite.frl.



TIP

Why not buy the route booklet 'Zwerven in Fryslân' (Roaming in Fryslân) too? If you buy the 2019 Banner, this booklet will cost you only €5.

MarBoei: fixed and yet free at the most beautiful spots



The Marboei is a plastic buoy with a large eye at the top. Mooring to a MarBoei is much easier than berthing at a mooring place or anchoring. You only need to tie up one line. The wind automatically keeps the ship away from the buoy. You can find the MarBoei buoys at special places in the Frisian waters. For those who want, the buoy is more than just a mooring place. It can also be a poetic anchorage place. Check www.marboei.frl for MarBoei-related poems.

Discharging waste water responsibly

Recreatieschap Marrekrite, the Province of Fryslân and Wetterskip Fryslân make responsible discharge of waste water as easy as possible for water sports enthusiasts. You can discharge your waste water at more than one hundred marinas in Fryslân but also at three floating waste water stations. You can find all the waste water stations at www.vuilwatervangjeop.nl and in the Water Sport app.

Húskes

'Húskes' are floating treatment stations where water sports enthusiasts passing by can empty their waste water tanks free of charge. Skippers do not need to go to a marina – they can moor at a 'Húske', empty the tank and sail on. Simplicity is key. Moreover, the floating waste water stations are sustainable and self-sufficient. The solar panels on the roof generate the necessary power. The waste water is ecologically purified and returned to the water. Since 2018, the húskes have been fitted with toilet facilities. You can use the toilets free of charge.





Photo: Hans Pietersma



Do you see a yellow buoy? You're near a bird resting area!

In the winter period, you come across yellow buoys at various places on the Frisian Lakes and in the Alde Feanen area. These buoys mark the resting areas for a large number of special species of birds. Examples include the teal, the shoveler and the smew. You are requested not to sail into these areas between 1 October and 1 April.

The areas are situated in the shallow water along the banks of the lakes, never in channels. Yellow buoys can be found at:

- Fluezen;
- Aldegeaster Brekken;
- Wite Brekken and Swarte Brekken;
- Alde Feanen;
- Snitser Mar (Sneek Lake).

The importance of bird resting areas

To keep the birds in the lake area, winter rest is very important. The birds need the resting areas to recuperate sufficiently before leaving for the summer habitats to nest. Every time they fly up unnecessarily, they will lose some of their energy supply.

Natura 2000

The bird resting areas have been designated as Natura 2000 areas. A Natura 2000 area is a nature reserve of international value thanks to the presence of different species of birds. With this code of honour we want to ensure the preservation of these species.

Reporting activity in bird resting areas

Bird counters monitor the activities in the bird resting areas. They check the areas once every few weeks. Have you seen a boat or any other activity in the resting areas? We would love for you to let us know. Please tell us by sending an email to vogelrust@fryslan.frl.

Please indicate:

- the type of vessel. A yacht, sailing boat, sloop, motorboat, fishing boat or other;
- whether there is waterfowl or not;
- whether the person is a caretaker or not;
- any remarks.

You can also find the bird resting areas in the Water Sport app. Let's work together on the preservation of our beautiful Frisian nature!





Holwerd aan Zee

Breakthrough for man and nature

Holwerd aan Zee (Holwerd on Sea) is working on the recovery of the connection between the Waddenzee and the coast. With a navigable passage, through the saltmarsh and a sash lock in the dike, a salty tidal activity lake is created. This will create an area inside the dike with a boulevard, tourist facilities, enjoyment of nature, bird nesting islands, fish migration and silt-adaptive agriculture.

Unique!

The breakthrough in the dike renders Holwerd accessible to standing-mast boats from the Waddenzee. The activity lake, the facilities and recreational accommodation make the area attractive to a wide group of tourists. The ideal place to experience nature, culture and history in the World Heritage Waddenzee.

Boost to northeastern Fryslân

Holwerd aan Zee is good for regional employment. It will reduce the expected shrinkage and lack of occupancy. More turnover and jobs will prevent further shrinkage of the level of facilities, think of shops and businesses, and this will allow other villages along the coast to profit as well. So, a real boost for the entire coastal region of northeastern Fryslân!

