

CHANNEL DATA

Alignment and buoyage: The 10,0 m deep fairway starts N of Nahkiainen Lighthouse continuing in east-west direction to port of Raahe. Distance between Raahe lighthouse and the port is approx. 8 km/4 nautical miles. 4 lines, marking is based on the lighthouse, boards, edge marks, buoys and spar buoys in combined use. Lateral marking. Lit.

Dimensions: design vessel: L= 181 m, B= 32,2 m, T= 10,0 m. Authorised draught 10,0 m, safe clearance depth in the approach -12,0 m, in the entrance -11,5 m. Minimum width 160 m. The fairway has two lines in the approach and one in the entrance. On the outermost bend and on the Heikinkari bend the bend radius is 1200 meters.

Areas with meeting and overtaking prohibitions: The channel has one permanent area of meeting and overtaking prohibitions, look closer to Bothnia VTS Masters Guide

<https://tmfg.fi/en/vts/masters-guide>

Anchorage areas etc.: An area for anchoring is located between Heikinkari and the breakwater. During the fast ice period vessels can also use the area for waiting. Ice breakers use the area for waiting and turning.

Cardinal marking. Safe clearance depth -9,1 m, seabed of sand and stone. The center of the anchorage area is approx. 200 m of the fairway's middle line.

NAVIGABILITY

Navigational conditions: The fairway is open sea area and unsheltered against all winds. Strong wind affects the navigation on the entire fairway and in the harbour. Strong waves occur from the approach to Heikinkari. Strong transverse current may accrue between the approach and the edge mark Jaakko, especially in southern winds. Squat effect on the dredged part of the fairway, from the edge mark Länsipiekkö to harbour.

Ice conditions: Between the approach and Heikinkari the ice is in movement almost whole winter forming ice ridges on the area between edge marks Jaakko and Länsipiekkö. Ice is mobile on the whole fairway in spring, fall and mild winters. Buoys and spar buoys may be pressed under ice (surface). A thick layer of sludge builds up in strong W winds between Heikinkari and the breakwater. Fast ice is usually approx. 10-80 cm thick. The port is normally ice-free the whole winter.

RECOMMENDATIONS Wind: The critical wind speed for the design vessel is 15 m/s, direction NW – NE; for larger vessels the recommendation is 12-15 m/s, direction SW-N; same recommendations apply in the harbour area. Wind gauges: Marine weather observations: Raahe Nahkiainen, Hailuoto Marjaniemi, Kalajoki Ulkokalla. Sea level: Raahe mareograph.

TRAFFIC SERVICE

Pilotage: E-mail: pilotorder.west@finnpilot.fi. Order form: www.pilotorder.fi. Tel.: +358 (0) 400 907 979, fax: +358 (0) 29 52 53012. Pilot boarding position Raahe: 64°38,78' N, 24°12,32' E. Pilot distance 6 nautical miles. NB. In winter and adverse weather conditions the pilot boarding position is separately agreed.

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Tugs: Private owned tugs Isbjörn 1500 hp. Order: tel. +358 8 263 641, +358 400 383 697. SSAB Europe Ltd. tel: +358 20 592 3890

PORT: Quays: SSAB Quays: Deep quays 1 and 2, length 355 m, safe clearance dept -11,4 m; Import, quays 1 and 2 total length 270 m; quays 4 and 5, tot. length 263 m, quay 6 tot. length 206 m. Safe clearance depth at quays 3 and 4 – 7,3 m, at quay 2 -7,9 m, the rest -8,8 m. Lapaluoto quays: quay 1, length 101 m; quay 2, length 120 m; quay 3 length 100 m; waiting quay, length 60 m. Safe clearance depths -9,0 m; tug quay -5,0 m. Cargo handling: SSAB harbour: 1 x 40t and 1 x 60 t cranes, a mobile crane 100 t available. Lapaluoto harbour: mobile cranes max. 140 t. Harbour basin: Diameter of turning basin 340 m. Use of anchor prohibited.

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To Oulu
(10,0)

Raahe - Oulu - Kemi
coastal channel

(10,0)
Sc = -12,0 m

Pilot
Raahe

Raahe

Johan

Jaakko

Länsipiikko

Heikinkari upper
Harbour area / borde

Heikinkari lower

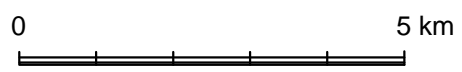
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Nahkiainen

(10,0)

Raahe - Oulu - Kemi
coastal channel

RAAHE CHANNEL (10 M)



Not for navigational use
Sc = Safe clearance depth

PORT OF RAAHE



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