



### CAN I TAKE MY SAILING BOAT THROUGH THE WIND FARMS?

Passage through the wind farms in the Belgian part of the North Sea is prohibited,

even for small recreational vessels:

- fishing boats
- motor boats
- sailing boats
- ...

You are allowed to sail past the wind farms, provided you keep to a MINIMUM OF 500 METRES FROM THEIR PERIMETER

Just as impressive and 100% safe!



### CAN I GO DIVING IN THE WIND FARMS?

No! Diving and kitesurfing are not allowed for safety reasons.

Only scientific and technical maintenance divers are allowed to dive in the wind farms, after obtaining a special permit.



### CAN I GO FISHING IN THE WIND FARMS?

No! There is an overall ban on fishing in the wind farms. Contact with the seabed in the wind farms is prohibited. For example, to anchor or to drag trawl nets along the seabed.

When fishing in the wind farms, the electricity cables in particular can be damaged, with the result that the wind turbines would have to be shut down for an indefinite period of time. This would result in substantial costs!



### WHY NOT?

Because the wind-farm area is actually one huge power station. You surely wouldn't go mountain biking in a power station? Sailing in the wind farms poses a hazard to you and your boat. There is always a risk of a collision!

If you ran into difficulties and had to make an emergency stop, for example, your anchor could damage the 220,000 volt high-voltage cables lying on the seabed between the wind turbines, which would mean shutting down the electricity production. This could easily cost you several million Euros in damages!



### WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW, CAN'T HURT YOU?

The wind farms are equipped with nautical equipment such as radar, VHF and AIS to track any navigation. The Coast Guard monitors compliance with the regulations and coordinates assistance where necessary. You can find all the rules, safety regulations and tips on the Agentschap Maritieme Dienstverlening (Maritime Services and Coast Agency) website and on the FOD Mobiliteit en Vervoer (FPS Mobility and Transport) website:

[MRCC: EMERGENCIES AT SEA](#)

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Breaches of this security zone can lead to administrative prosecution with fines of up to €10,000 or more for a serious and prolonged infringement.



# WIND FARMS IN THE BELGIAN PART OF THE NORTH SEA

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## For your safety, intrusion is prohibited

# WIND-ENERGY AT SEA

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## A EASTERN ZONE: 2262 MW

-  1 Seamade/Mermaid (2020)
-  2 Northwester 2 (2020)
-  3 Nobelwind (2017)
-  4 Belwind (2010)
-  5 Seamade/Seastar (2020)
-  6 Northwind (2014)
-  7 Rentel (2018)
-  8 C-Power (2009)
-  9 Norther (2019)
-  10 Modulair Offshore Grid



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**DANGER HIGH VOLTAGE**

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