Standing strong for Holwerd aan Zee

The project 'Holwerd aan Zee' is supported by the workgroup from the village. The workgroup works together with local inhabitants, farmers, nature organisations and other organisations. The collaborating parties endeavour realisation of Holwerd aan Zee in 2023. The next stage is the standing-mast route to Dokkum and the transformation of the pier at Holwerd into the Green Carpet entrance of the Wadden area.

Safe swimming in open water

Fryslân is a province with a lot of water. During the summer, a lot of people swim in the Frisian waters. For your safety and health, it is important to swim in the official swimming waters designated by the provincial authorities. Since the 2014 swimming season, the Friese Uitvoeringsdienst Milieu en Omgeving (FUMO) has been monitoring the safety and quality of the designated swimming waters. This is done in close cooperation with the water managers and the managers of the swimming locations.

TIP

Safety The designated swimming locations are checked for safety and water quality. Swimming in open water will, however, always be at your own risk. The bottom may be littered with broken glass, debris or other objects. Currents and passing vessels can also create a hazard. Always ensure your own safety. You can do this by:

- Checking the water quality at www.zwemwater.nl;
- Calling the swimming water phone line in advance +31 (0)58 292 56 50;
- Not swimming on your own;
- Not diving in murky or shallow water;
- Trying not to swallow any water while swimming;
- Not littering;
- Obeying the rules;
- Paying attention to the information on the signs at the swimming locations.

Warning, negative swimming advice or swimming prohibition

During the swimming season (May to October), at least once a month, the water authorities or the Department of Waterways and Public Works take a sample of the water. This sample is investigated for the presence of pathogenic bacteria. In most cases the quality of the Frisian swimming water is good, but it could happen that the water quality is not as it should be.

Should something be wrong, we will issue a warning. In serious cases, we will issue a negative swimming advice or even a swimming



prohibition. Should you develop symptoms after swimming in open water, contact a general practitioner or the GGD health authority +31 (0)88 22 99 222 and report it via the swimming water phone line.

Botulism

During warm summers, there is an increased risk of botulism. Botulism is a poisoning that mainly kills fish and water birds. If you see (many) fish and/or birds floating in the water, please report it to the water board via the environmental alarm number +31 (0)58 21 22 422.

Blue-green algae

Algae naturally exist in the water and are usually not a risk. But sometimes the blue-green or light green floating layers are poisonous. It is strongly recommended not to swim in places with these floating layers. Poisoning by blue-green algae causes headaches, stomach and intestine problems, skin rash, earache, irritation of the eyes or swollen lips.

