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The Danube Delta

Nautical Information

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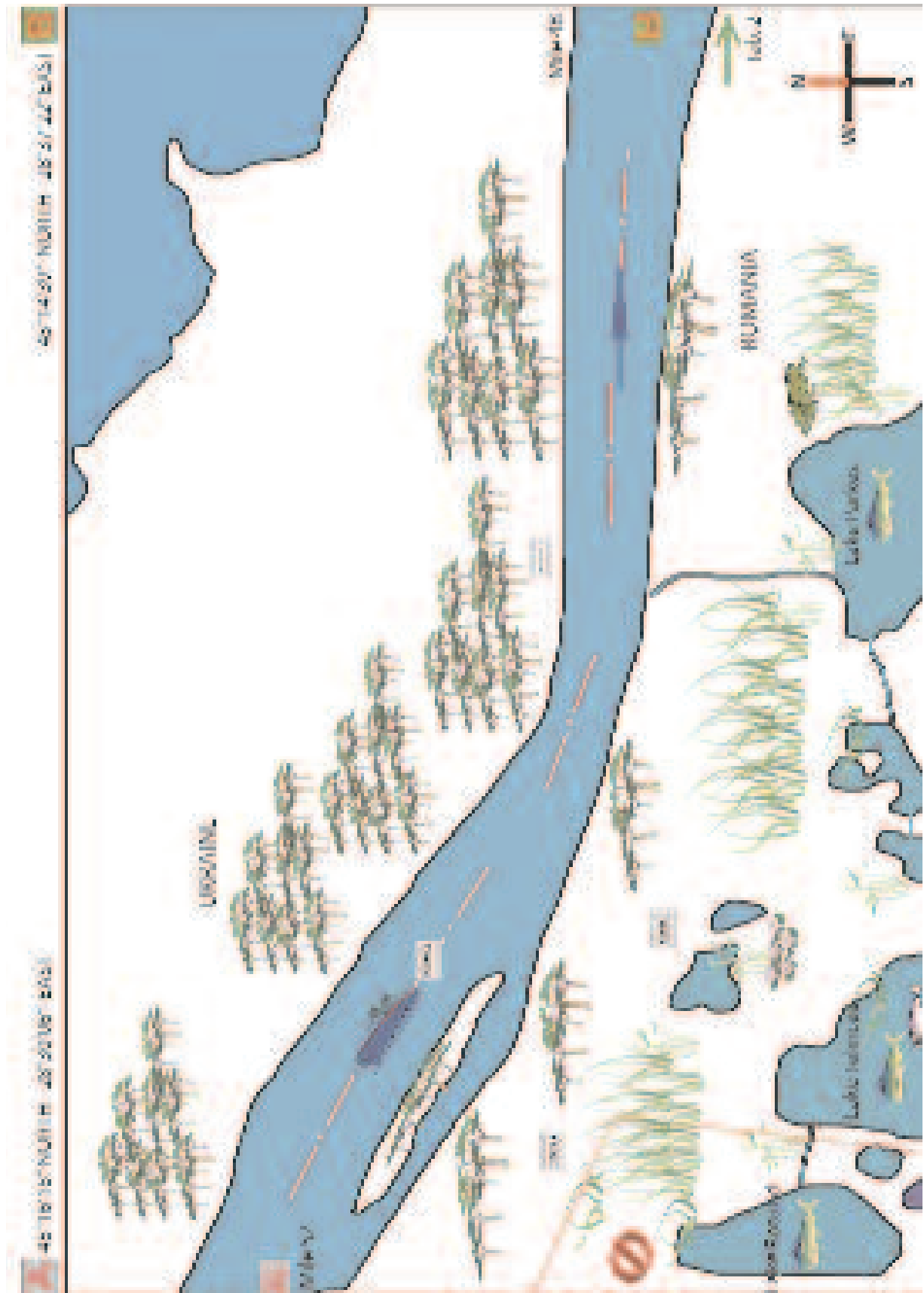
"Do not" and warning signs

