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1. Vessels carrying dangerous goods navigating in the fairway of the Port of Santander must not pass other vessels which can only safely navigate in the fairway. Also, vessels navigating in the fairway.
2. Merchant vessels or similar and the tugs which are assisting them, big fishing vessels, port services and port traffic ships, must navigate through the port waters at a safe speed, which is determined by the conditions and circumstances of each moment and especially by traffic density. (See rule 6 COLREG)
3. At the port entrance and fairway, sailing vessels, vessels engaged in fishing and vessels of less than 20 meters in length shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within the fairway. These vessels will respond to the sound signal from the vessels in the fairway and must give way with enough time in order to facilitate navigation within the fairway and avoid the risk of collision.
4. Vessels of less than 20 meters in length, sailing vessels and vessels engaged in fishing shall not impede the passage and manoeuvres, in zone II, of power-driven vessels of 50 meters or more in length.
5. Permanent fishing apparatus (not those towed by the fishing vessel) are forbidden in the fairway and the anchorage area.
6. Vessels of less than 50 GT and 5 meters in maximum draught will be authorized to navigate in/out through the western harbour bar between Mouro Island and the Magdalena Peninsula when the sea is calm.
7. Vessels which can only navigate safely in the fairway and which observe sailing vessels, vessels engaged in fishing and vessels of less than 20 meters in length impeding their passage shall sound the appropriate signal prescribed to give the vessels enough time to react and avoid collision. The obligation of the vessels navigating in the fairway of sounding the appropriate signal does not exempt other vessels from the obligation of keeping clear.
8. Vessels which want to manoeuvre in port waters to adjust compass magnetic variation and to do so have to occupy the fairway (partly or totally) shall obtain the corresponding permission from the Port and Maritime Authority.

9. Ships with an aerial draught of more than 10 m. navigating in front of the airport runway head must contact Santander Port Control on channel 11 before arriving at the head to receive the corresponding instructions.
10. When the Port Authority closes the port, no unauthorized ship can navigate, remain in or cross the fairway. When the Port Authority receives advice from the Harbour Master's Office, it shall authorize navigation in the fairway to vessels whose technical characteristics, maneuverability and equipment permit navigation without risks in those conditions.
11. All vessels, including passenger ships, shall try to cross the fairway at a right angle in order to cross in the least possible time.
12. Anchorage in the fairway is forbidden for every vessel. The fairway must remain free for tall ships to navigate, especially those which can only navigate safely in the fairway. Mooring to the channel buoys is also forbidden.
13. Fishing vessels, leisure crafts, port service ships, and in general all vessels navigating in the bay shall do so at a speed which does not make waves that can endanger other vessels anchored or moored in the authorized areas. Maximum speed for vessels navigating inside the basin or leisure ports are:
 - Puertochico: 2 knots
 - Dock of Maliaño: 2 knots
 - Marina del Cantábrico: 3 knots
 - Marina de Pedreña: 3 knots
14. Leisure crafts such as rowboats, sailing yachts, windsurf boards, jet skies, etc., which belong to sailing schools and are being used for instruction, shall never navigate or cross the fairway if they do not have an auxiliary craft around to assist or tow them if necessary. The schools must inform their pupils about these rules.
15. Windsurf boards, crafts which are not power driven, and jet skies shall not navigate in the fairway when there are vessels navigating in it.
16. Vessels navigating in the waters of the Port of Santander must comply with the rules established in the Maritime Port Control Procedure for the waters of the Port of Santander, approved by Santander Port Authority Administration Council on June 30th, 2008.
17. In all cases, vessels navigating in the fairway, in the entrance and in all the waters of the Port of Santander must comply with the International Regulations for preventing collisions at sea.