



Weather Report

Due to the very long lasting low temperatures in the Baltic Sea region, the build-up of ice is still continuing. We would like to draw your attention to the following areas concerned.

Sweden

The Gulf of Bothnia is meanwhile completely covered with ice showing an increased build-up of hummocks and ridges. Regions around Gävle are covered with ice layers up to 30 cm thick. The enlargement of ice formations along the Swedish coast already also covers the coastal areas of Stockholm with ice up to 20 cm thick.

Currently our vessels M/V Pengalia and M/V Elisabeth are stuck in the ice in front of the Port of Gävle but ice breakers are on the way to extricate both vessels. We have to take into account delayed arrivals in the further way ports and hope to get them back on schedule as soon as possible.

The Skandia Container Terminal in Gothenburg reports problems in container operations due to ice and snow reducing the mobility of port-related equipment and trucks. Consequently, also vessel operators are affected as for instance Team Lines faced delays in Gothenburg for the operations of M/V Hanni which fortunately could be compensated at sea.

Finland and Russia

The entrance to the Finnish ports of Kotka and Helsinki is covered with fast ice with thicknesses up to 40 cm. For the fairway heading towards St. Petersburg we face similar conditions with additional hummocks hindering the passage towards the port. Accordingly, longer transit times for vessels are to be expected.

Baltic States

Above all, the Bay of Riga is affected with the fast proceeding build-up of hummocks especially in the northern bay and ice thicknesses up to 30 cm. Though the fairways towards to port of Riga are secured by ice breakers, longer transit times have to be expected here, too.

Poland

Whereby the ports of Gdynia and Gdansk are not seriously handicapped by the ice, the port of Szczecin is strongly recommended to be entered in convoys.

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Due to the hard winter conditions please take into account that vessels can be delayed. Nevertheless, please be reassured that Team Lines will do its utmost to offer a reliable service.

For the latest vessel updates we kindly refer to our operational schedule which is daily published on our website. www.teamlines.de

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