



COMMENTS TO THE LOCAL REGULATIONS CONCERNING ORDER IN AND USE OF HARBOURS AND FAIRWAYS IN STRANDA MUNICIPALITY, MØRE OG ROMSDAL

Stranda Municipality has authorised Stranda Port Authority to operate and manage the seafront area in the Municipality, pursuant to the Norwegian Act relating to Harbours and Fairways, dated 17 April 2009, no. 19, section 10. The Municipal resolution no. 131/09 was unanimously adopted on 17 December 2009.

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Comments to section 3

1. Stranda Port Authority's harbour area and harbour facilities shall not be utilised without permission for the following:
 - activities that are not included in the normal activities of the harbour
 - trade, production, auctions, sales activities, storage of goods
 - outdoor events and the like that take up a lot of space or involve a public gathering.

Comments to section 4

2. Vessels and objects must be secured so that they cannot drift or in any other way cause a hazard or damage.

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3. Mooring, warping or spring lines must not be positioned in or put out in a fairway, obstruct access to quays and areas or in any other way hinder traffic, without a permit. Vessels must not be moored to load-bearing construction components on quays, buildings or other devices.

Comments to section 4

4. Vessels or objects must not be positioned in the Municipality's harbour facilities and harbour areas (on shore) without a permit from Stranda Port Authority. In the sea waters, it is prohibited to put out fixed or floating devices or installations such as rafts, kiosks, houseboats, accommodation vessels, mooring devices, beacons, buoys and the like, without a permit from the Municipality. This provision does not apply if the measure is short-term and will not cause a disadvantage for traffic or other users of the harbour area on and off shore.

Comments to section 4

5. When utilisation of the fairway may cause significant obstructions or disadvantages for general traffic, a report of such utilisation shall be submitted at the latest 24 hours before such utilisation is to commence. The organiser or party responsible for regattas, boat gatherings, recreational boat gatherings or other events that may cause a disadvantage for commercial traffic shall, as far as possible, report such events to the Municipality at the latest 24 hours prior to start-up of the event. The Municipality is entitled to order that such utilisation or the event must be cancelled if not approved by the Municipality.

6. Please note that kayaks and canoes are not always easily visible in the fjord landscape. As a matter of principle, these Regulations shall not govern requirements that are already stipulated in the Regulations for preventing collisions at sea [Rules of the road at sea]. However, there is concern regarding the amount of traffic in the area and the risk of a serious accident.

We therefore reiterate the requirement regarding use of navigation lights stipulated in the Regulations for preventing collisions at sea [Rules of the road at sea] dated 1 December 1975 no. 5 and Rule no. 25 d (ii) that reads: "A vessel being rowed may show the navigation lights specified in this rule for sailing vessels, but if not shall have an electric torch or a lit white light that shall be shown early enough so as to prevent a collision."

Based on this Rule, and in order to prevent collisions, the Municipality requires all canoes, kayaks, pedalos or similar vessels in the Geirangerfjord to have a highly visible source of light in use at all times in or on the vessel.

This requirement applies in the area between Geiranger quay: LAT: 62.06137N – LONG: 007.12.298E and Hellesylt quay and Hellesylt ferry quay: LAT: 62.05.225N – LONG: 006.52.481E

7. Without a permit from the Municipality, seaplanes are not permitted to land or take off within an area defined as a straight line drawn between Homlong and Lausneset in Geiranger, LAT: 62-27N – LONG: 005-59E. The Municipality may issue a permit for seaplanes, provided that the traffic situation in the fairway is such that the landing or taking off of a seaplane would not be inadvisable with a view to safety.

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8. We also reiterate that vessels with compulsory pilotage are governed by the Regulations dated 7 December 2004 concerning allocation of position for anchoring and mooring in the Geirangerfjord, Møre og Romsdal.

Section 5 of the Regulations, regarding speed limits and duty of caution reads: "The highest permitted speed in the fairway is 8 knots. During sailing and anchoring in the fairway, all vessels shall exercise special caution."

Section 1 defines the fairway as the fairway east of E 007-10. All vessels in the fairway are obliged to comply with a speed limit of 5 knots.

In addition, all vessels are obliged to comply with a speed limit of 2 knots in the area around the Seawalk and Geiranger cruise terminal, LAT: 62.06166N – LONG: 007.12.235E

9. Where the Regulations state an option or obligation to report to the Municipality, the correct recipient of such reports is Stranda Port Authority. The regulations concerning order can be found at www.stranda-hamnevesen.no, www.kystverket.no, lovdata.no
10. These comments come into effect on 1 January 2015.