



# Welcome to the Voies navigables de France network





# 2019 toll prices for pleasure boating

(valid during the calendar year)

Package	No engine	I but under 8 ML	II 8 ML and over but under 11 ML	III 11 ML and over but under 14 ML	IV Over 14 ML
<b>1 Day<sup>(1)</sup></b>	-	€3.0 x Length + €11.3	€3.0 x Length + €17.1	€3.0 x Length + €22.5	€3.0 x Length + €28.0
<b>7 Days<sup>(2)</sup></b>	-	€4.0 x Length + €15.4	€4.0 x Length + €23.3	€4.0 x Length + €31.0	€4.0 x Length + €38.6
<b>Leisure<sup>(3)</sup></b>	-	€7.6 x Length + €27.9	€7.6 x Length + €40.5	€7.6 x Length + €53.1	€7.6 x Length + €67.8
<b>Freedom<sup>(4)</sup></b>	€41.3	€8,6 x Length + €87.6	€8,6 x Length + €201.0	€8,6 x Length + €383.0	€8,6 x Length + €499.9

(1) issued for 1 specified day, this rate offers total flexibility for planning trips.

(2) issued for 7 days for specific dates (consecutive).

(3) issued for 30 consecutive days for specific dates (start date and expiry date). This package allows those who prefer longer trips to enjoy 30 days' boating.

(4) issued for the calendar year (from 1 January to 31 December). The Freedom package offers unrestricted access, to use the waterways whenever you wish, throughout the year.

In accordance with the French Transport Code, prices are calculated on the basis of the period of using the network and the characteristics of the boat. They are rounded up to the nearest decimal point.

Calculated as follows: A variable amount, depending on the duration of network use and the specifications of the boat, defined by its length (value expressed in Euros x boat length quoted on registration certificate) + a fixed rate depending on the level of access to the network).

**A 17% reduction is applied solely for "Freedom packages" passes bought by 31 March 2019 at the latest.**

## Fees are payable cash.

Please send all correspondence concerning the sale of toll stickers to the following address: [contacts.vpel@vnf.fr](mailto:contacts.vpel@vnf.fr)



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**PLAISANCE** Mobile



At the beginning of the year 2019, you can buy your label (toll sticker) from your smartphone on the **Plaisance Mobile** website.

**Plaisance Mobile** is not an application to download under AppStore or GooglePlay. It's a Mobile version of the online sale currently available via the VNF website.



# Toll stickers: How and where can you buy them?

**On the Internet** (offer valid for non-professional sailors only, at the normal price).

**Payment by debit card** (Visa, Eurocard, Mastercard) via a secure payment site, or **in cash, cheque** (made out in euros for European Union nationals) at the counter at the points of sale indicated below.

**The following details must be provided at the counter. They are also required when opening a customer account on the Internet:** the owner's contact details (surname, forename, address, phone number, email address), the boat details (registration number or, failing this, the series, the name of the boat, width, length, motor horsepower).

**N.B.:** a photocopy of the navigation licence, boat permit or French registration certificate, as well as proof of the motor horsepower will be required when buying at the counter.

*Upon payment of the toll, you will be issued with a receipt and "vignette" or toll sticker, which you will be required to show in the event of an inspection. The toll sticker should be displayed at the front of the boat, on the starboard side, in such a way that it is visible from the outside under any circumstances. Inspections may be carried out at any point on the network, either by VNF-certified agents (Decree 93-1243 JO dated 19/11/1993), or by law enforcement agencies. Any non-compliance will be reported to the authorities. Offenders are liable to pay a fine, as stipulated by law, and may, under certain conditions, be offered a settlement fine, subject to approval by the public prosecutor.*

**The toll sticker must be fixed in front of the boat, on the starboard beam,  
so that it's visible from the outside in any circumstances**

## Points of sale

### ARMENTIÈRES\*

Écluse d'Armentières - 59280  
Tel.: +33 (0)3 20 77 15 67

### BERLAIMONT\*

Écluse Berlaimont - 59145  
Tel.: +33 (0)3 27 58 81 70

### BÉTHUNE

175, rue Ludovic Boutleux  
CS 30820 - 62408 Cedex  
Tel.: +33 (0)3 21 63 24 24  
From Monday to Friday  
From 10am to midday - 2pm to 4pm

### DUNKERQUE

Terre-Plein du jeu de Mail  
BP 1008 - 59375  
Tel.: +33 (0)3 28 58 71 25  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
From 9am to 11.30am - 2pm to 4pm

### FRONTIGNAN

Pointe Caramus  
BP 90071 - 34111  
Tel.: +33 (0)4 67 46 65 84  
From Monday to Thursday  
From 8.30am to 11.30am

