

CORRESPONDENT'S ADVICE

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

24 FEB 2022

Suspended navigation

The following information was received from our correspondent on 24 February 2022:

QUOTE

1. Navigation in the Sea of Azov suspended

Navigation in the Sea of Azov has been temporarily suspended from 04:00 UTC on 24.02.2022 until further notice, as confirmed today by the Press secretary of the Federal Agency of Sea and River Transport (Rosmorrechflot).

This is also confirmed by the administrations of the Russian ports based in the Sea of Azov, where the traffic is partly suspended, with vessels unable to leave ports, and bunkering and other supplies reportedly allowed within the port limits except distant anchorage areas.

For situation in the Ukrainian ports please contact the local Correspondents there.

2. Navigation in the Black Sea partly suspended

According to the navigational warning No. 91, 'in connection with the implementation of anti-terrorist measures from 04:00 24 February 2022 for all vessels in the North-Western part of the Black Sea to North of parallel 45-21n the navigation is prohibited until further notice.

The vessels wishing to leave the closed area and ports in the period until 16:00 24.02.2022 are to follow the recommended routes HP 44 and HP 60 in the band of the sea with a width of no more than 4 miles'.



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This navigational warning in Russian is being forwarded by local Agents to the Masters:

ПРИП НОВОРОССИЙСК 91 КАРТА 31010

ЧЕРНОЕ МОРЕ

В СВЯЗИ ПРОВЕДЕНИЕМ АНТИТЕРРОРИСТИЧЕСКИХ МЕРОПРИЯТИЙ С 240400 ФЕВ
ВСЕМ СУДАМ И КОРАБЛЯМ В СЕВЕРО-ЗАПАДНОЙ ЧАСТИ ЧЕРНОГО МОРЯ СЕВЕРНЕЕ
ПАРАЛЛЕЛИ 45-21С ПЛАВАНИЕ ЗАПРЕЩЕНО ДО ОСОБОГО УКАЗАНИЯ СУДА
ЖЕЛАЮЩИЕ ПОКИНУТЬ ЗАКРЫТЫЙ РАЙОН И ПОРТЫ В СРОК ДО 241600 ФЕВ
СЛЕДОВАТЬ ПО РЕКОМЕНДОВАННЫМ ПУТЯМ НР 44 И НР 60 В ПОЛОСЕ МОРЯ
ШИРИНОЙ НЕ БОЛЕЕ 4 МИЛЬ=

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НР 1/225 НАЧАЛЬНИК ОСОИ ГС ЧФ РЕМИЗОВ-

There is also a similar Ukrainian coastal warning with the following content:

'War risk area in North-Western part of Black Sea to North of parallel 45-21N from 240400 UTC Feb 22 until further notice'.

Operation of all Russian ports based in the Black Sea is continued in a routine manner.

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3. Navigation in Kerch Strait

The strait is closed for passage towards the Azov Sea.

Transit of vessels from the Sea of Azov to Black Sea is continued.

4. Safety concerns

Today at about 11:00 local time two Russian civilian cargo ships in the sea of Azov were reportedly hit by the missiles launched from the Ukrainian coast near Mariupol. As a result, a fire broke out on board of one of the vessels (a tanker), and one of the crew members was seriously injured, the report says.

<https://en.topwar.ru/192684-vsua-nanesli-raketnyj-udar-po-dvum-gruzovym-sudam-v-azovskom-more.html>

<https://en.news-front.info/2022/02/24/missile-strike-in-the-sea-of-azov/>

5. Closure of airports

The airports in the Southern part of Russia were closed from 03:45 Moscow time on February 24 to 03:45 on March 2, including Rostov-on-Don, Krasnodar, Stavropol, and others.

<https://tass.com/economy/1409403>

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