	1. No transit		22. Keep left
	2. No overtaking		23. Keep right
	3. Convoys: no overtaking		24. Keep left
	4. No crossing over or overtaking		25. Keep right
	5. No waiting		26. Cross on right of oncoming boat
	6. No mooring for the distance shown in metres		27. Cross on left of oncoming boat
	7. No dropping anchor		28. Stop!
	8. No mooring		29. Maximum speed limit
	9. No u-turns		30. Sound horn!
	10. No making waves		31. Be careful!
	11. No transit outside the marked area		32. Give way at main channel
	12. Traffic light		33. Give way at main channel
	13. No transit for motorised boats		34. Give way to exiting ships
	14. No transit for pleasure and sports boats		35. Use VHF frequency only
	15. No water skiing		36. Use this channel only
	16. No sailing		37. Shallow water
	17. No rowing		38. Low headroom
	18. No surfing		39. Narrow width
	19. Slow down		40. General prohibitory sign – Find out more
	20. No towing or launching		41. Keep this distance from sign
	21. This way only		

General information signs

	42. Recommended course		63. Mooring for manned/unmanned boats displaying a red cone
	43. Obligatory course in this direction		64. Dropping anchor allowed
	44. Transit in this area only		65. Mooring allowed
	45. Recommended direction		66. Loading and unloading area
	46. Recommended direction this way		67. U-turns allowed
	47. Electricity line overhead		68. Tributaries of the main channel
	48. Passable dam or lock ahead		69. Tributary of the main channel
	49. Ferry with limited movement		70. Tributary of the main channel
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	53. Mooring allowed between the two points shown in metres		73. Drinking water
	54. Maximum number of boats that can moor side by side		74. Telephone
	55. Mooring for unmanned boats except those displaying a red cone or a blue		75. Motorised sailing allowed
	56. Mooring for unmanned boats displaying a red cone or a blue cone		76. Pleasure and sports boats allowed
	57. Mooring for unmanned boats displaying a red cone		77. Water-skiing allowed
	58. Mooring for manned boats except those displaying a red cone or a blue		78. Sailing allowed
	59. Mooring for manned boats displaying a blue cone		79. Rowing allowed
	60. Mooring for manned boats displaying a red cone		80. Wind-surfing allowed
	61. Mooring for manned/unmanned boats except those displaying a red cone or a blue		81. High speeds allowed
	62. Mooring for manned/unmanned boats displaying a blue cone		82. Beaching and launching allowed

Table 1



From mile 52 to mile 48 to the north-west of Tulcea

A-B = about 7.5 km

Mile 52 is the first stretch dealt with in this boating guide. Between mile 52 and mile 51, near the south riverbank, lies Ivancea islet. A few miles further on, the Danube splits into the three arms of the delta. A vast extense of marshes and lakes lies south of this stretch. Lakes Telincea, Parches and Rotund, which are south of the Danube, cannot be reached at present; Lake Rotund is a protected area.



1. Marshes and reedbeds

These areas have been closed in order to prevent brusque changes in water level because they are devoted to fish-farming. The border with the Ukraine runs along the centre of this channel.



2. Right riverbank (Romania)

Ships (Photo 4) sail up the Danube into the ports of Central Europe. The riverbanks in this area, both on the Ukrainian and Romanian sides (Photos 2-3), are covered by dense forests and by a vast extense of lakes, channels and marshlands (Photo 1).



