

# Article 7.01 - General principles of berthing

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1. Without prejudice to the other provisions of these regulations, [vessels](#) and [assemblies of floating material](#) shall choose their berths as near the bank as their draught and local conditions permit and, in any case, so as not to obstruct navigation.
2. Except under special conditions laid down by the competent authorities, [floating establishments](#) shall be so placed as to leave the [fairway](#) clear for navigation.
3. Vessels, assemblies of [vessels](#) and of floating material and [floating establishments](#) shall, when [stationary](#), be anchored or made fast in such a way that they cannot change position and thus constitute a danger or obstruction to other vessels taking into account, in particular, the wind, changes in the water level, suction and wash.