

USEFUL INFORMATION IF GOING TO **POLAND** AS A TOURIST IN A PLEASURE CRAFT.



Topic	Comment
Demographic data (population/no of clubs/members/boats)	38.5 million inhabitants; 1 million sailors; Estimated 300 sailing clubs (130 on Polish shore); Approximately 300 harbours.
Currency	Polish zloty (PLN). 1€ approximately 4,20 PLN (2014). In some marinas you could pay in €
Formalities, Customs, passport control, visa	EU residents do not need travel documents per se. Some form of official identity is required. Passport, National ID card etc. For non-EU residents normal procedure is to report to marina office and they report further as required.
Boat's documents required	Ownership documentation. Liability insurance.
Insurance	Third party liability insurance required. For skipper and crew no requirement but is advisable for all on board to have insurance.
Legislation certificate of competence	All information available on <a href="http://pya.org.pl/patenty">http://pya.org.pl/patenty</a> . (Generally: yachtsman certificate entitles the holder to manage boats up to 12 metres in length, helmsman certificate – boats up to 18 metres of length, captain certificate – no limits on length of boat nor day/night restrictions.) Visiting sailors must fulfil the requirement of their flag state.
Alcohol limits	For each sailor limit is 0.2/ml. Visiting sailors must fulfil the same requirements.
TSS, esp. new ones	TSS and recommended routes exist along the Polish coast. See IMO Publication "Ships Routing" and also Notice to Mariners. <a href="http://www.hopn.mw.mil.pl/">http://www.hopn.mw.mil.pl/</a> VHF 16, 24, 25, 26.
Military exercise areas	Notice to Mariners. <a href="http://www.hopn.mw.mil.pl/">http://www.hopn.mw.mil.pl/</a> <a href="http://www.sailingpoland.pl">http://www.sailingpoland.pl</a> VHF 16, 24, 25, 26 Restricted zones - see <a href="http://www.sailingpoland.pl/en/zones_closed_for_sailing/zones_closed_for_sailing">http://www.sailingpoland.pl/en/zones_closed_for_sailing/zones_closed_for_sailing</a> 1a – periodic, Bay of Gdansk, around Katy Rybackie 1b – periodic, Bay of Gdansk, around Katy Rybackie 2 – periodic, Bay of Gdansk, around Gdynia 4 – periodic, Bay of Gdansk, around Hel and Jastarnia 5 – periodic, Bay of Gdansk, around Hel and Jastarnia 6 – periodic, around Ustka and Polygon Ustka-Wicko Morskie 6a – periodic, around Ustka and Polygon Ustka-Wicko Morskie 6b – periodic, around Ustka and Polygon Ustka-Wicko Morskie 10 – periodic, North-East of the Hel Peninsula 11 – periodic, North-East of the Hel Peninsula 12 – periodic, around Dziwnow 13 – periodic, around Dziwnow 15 – permanent, Bay of Gdansk, around Gdynia
Major construction sites	Notice to Mariners. <a href="http://www.hopn.mw.mil.pl/">http://www.hopn.mw.mil.pl/</a> VHF 16, 24, 25, 26
Windfarms	None at present but a wind farm is under construction near Darlowo. Boats are not allowed to navigate in wind farm areas (which are marked on charts).
Bridges	<a href="http://www.mdwe70.pl/">http://www.mdwe70.pl/</a> <a href="http://www.zalewwislany.pl">http://www.zalewwislany.pl</a>
Habitats and other protected areas	Only on inland waters.
Flag traditions/ application of flag rules	Guests are expected to fly a courtesy flag under starboard spreader.
Weather forecast	The most popular weather forecasts are available at <a href="http://sailbook.pl/art/prognozy-inne">http://sailbook.pl/art/prognozy-inne</a> Most harbours show the weather forecast on a screen at the harbour office. By VHF - CH 70.
Harbours	<a href="http://porty24.pl/">http://porty24.pl/</a>

Swinging mooring buoys for pleasure yachts	There are none in Poland.
Anchoring and free access ashore	Basically yachts can anchor anywhere except channels, as long as they do not interfere with ships, boats etc. Access to shore is allowed anywhere, but note that anchoring offshore can be dangerous if the wind direction changes, due to the lack of shelter from the flat land.
Good harbour manners	In Polish harbours a quiet environment is expected after 2200 As a guest you can use any available mooring/berth place in the harbour except ones with boards, which are reserved for owners. It is also good to contact the harbour master.
Safety in harbours	Basically use common sense.
Staying during the winter	Contact local harbours regarding availability of places for boats "on the hard". If staying in the water, check with local harbour. Be aware that some harbours freeze in the winter.
Antifouling regulations	In accordance with EU biocide directive.
Fuel availability	Diesel and petrol are available in Świnoujście, Łeba, Gdańsk and Gdynia. There is also possibility to arrange a fuel tanker. No additives to fuel for marine use.
Gas availability	Bottled gas in the most common systems generally available on petrol stations. Please consider the type of bottle used in Poland ( <a href="http://www.interloop.pl/butla-gazowa-turystyczna-3-kg.html">http://www.interloop.pl/butla-gazowa-turystyczna-3-kg.html</a> ). There is no possibility to refill the bottle.
Pump out stations for fuel and oily water	There is only a few stations in main ports.
Public transport	Trains: <a href="http://www.rozklad-pkp.pl">http://www.rozklad-pkp.pl</a> All: <a href="http://www.e-podroznik.pl">http://www.e-podroznik.pl</a>
Shopping hours	It depends of the locality, in big cities some shops are open even 24/7
Important phone numbers, home pages and useful links	Useful phones and VHF channels: Emergency No. 112 <a href="http://www.zeglarstwo.sail-ho.pl/telefon/telefon.htm">http://www.zeglarstwo.sail-ho.pl/telefon/telefon.htm</a> Electronics: <a href="http://navinord.pl/">http://navinord.pl/</a> Sails: <a href="http://oceansails.pl/">http://oceansails.pl/</a> Pomeranian Sailing Association: <a href="http://www.pozz.org.pl/">http://www.pozz.org.pl/</a> / +48 586210912
Practical advice	Entry to Polish harbours (other than those in Gdansk Bay) can be dangerous in strong onshore winds (F5 Bft - 11m/s and above). It is best to call the harbour master and enquire about conditions, depth etc before entering.

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