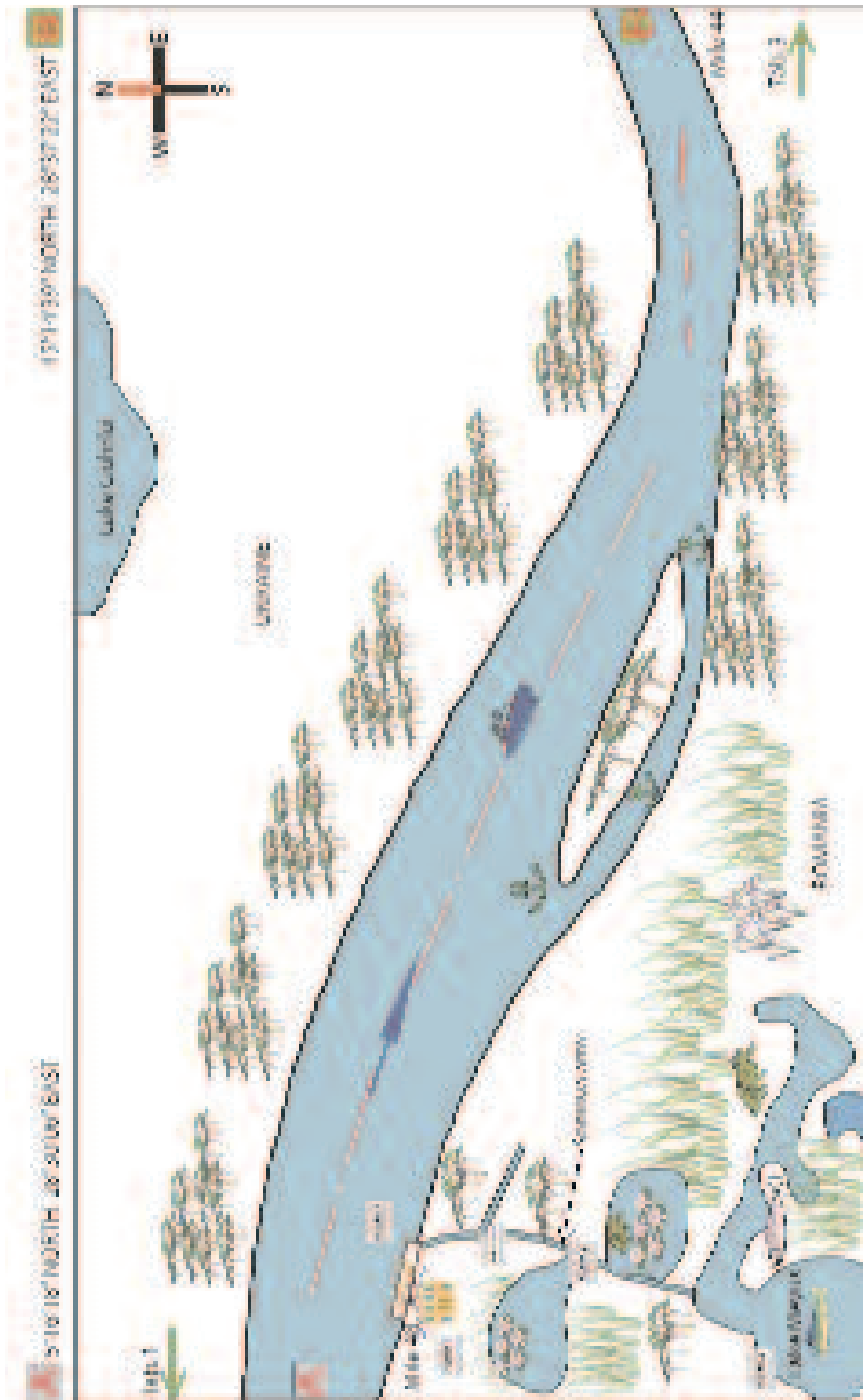
3. Left riverbank (Ukraine)



4. Ship in transit

There are frequent signposts and buoys that are used by commercial shipping. Remember that the red buoys must be to your left and the green buoys to your right when you are sailing up the Danube.

Table 2



From mile 48 to mile 45 to the north-west of Tulcea

A–B = about 8 km



1. Hotel Dunarea

Along this stretch, the Danube is about 200–300m wide. A vast expanse of marshlands, lakes and the village of Somova also lie to the south of this stretch. At mile 47.8 stands Hotel Dunarea (Photo 1), one of the new, and best, hotels in the delta. Hotel Dunarea has a channel that once linked the lakes to the south; however now it is closed (Photo 3) and the Somova lagoon is closed to boats.



2. Hotel Dunarea, south view

You can stay at the hotel and use its boats, which are allowed into the closed area (Photo 4). The hotel, which is a friend of the boating guide, has a jetty where pleasure boats can moor (Photo 2). Ships and large convoys sail along the Danube. The following table shows where the Danube splits into the Tulcea arm and the Chilia arm.

The lakes and channels of Somova are reserved for fishing and they teem with all types of freshwater fish. Special permits are needed to sail this area. The forests along the Danube are home to many animals bred in the wild.