### GIVET\*

Écluse 59 des 4 cheminées  
- 08600 - Tel. : +33 (0)3 24 41 26 73

### LILLE

37, rue du Plat - 59034  
Tel.: +33 (0)3 20 15 49 70  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
From 9.30am to 11.30am - 2.30pm to 4pm

### NANCY

169, rue Charles III  
CS 80062 - 54036 cedex  
Tel.: +33 (0)3 83 17 01 21  
From Monday to Friday  
From 9am to 11.30am - 2pm to 4pm

### NARBONNE\*

Écluse de Gua - 11100  
Tel.: +33 (0)4 68 42 23 27

### NIFFER\*

Écluse principale de Niffer  
12, rue de Schlierbach - 68680  
Tel.: +33 (0)3 89 74 57 44  
Every day including  
Sundays and public holidays  
From 7am to 11.30am - 1.30pm to 7pm

### PARIS

18, quai d'Austerlitz - 75013  
Tel.: +33 (0)1 44 06 63 60  
From Monday to Friday  
From 9am to 12pm - 1.30pm to 4.30pm

### QUESNOY-SUR-DEÛLE\*

Nouvelle écluse de Quesnoy  
- 59890  
Tel.: +33 (0)3 20 39 87 67  
From Monday to Saturday  
From 6.30am to 8.30pm  
Sundays from 9am to 6pm

### ROUEN

66, avenue J. Chastellain - 76000  
Tel.: +33 (0)2 32 08 31 70  
From Monday to Friday  
From 9am to midday - 2pm to 4pm  
Closed on Fridays  
even weeks (based on the week numbers in the year)

### SARREGUEMINES

1, rue de Steinbach - 57200  
Tel.: +33 (0)3 87 98 11 15  
From Monday to Friday  
From 8am to midday - 1pm to 5pm  
Fridays  
From 8am to midday - 1pm to 4pm

### SARREGUEMINES\*

Écluse 27 - 57200  
Tel.: +33 (0)3 87 98 13 47  
From 8am to midday - 1pm to 7pm  
(only from march 17th to november 11th)

### SEURRE

Centre d'exploitation  
Rue de la perche à l'oiseau - 21250.  
Tel.: +33 (0)3 80 20 84 40  
From Monday to Friday  
From 9am to midday - 2pm to 4.30pm

### STRASBOURG

Europe Boat trading  
Quai des Belges  
BP16 - 67064 cedex  
Tel.: +33 (0)3 88 61 26 78  
From Monday to Friday  
From 8.30am to 12am - 2pm to 6pm  
Local service port

### THIONVILLE\*

"Service spécial des Péages  
sur la Moselle" (Special Moselle Toll  
Department) - Route de la Digue  
Terre-plein de l'écluse  
Robert Schuman - 57100  
Tel.: +33 (0)3 82 88 22 80  
From Monday to Friday  
From 6am to 7.30pm  
Saturdays, Sundays and public  
holidays from 9am to 5.30pm

### TOULOUSE

2, port St-Étienne - BP 7204  
31073 Cedex 7  
Tel.: +33 (0)5 61 36 24 38  
From Monday to Friday  
From 10am to midday - 2pm to 4pm

### TRITH-SAINT-LEGER\*

Écluse de Trith - 59125  
Tel.: +33 (0)3 27 34 33 56

### VOLGELSHEIM\*

Écluse du Rhin - Port Rhenan -  
68600 - Tel. : +33 (0)3 89 72 54 33

### WAZIERS

16, route de Tournai - 59119  
Tel.: +33 (0)3 27 94 55 70  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
From 9am to 11.30am - 2pm to 4pm

*\*Open when locks are  
operating.  
You are advised to contact the  
employee in charge of selling  
toll stickers before sailing in  
order to check opening times.*

# Regulation

## ENSURING YOU HAVE THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK FOR THE BOAT AND FOR SAILING IT

- You want to take the inland waterway test;
- You have lost your licence and would like to obtain a copy;
- You have a licence for sea sailing and you would like to obtain the waterway licence;
- You want to be sure your boat is compliant with the regulations in force;
- You are a foreigner and you want to know if your licence is valid in France;
- You have bought a boat abroad and want to have it registered in France...

**For all queries concerning rules and regulations (boat and licence paperwork), contact the waterway sailing authority or [www.developpement-durable.gouv.fr](http://www.developpement-durable.gouv.fr).**

## PAYING TOLL FEES

The toll must be paid by all pleasure craft owners\*. The following boats are exempt: boats equal to or less than five metres long equipped with a motor with less than 9.9 actual HP (i.e. 7.29 Kw), as well as all boats used by certain public services (Decree of 26/12/96). The toll is due whenever the boat sails on the canals entrusted to VNF in accordance with the regulations in force. It enables normal use of the public waterways.

