



KYSTVERKET  
NORWEGIAN COASTAL ADMINISTRATION

# Guidelines for the practical implementation of weather restrictions for cruise ships over 150 meters

## NEW REGULATION AS OF JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2026

Passenger vessels with a length greater than 150 meters, and carrying passengers, are prohibited from using certain waters when the forecast wind speed (10-minute mean wind) is 17.2 m/s or more.

Amendments to the Maritime Traffic Regulations (Norwegian text):

<https://lovdata.no/dokument/LTI/forskrift/2025-10-29-2159>

### VOYAGE PLANNING:

- As part of the voyage planning, visit:  
<https://www.barentswatch.no/bolgevarsel/?lang=en>
- To the left, activate the bar “Wind restrictions cruise” which will display the areas and their status using the traffic light principle (Red=closed, Yellow=open, but may change, Green=open)
- At the bottom you will also find a time selector that you can slide to look ahead in time.
- By clicking on the area, additional information like the actual forecast causing the area to be red will be displayed to the right of the map.
- If the area is shown red at the time your vessel plans to enter it, you have the options to choose a route outside of the area or wait until the weather improves.

### ONGOING VOYAGE:

- Prior to enter any of the area, the vessel should check the latest status.
- If the status has changed to red prior to entering the area, the vessel must wait until weather improves or choose a route outside of the area.
- If the status changes to red while inside the area, the vessel may continue the voyage as originally planned
- If any doubts or questions, contact NOR VTS

### PRACTICAL INFORMATION:

- Restrictions are only valid for vessels carrying passengers.
- NOR VTS monitors compliance with weather restrictions 24/7. If a vessel approaches a closed area, the vessel will be contacted and informed about options and when the area is expected to be reopened.
- Coordinates of the areas can be downloaded at:  
[www.kystinfo.no](http://www.kystinfo.no) and  
[www.routeinfo.no](http://www.routeinfo.no)

### CONTACT:

If you have any questions about the regulations or the weather in an area, please contact:

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