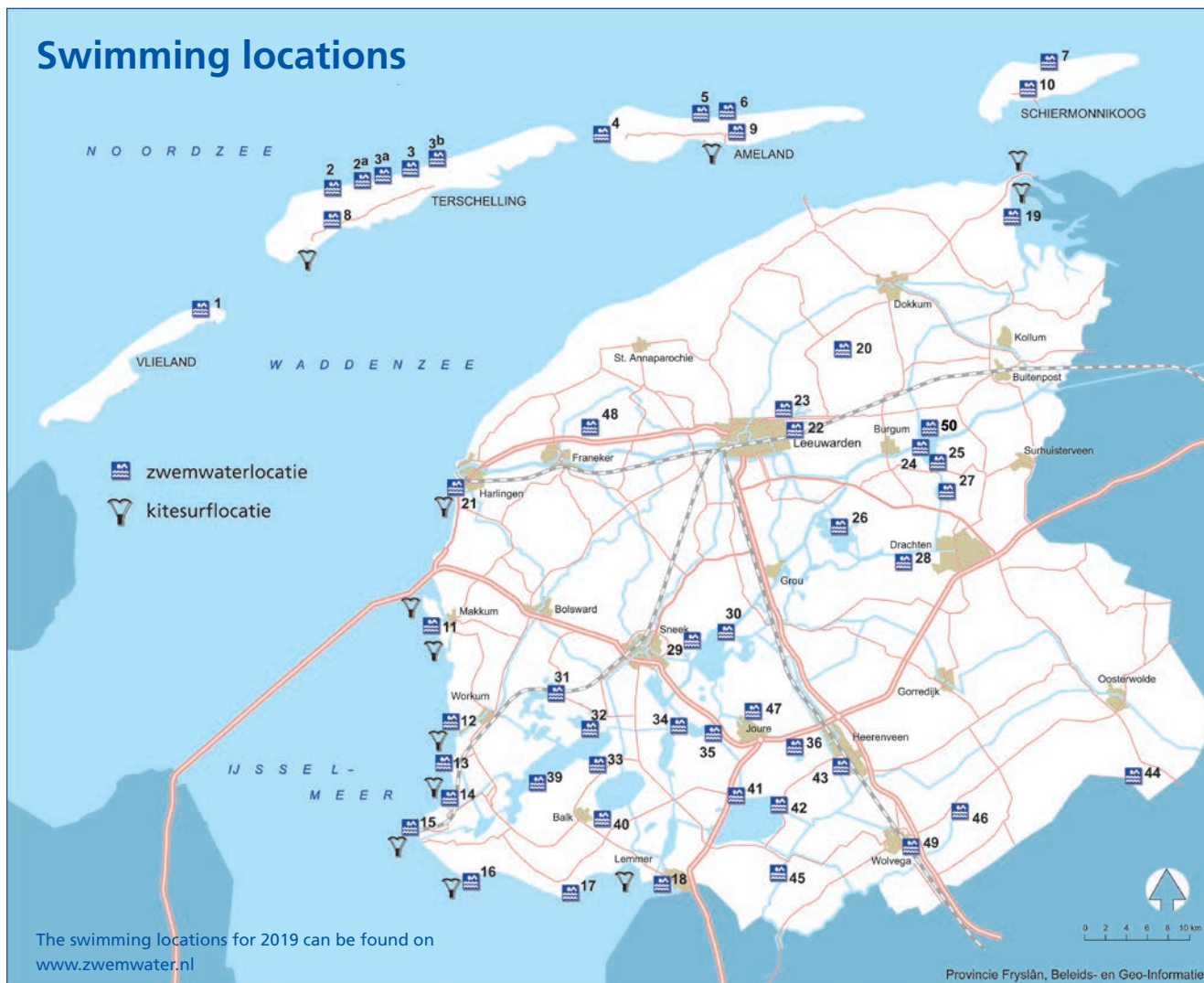
Swimmers' itch

Swimmers' itch is caused by larva of a parasite. The larva usually live on water birds, but can also end up on your skin. If that happens, you will develop red, itchy lumps. Usually, these will resolve spontaneously after a few days.

Contact

For more information about warnings, advice and swimming prohibitions and/or complaints, you can go to www.zwemwater.nl or call the swimming water phone line on +31 (0)58 292 56 50.

Swimming locations



Kite surfing areas







Westerzeedijk (Harlingen)
Hoek van Bant (Dongeradeel)
Kornwerderzand
It Soal (Workum)
Holle Poarte (Makkum)
Lemmer beach

1 Apr to 1 Sep
1 Jun to 1 Oct
1 May to 1 Oct
1 Sep to 1 Jun
1 Oct to 1 May
1 Oct to 1 May

Between Hindeloopen and
bathing pavilion
Mirnser Klif
Stavoren, near Potvis
West of ferry causeway at Nes
(Ameland)
Groene Strand (Wadden side
of West Terschelling)

all year round
all year round
all year round
all year round
all year round

Facilities:

-  Floating line
-  Sandy beach
-  Parking
-  Toilets
-  Showers
-  Restaurant, pavilion or snack bar

North Sea

1.	Bathing beach, Badhuis	Eastern Vlieland		•		•		•
2.	Bathing beach, West aan Zee	Terschelling				•	•	•
•								
2a.	Midsland aan Zee	Terschelling		•	•	•		•
3.	Bathing beach, Hoorn	Terschelling		•		•		•
3a.	Bathing beach, Formerum	Terschelling		•	•	•		•
3b.	Bathing beach, Oosterend	Terschelling		•	•	•		•
4.	Bathing beach, Hollum	Ameland		•	•	•	•	•
5.	Bathing beach, Nes	Ameland		•	•	•	•	•
6.	Bathing beach, Buren	Ameland		•	•	•	•	•
7.	Bathing beach, Prins Bernhardweg	Schiermonnikoog		•		•		

Islands

8.	Dune lake Hee	Hee	•	•	•			
9.	De Vleyen	Nes		•	•	•		
10.	Berkenplas	Schiermonnikoog		•		•		•

IJsselmeer

11. De Holle Poarte	Makkum		•	•	•		•
12. It Soal	Workum	•	•	•	•		
13. Bathing pavilion	Hindeloopen	•		•			•
14. Molkwerum	Molkwerum		•	•			
15. It Súdêrstrand	Stavoren		•	•	•	•	•
16. Mirnser Klif	Mirns	•	•	•	•		•
17. De Hege Gerzen	Oudemirdum		•	•	•	•	•
18. Lemmer beach	Lemmer	•	•	•	•		