"Sailing" means moving the boat, whether it passes through locks or not. With regard to leisure sailing, water-based activities, specific speedboat-related activities such as waterskiing, jet-ski... you must check the rules governing sailing in the specific area with the local services on the Internet.

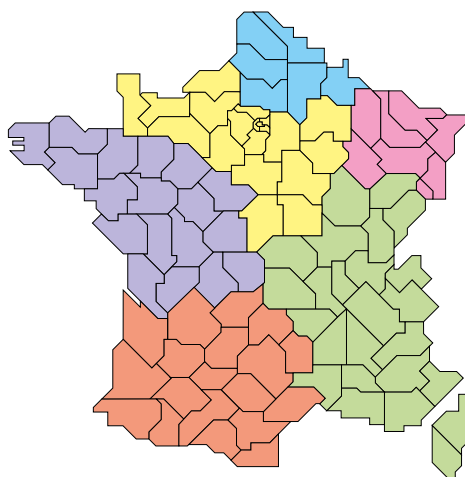
In application of the terms and conditions of sales (Board Meeting of 23/06/11), the sailing tax shall not be exchanged, reimbursed, or cancelled and does not exempt the owner from:

- payment of certain exceptional services, such as sailing through underground sections by means of a towed convoy, using lifts, water slopes... or passing through locks outside sailing times, special structures.
- mooring rights, in particular in ports or on certain specially-developed wharfs providing special services to sailors.

Further details can be found on the VNF website: [www.vnf.fr](http://www.vnf.fr) - "La Capitainerie / Vignette plaisance" (The Harbour Master's Office / Sailing Toll Sticker) Section

\*"Code des transports" (French Transport Code) – Decision of the VNF Board of Directors of 29/9/2016.

## Map showing waterway sailing authorities



**DDTM du Nord**  
Délégation à la mer et au littoral  
et navigation intérieure  
Pôle navigation intérieure  
Centre des finances publiques  
195, rue de Roubaix  
59 500 DOUAI  
Tél. : 07 77 83 58 14  
[ddtm-dlni-douai@nord.gouv.fr](mailto:ddtm-dlni-douai@nord.gouv.fr)

**DRIEA**  
Département de la sécurité  
des transports fluviaux  
21-23, rue Miollis - 75015 PARIS Tél.  
: 01 40 61 89 60  
[dstf.sst.driea-if@developpement-durable.gouv.fr](mailto:dstf.sst.driea-if@developpement-durable.gouv.fr)

**DDT du Bas-Rhin**  
Pôle navigation  
14, rue du maréchal Juin  
BP 61003 - 67 070 STRASBOURG  
Cedex - Tél. : 03 88 88 91 00  
[ddt-pn@bas-rhin.gouv.fr](mailto:ddt-pn@bas-rhin.gouv.fr)

**DDTM de Loire-Atlantique**  
Service transports - Centre  
instructeur de sécurité fluviale  
10, boulevard Gaston Serpette  
44 000 NANTES  
Tél. : 02 40 67 26 26  
[ddtm-cisf@loire-atlantique.gouv.fr](mailto:ddtm-cisf@loire-atlantique.gouv.fr)

**DDT du Rhône**  
165, rue Garibaldi - CS 33 862  
69 401 LYON Cedex 3  
Tél. : 04 78 62 52 51  
(Immatriculation d'un bateau)  
Tél. : 04 78 62 52 53 (Permis de  
conduire des bateaux de plaisance  
ou duplicatas)  
[ddt-ptn@rhone.gouv.fr](mailto:ddt-ptn@rhone.gouv.fr)

**DDT de la Haute-Garonne**  
Service des risques et gestion  
de crise - Unité navigation  
et sécurité  
Cité administrative - Bât A -  
2, boulevard Armand Duportal  
BP 70001 - 31 074 TOULOUSE  
Cedex 9 - Tél. : 05 61 10 60 80  
[ddt-unsf-srgc@haute-garonne.gouv.fr](mailto:ddt-unsf-srgc@haute-garonne.gouv.fr)

# Practical information

## SAIL WITH PEACE OF MIND

### ► Being aware of navigation conditions

The lock closure periods (when sailing is interrupted or restricted) are planned until spring of next year, and enable preventive maintenance work to be carried out or structures to be repaired. However, sometimes, for safety reasons, a waterway may be temporarily closed for navigation without this having been included in the list of lock closures.

