



Port Authority of Twente rewards clean ships certified by Green Award

February 3, 2017, HENGELO - Twente Port Authority recognizes inland vessels certified by Green Award. In order to encourage socially responsible behavior, the Port Authority gives Green Award certificate holders a discount according to the level their ship has achieved within the certification scheme. Gold, silver and bronze levels will be rewarded from 1 January 2017. To mark this cooperation, Jan Fransen, executive director of Green Award Foundation, handed over the Green Award plaque to Mariska ten Heuw from the Board of the Port of Twente and Gerry Waanders manager Twente Port Authority on 3 February.

Green Award certifies ships that score high on quality and safety. A ship that can meet Green Award requirements gets a certificate. A certified ship is entitled to various incentives such as discounts on harbor dues, products and services and a reimbursement of certification costs. Twente Port Authority has joined as a new incentive provider. For inland shipping entrepreneurs it implies a discount on the port dues of 10% for inland barges certified as Gold, 7.5% for silver and 5% for bronze Green Award ships.



On the photo from left to right: Mariska ten Heuw, alderman Hengelo; Gerry Waanders, manager Twente Port Authority and Jan Fransen, Executive Director Green Award Foundation

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Twente Port Authority is a cooperation of harbours of Almelo, Enschede, Hengelo, Hof van Twente and Lochem. These harbours form the main port of the Eastern Netherlands. Twente Port Authority has joined the Green Award scheme in order to promote safety, sustainability and further mitigation of emissions in inland shipping.

After the handover Jan Fransen welcomed the Port of Twente by saying: “the Green Award certification demonstrates inland shipping entrepreneurs that their efforts to make ships greener and safer are recognized and rewarded by ports and the society. It motivates more ship owners and managers to implement measures that make inland shipping cleaner and more efficient. Only by joining forces we can make a difference and boost quality, safety and the environmental awareness in the inland shipping sector.”

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About Green Award

The Green Award foundation was established in 1994. In 2011 a Green Award program for inland shipping was launched. Green Award is a global, independent, non-for-profit quality assurance organization that works by certifying ship managers and vessels that go beyond the industry standards in terms of safety, quality and environmental performance. The scheme is open for sea-going oil and chemical tankers, bulk carriers, LNG and LPG carriers, container carriers and inland navigation barges.

The essential of Green Award is that it covers a wide range of aspects related to safety quality and the environment. Green Award brings together high quality ships with service providers and suppliers and ports that want to improve safety, attract quality ships and reduce environmental and safety risks. In fact Green Award acts as the platform for the industry cooperation. Green Award incentive providers (ports and maritime service providers) award ships the highest safety and quality standards of which are confirmed by the Green Award certificate with various benefits such as discounts on the port dues, products and services.

Currently 18 harbours in the Netherlands and Belgium provide a discount to inland barges certified by Green Award. Harbours of Twente Port Authority will make the total number of inland ports 26. There are also banks and an insurance company that reimburse a part of the certification costs, as well as products and services available with a special discount for Green Award certified ships. Number of Green Award certified ships has reached 590.

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