



İSTANBUL STRAIT VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICES CENTER



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Turkish Straits, as geographical area in which vessel traffic services are provided, consist of the Istanbul Strait (17 NM in length), Marmara Sea (110 NM in length) and Çanakkale Strait (37 NM in length) under the sway of the State of Turkish Republic. This waterway which its length is 164 NM in total between Black Sea and Aegean Sea has no alternative and it is very important for all countries, especially for the economies of Black Sea countries.

Because of its geographical situation, narrowness, strong currents, sharp bends, uncertain weather conditions and 2500 regional maritime traffic activity in which approximately 2 million people were transported, 150 non-stopover vessels and 23 vessels carrying hazardous cargo passed every day, Istanbul Strait is the most important natural narrow waterway in the world. Above all, it is more critical that over 10 million people living in Istanbul may face with huge dangers caused by Maritime Traffic at any moment.

The high rate of maritime traffic density in Straits, the increase in tonnage and lengths of vessels passing through Straits, the increase in the number of vessels carrying hazardous cargo, complicated and difficult traffic structure, the increase in maritime accidents, adverse weather, sea, current and climate conditions, environmental conditions and local dangers, national and international developments, other maritime activities in the region, the regulations and recommendations of International Maritime Organization and Montreux Convention and the need for cooperation with other similar systems are the necessary factors to establish Turkish Straits Vessel Traffic Services.

Republic of Turkey, Prime Ministry, Undersecretariat for Maritime Affairs is competent authority, in other words, it is administration. Our organization whose title was changed as General Directorate of Coastal Safety from General Directorate of Coastal Safety and Salvage Administration by a protocol, is authorized to operate the system of Turkish Straits Vessel Traffic Service. To this end, the head of Turkish Straits Vessel Traffic Services Department entered into service within the scope of our organization.

As of 15.06.2010, Pilotage Services which contain the services of leaving-berthing to the port and docks, leaving anchor, compulsory anchoring, the passages through Istanbul Strait, Canakkale Strait, Istanbul Port, Canakkale Port, Gelibolu Port, Izmir Port and Marmara Sea, have been started to be given within the scope of our department and our title has been changed as "The Head of Vessel Traffic and Pilotage Services Department".

DAILY TECHNICAL VISIT

13 July 2017, Thursday



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MORNING TOUR

- 09:15 | Departure to İstanbul Strait Vessel Traffic Services Center by Bus
- 10:30 | Greetings by representatives of İstanbul Strait Vessel Traffic Services Center
- 10:45 | Briefing
- 11:00 | Questions and Answers session
- 11:15 | Technical Tour
- 11:45 | Departure from İstanbul Strait Vessel Traffic Services Center

AFTERNOON TOUR

- 11:45 | Departure to İstanbul Strait Vessel Traffic Services Center by Bus
- 13:00 | Greetings by representatives of İstanbul Strait Vessel Traffic Services Center
- 13:15 | Briefing
- 13:30 | Questions and Answers session
- 13:45 | Technical Tour
- 14:15 | Departure from İstanbul Strait Vessel Traffic Services Center