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NEW SUEZ CANAL UPDATES

As Members may already be aware, as of August 6, 2015, the new upgrades to the Suez Canal are fully operational.

As a result, the Suez Canal Authority (SCA) has established a new transit regime, as below:

(1) Traffic system in the Suez Canal including the new Canal shall be as follows:

a. *Number of convoys: Two convoys*

- The Southbound convoy starts at 0330- direct transit.
- The Northbound convoy starts at 0400- direct transit.

b. *Limit Time of Arrival*

- Port Said: South of Lat. 31 28 .7 N: This Lat. is limited by Long. 32 00 .27 E & Long. 32 37 .43 E

Southbound Convoy:

- A. The limit time is hr 2300 for the southbound convoy.
- B. Ships arriving after hr 2300 till hr 0000 can join the southbound convoy against the payment of a surcharge equal to 5% of the normal transit dues with a maximum of 12,500 SDR.
- C. Ships arriving after hr 0000 till hr 0100 can join the southbound convoy against the payment of a surcharge equal to 10% of the normal transit dues with a maximum of 25,000 SDR.
- D. Ships arriving after hr 0100 may join the southbound convoy, against the payments of a surcharge equals to 12% of the normal transit dues with a maximum of 30000 SDR if the convoy situation permits.
- E. The limit time of container ships berthing at Port Said eastern port to join the southbound convoy will be as follows:
 - 1- the limit time for ships to be ready for transit is up to hr. 0000;
 - 2- ships can join the convoy from hr. 0000 till hr. 0100 against additional dues of 10% of the normal transit dues with a maximum of 25,000 SDR; or
 - 3- ships can join the convoy after hr. 0100 against surcharge of 12% of the normal transit dues with a maximum of 30000 SDR if traffic conditions permit.

Port Tewfik: North of Lat. 29 42 .8 N: This Lat. is limited by Long. 32 23.1 E & Long. 32 41 .5 E

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Northbound Convoy:

- A. The limit time is hr 2300 for ships that are allowed to join the convoy.
 - B. Ships arriving after hr 2300 till hr 0000 can join the convoy against the payment of a surcharge equal to 5% of the normal transit dues with a maximum of 12,500 SDR.
 - C. Ships arriving after hr 0000 until hr 0100 can also join convoy against the payment of a surcharge equal to 10% of the normal transit dues with a maximum of 25,000 SDR.
 - D. Ships arriving after hr 0100 may join the convoy, if traffic conditions permit, against the payment of a surcharge equal to 12% of the normal transit dues with a maximum of 30,000 SDR.
- (2) Pilotage system is applied as before.
- (3) The permissible speed:
- 16 km/hr for ordinary vessels
 - 14 km/hr for tankers.

The new Suez Canal has been equipped with navigational aids: (buoys, bollard pulls and pilotage stations). In addition, an amended Suez Canal Rules of Navigation (August 2015 edition) has been issued along with new electronic charts. The charts, Rules of Navigation and publications are available at Edward Company for Maritime Services as per their website at www.edwardmarine.com or by email at info@edwardmarine.com.

The new paper charts have been issued by the Egyptian Navy, and are available at cost of EGP400 (approximately US\$52).

It is further understood that the SCA, so far, has not imposed any fines on vessels/owners for any failure to update their paper chart(s) for the new lane of the canal. The SCA is understood to be issuing regulations on this shortly.

Members calling to the area should instruct their local agents to buy/furnish them with the new paper chart(s), to avoid any possible fines from the SCA, and place these on board upon arrival at Port Said or Suez.

Cross section charts of the new Suez Canal can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

Your Managers want to thank the Club's correspondent in Port Said, Messrs. About Ali, for this important update.