### ► Please respect the sailing rules.

Waterway navigation is strictly regulated. In particular, sailing at night is forbidden. Please respect the sailing times and constraints scrupulously and check the shipping bulletins on **www.vnf.fr** – section: Harbour Master's Office

### ► Allow for stop-offs

When sailing on the waterway network, allow for refuelling and stocking up stops (petrol, drinking water, etc.). Play your role in respecting and protecting the environment by discharging waste water and rubbish waste only at the numerous points set aside for this purpose.

### ► Check the weather

Always check local weather forecasts before setting off; The wind and sailing conditions can change quickly: **www.meteofrance.com** or **3250**.

## TOURIST INFORMATION

The Regional Tourist Boards provide French and foreign tourists with full information enabling them to visit their part of France. Contact them or visit their websites to get further details and ask for brochures.

## NUMEROUS SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Many official bodies take advantage of rivers, canals and other stretches of water to organise a wide range of water sports:

“CONSEIL NATIONAL OLYMPIQUE ET SPORTIF FRANÇAIS” (FRENCH OLYMPIC COMMITTEE)  
AND “CONSEIL INTERFÉDÉRAL DES SPORTS NAUTIQUES” (WATER SPORTS FEDERATIONS BOARD)  
Tel.: +33 (0)1 40 78 28 00  
documentation@cnosf.com  
www.franceolympique.com

“FÉDÉRATION FRANÇAISE DE SAUVETAGE ET DE SECOURISME” (FRENCH LIFESAVING AND FIRST-AID FEDERATION)  
Tel.: +33 (0)1 46 27 62 90  
www.ffss.fr

### ► Hiring a boat or going on a cruise

A licence is not required for waterway navigation when you have hired a boat, on most waterways. Once the instructions required to manoeuvre the vessel, the boat hire company will give you a temporary permit valid for the duration of your holiday and for a specified journey.

There is a wide range of landscapes and ways of discovering them: A ride on a bateau promenade for a few hours, with or without meals, a cruise lasting several days aboard a hotel barge, a waterway liner...

If you require any further details please visit the “Fédération des Industries Nautiques” website **www.fin.fr**.



# Contacts Voies navigables de France

For further details concerning the network:

A single number: **0800 863 000** (free call from a landline).

## HEADQUARTERS

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Tel.: +33 (0)3 21 63 24 24

[www.vnf.fr](http://www.vnf.fr)

## "DIRECTIONS TERRITORIALES" (LOCAL OFFICES) - REGIONS

### ► SEINE BASIN

18, quai d'Austerlitz - 75013 PARIS

Tel.: +33 (0)1 83 94 44 00 - Fax: +33 (0)183944401

[dt.bassindelaseine@vnf.fr](mailto:dt.bassindelaseine@vnf.fr)

[www.bassindelaseine.vnf.fr](http://www.bassindelaseine.vnf.fr)

### ► CENTRE-BURGUNDY

1, Chemin Jacques de Baerze

CS 36229

21062 Dijon Cedex

Tel.: +33 (0)345341300 - Fax +33(0)3 45 34 12 99

[dt.centrebουργogne@vnf.fr](mailto:dt.centrebουργogne@vnf.fr)

### ► RHÔNE SAÔNE

2, rue de la Quarantaine - 69321 LYON Cedex 05

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### ► STRASBOURG

4, quai de Paris -CS 30367

67010 STRASBOURG Cedex

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ou +33(0)3 88 75 65 06

[dt-strasbourg@vnf.fr](mailto:dt-strasbourg@vnf.fr)

### ► NORD-PAS-DE-CALAIS

37, rue du Plat - BP 725 - 59034 LILLE Cedex

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[dt.nordpasdecalais@vnf.fr](mailto:dt.nordpasdecalais@vnf.fr)

[www.nordpasdecalais.vnf.fr](http://www.nordpasdecalais.vnf.fr)

### ► NORTH-EAST

169, rue Charles III

CS 80062 - 54036 NANCY cedex

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[dt.nordest@vnf.fr](mailto:dt.nordest@vnf.fr)

[www.nordest.vnf.fr](http://www.nordest.vnf.fr)

### ► SOUTH WEST

2, Port-Saint-Étienne - BP 7204

31073 TOULOUSE Cedex 7

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## VOIES NAVIGABLES DE FRANCE'S 3 LEADING ASSIGNMENTS

1

Facilitate the development of inland waterways transport



2

Take part to local planning and tourism development



3

Take care of water management and its uses



[www.vnf.fr](http://www.vnf.fr)



VNF Tourisme - Voyages au fil de l'eau



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