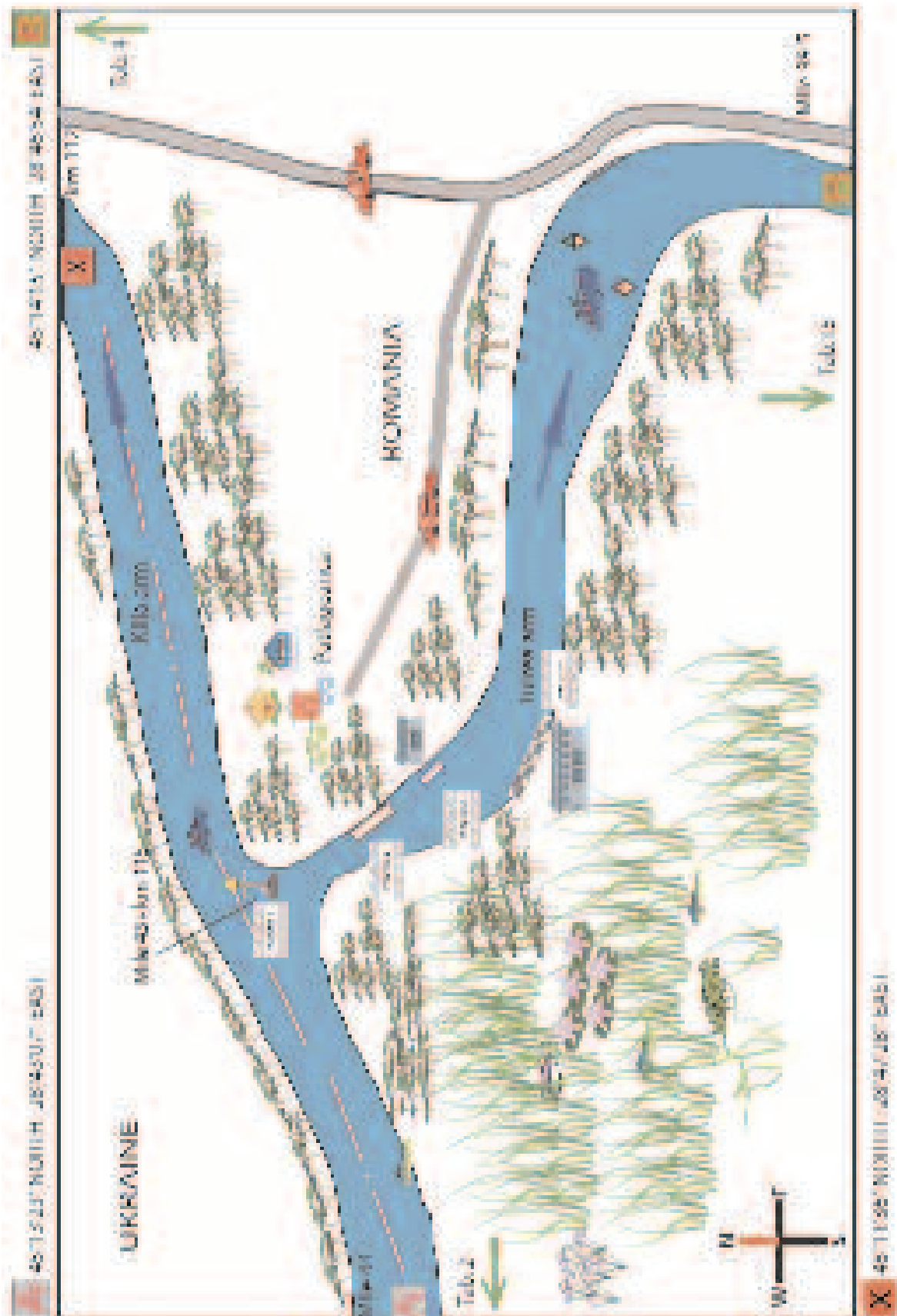


3. Channel behind Hotel Dunarea



4. Lilies on lake in the Somova channel

Table 3



Mile 43.5 Fork for Tulcea and Chilia

A-B = about 9 km



1. Beacon at the fork for Tulcea and Izmil/Chilia

This stretch of the Danube is about 200m wide. At mile 43.5, the main arm splits into the arm for Izmil (Ukraine) and Chilia Veche, (Romania) and the arm for Tulcea. A beacon stands on a rock at the fork (Photo 1). The beacon is connected to the land by rocks,

Never sail between the beacon and the land. Until you reach the fork for Tulcea, be careful not to stray across the midway point of the river as it is the Ukraine/Romania border. We also recommend you do not take photographs of the area. The south arm leads to Tulcea and



2. Public pontoon at the village of Patlageanca



3. Pontoon and pink house

At the beginning of the Tulcea arm, on the east bank, is the cruise boat landing stage for the village of Patlageanca (Photo 2). Further ahead lies a private mooring with a red-and-white pole and, behind this, stands a pink house (Photo 3). On the right of the channel is a large building where water is purified for the town of Tulcea; in front of the building is a concrete slipway (Photo 4). Many buoys also



4. Large building - Tulcea water purifier