Fryslân, mainland

19.	Oostmahorn	Oostmahorn			•	•	•		
20.	Eeltsjemar	Rinsumageast		•	•	•	•	•	
21.	Harlingen beach	Harlingen			•	•	•		•
22.	Lytse Wielen	Leeuwarden		•	•	•	•	•	•
23.	Grutte Wielen	Leeuwarden				•	•	•	•
24.	Recreational site Klein Zwitserland (Sumar)	Burgum		•	•	•	•	•	•
25.	Eastermar	Eastermar		•	•				
26.	Earnewâld swimming place	Earnewâld		•	•	•			
27.	De Leien	Rottevalle		•	•	•	•		•
28.	Smeliester Sân	Smalle Ee			•	•	•		
29.	Potten beach	Sneek			•	•	•	•	
30.	Terherne	Terherne		•	•	•	•		•
31.	Aldegeaster Brekken	Oudega		•	•	•	•	•	
32.	Heeg	Heeg		•	•	•	•	•	
33.	Indijk	Indijk			•	•	•		
34.	Langwarder Wielen	Langweer		•	•		•	•	•
35.	Woudfennen	Joure		•	•	•	•		•
36.	Nanneiid	Oudehaske		•	•	•	•		•
39.	De Lange Hoek	Elahuizen		•		•			
40.	Swimming and surfing centre	Balk			•	•	•	•	
41.	De Ulesprong	Sint Nicolaasga		•	•	•	•	•	•
42.	Rohel	Rohel		•	•	•	•		•
43.	De Heide	Heerenveen		•	•	•	•		
44.	Canadameer	Appelscha			•	•			
45.	De Driesprong	Langelille		•	•				
46.	Spokeplas	Noordwolde			•	•	•	•	•
47.	Skipsleat	Joure		•	•	•			
48.	De Swanneblom	Slappeterp		•	•	•	•		
49.	De Vlinderslag	Wolvega		•	•	•			
50.	Swimplak Blauwhoeke	Jistrum			•				



Working on beautiful waterways

The Province of Fryslân is the owner of approx. 850 kilometres of waterways in total. We would like to keep those waterways in good condition. That's why we work throughout the year to deepen waters, adjust bridges and strengthen banks.

A lot of work has been done in the past few years. The Stationsbrug (Station Bridge) in Franeker is ready, just like the Warrebrug (Warre Bridge) near Tijnje. Much work on the Turfroute (Peat Route) banks has been carried out. As of last year, a number of bridges is controlled remotely from the Swettehûs on industrial estate De Zwette in Leeuwarden. At least 5 more bridges will be added this year. This will eliminate the breaks and the clog fee for water sports enthusiasts.

This year we are awaiting the completion of the biocomposite cyclists' bridge Ritsumasyl across the Van Harinxmakanaal. The province of Fryslân is entering an innovative road; this is the first biocomposite bridge in the public road network.



Delays?

The most profound works are carried out outside of the boating season where possible. We will timely notify you of delays via the website www.vaarweginformatie.nl and via twitter @ScheepvaartFRL.

Important telephone numbers

Nationwide emergency calls.....	112
Fryslân Area Health Authority (GGD)	+31 (0)88 2299222
IJsselmeer Area Incident Room	+31 (0)88 7973300
Environmental alarm number	+31 (0)58 2122422
(Water) Police	+31 (0)900 8844
Province of Fryslân (general)	+31 (0)58 2925925
Province of Fryslân (waterway phone).....	+31 (0)58 2925888
De Marrekrite (recr. amenities board)	+31 (0)58 2128581
Sportvisserij Fryslân (angling association) .	+31 (0)566 624455
Wetterskip Fryslân (district water board) ...	+31 (0)58 2922222
Swimming water phone line.....	+31 (0)58 2925650

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App for water sports enthusiasts

For all yachtspeople, skippers and swimmers in Fryslân, the Water Sport app has been developed. This app will always give you up-to-date information about bridge opening times and safe places to swim. The app is free of charge and available for Apple and Android devices.

