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NOTICE TO SKIPPERS NO. 01/2023

Pursuant to Article 14 section 1(4) of the Act of July 20, 2017. - Water Law (Journal of Laws of 2021, item 2233 as amended) and Art. 43 section (6) of the Act of December 21, 2000 on inland navigation (Journal of Laws of 2022, item 1097 as amended). The Regional Water Management Board in Gdańsk informs that:

Due to a temporary improvement of weather conditions and the absence of ice phenomena on the Vistula and the Martwa Wisła River, **from January 09, 2023 to January 15, 2023 the waterway of the Martwa Wisła River and the waterway of the Vistula River** from km 680+000 (below the estuary of the Zgłowiączka river) to km 942+300 (a border with internal sea waters) are temporarily opened with restrictions for navigation.

Restrictions result from incomplete navigational markings, which will be completed and corrected at a later date, once the threat of ice phenomena has passed. There is a risk of ice phenomena and the likelihood of water levels dropping below those required for ensuring required navigable class.

Given the above, sailing is only possible providing that extreme caution is exercised and having very good knowledge of the navigable route and a great deal of experience on the part of the ship's manager and crew. The vessel manager, when deciding to sail, with the above knowledge of the temporary and limited opening of waterways, must be aware of his full responsibility for the cargo and equipment entrusted to him. In case of making a decision to sail during the above mentioned temporary opening of waterways, it is recommended to take advantage of the presence of a PGW WP employee on the vessel. Each crossing has to be notified at least one day in advance to PGW WP RZGW Gdansk.

In the notification, the parameters of the vessel or kit must be stated. Przegalina lock (the connection between the Martwa Wisła River and the Vistula River) is open from Monday to Friday on working days, from 7:00 am. to 3:00 pm., until ice phenomena occur. It is possible to pass vessels through the lock at other times, but this requires prior notification of the intention to pass at the lock, at least 24 hours in advance.

Valid navigation messages are published on the website: <https://gdansk.wody.gov.pl/> At the same time, we would like to inform you that until sailing reopens, the publication of daily navigational information on our website is suspended.