

## PORT OF VARNA INFORMATION BOOK

1. Port of Varna is a geographic area comprising all port terminals located N of Cape Emine up to the border with Romania.
2. The terminal to be visited by your vessel is operated by 100% state-owned trading company *Port of Varna EAD*. The head office of port management is located in the area of Varna East port terminal.
3. Vessel is required to make a call and identification with Varna Traffic Control on VHF ch 16. Communication with the Pilot Station is available on VHF ch 14.
4. Arrival information shall be provided with the 24-hour notice and the Master's General Declaration.
5. Information of port health, immigration, customs and quarantine regulations and procedures is available with the ship agent.
6. Prior to departure, the vessel shall obtain the required up-to-date marine publications and charts as needed for the next voyage.
7. Pilotage is compulsory in accordance with port regulations.
8. Number of tugboats and their bollard pull shall be selected as per the Pilot Station Table, according to ship size and specialization.
9. Anchorage locations are marked in the large-scale marine charts as approved by the Compulsory Local Regulations which are published in the Guide to Port Entry.
10. In case of emergency, when the vessel is not in a seaworthy condition, the Maritime Administration shall be informed by the master via the ship agent in order to apply the relevant emergency procedures.
11. The applicable restrictions of manoeuvring for various types of vessels, depending on the wind strength and visibility, shall be communicated by the Traffic Control.
12. Fresh water, telephone communications and power supply are available at the terminal facilities of *Port of Varna EAD*, subject to order by the ship agent.
13. Information on up-to-date status and permissible draught in navigable canals is available with the ship agent.
14. Water density is variable: Varna East - approx. 1.017‰; Varna West - approx. 1.004‰.
15. Max air draught shall not exceed 41.72m for vessels calling at Varna West.
16. Vessels navigating under ballast can have a trim within 2% of vessel's LOA. Laden ships can be trimmed within 1% of LOA, and the list shall be kept within 1°.
17. There are no tidal variations in the waters of Varna port facilities. Tides can occur in case of continuous strong winds throughout several days.
18. Discharging of clean ballast is permitted providing that the ballast is taken in the Black Sea or the Mediterranean. It is prohibited to discharge ballast water originating from elsewhere or any oily water or hold washings.
19. Control over cargo handling operations shall be exercised by inspectors of Maritime Administration. Cargo information shall be obtained from the shipper or respective freight forwarder via the ship agent.
20. Collecting of solid waste from ships is compulsory and shall be carried out by a specialized company, subject to order by the ship agent.