



## **General Information**

### **Brazilian Nautical charts - DHN**

802 / 810 – Port of Natal

### **Local Time**

GMT -3 Hours

### **Water density and condition**

Average Water Density: 1,025kg/dm<sup>3</sup> on high tide / 1,020kg/dm<sup>3</sup>

### **Communication**

The following VHF channel are used:

VHF Ch 10 : Working channel, port operations

VHF Ch 16 : Call up, answering, emergency, Police and costguard VHF Ch 16/10 : Pilots / Tugs

### **Port Restrictions**

Terminal	Berths	Max Draft	Max LOA	Max Beam	Air Draft	Max DWT
Commercial Quay	3	10m*	190m**	N/R	55m**	50,000**

\*Max draft based on hydrographic zero.

##IMPORTANT##: According to new Harbour Master regulation, any arrival/sailing manouvers at Natal port must be performed only during daylight.

\*\*Any vessel exceeding port restrictions must require special authorization for berthing/operation before Maritime and Port Authorities and its subject to its approval.

\*\*Air draft = Restriction for crossing De Todos bridge

### **Berth Restrictions**

Terminal	Berths	Length	W. Density	Bottom	Work Hours
Commencial Quay	1	140 m	1,025 on high tide / 1,020 on low tide	11 m	24h
Commencial Quay	2	195 m		11 m	24h
Commencial Quay	3	232 m		11 m	24h

The Commercial Quay of the Port of Natal is managed by the Dock Company Rio Grande do Norte (CODERN). The port operates with Bulk, general cargo and container vessels.

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There are 540 mts berth preferentially used to work container vessels, but also used to work general cargo vessels and bulk vessels. Cruise and navy vessels also used to berth at the same area. Sometimes is possible to face port congestions.

### Load/Discharge system

Container vessels: performed by vessel cranes. General cargo vessels: performed by vessel cranes. Bulk vessels: Conveyor belt or by Grabs/Hopper Sugar vessels: performed by vessel cranes;

Wheat vessels: Conveyor belt.

### Cargo Handling

Product	Gangs	Rate
Containers	2	20 unity/hour
Project	2	2,000 tons/day
Wheat in bulk	2	4,000 tons/day
Salt in bulk	1	5,000 tons/day
Iron ore in bulk	1	4,000 tons/day
Sugar in bags	2	1,500 tons/day

### Pilotage

Pilotage is mandatory for all vessels heading to the Port of Natal. Pilots can be requested by vessel agents 24 hours prior to arrival. They can also be requested through channel 14 or 16 on VHF radio telephone.

### Services

SERVICE AVAILABILITY	REMARKS
Pilotage <b>YES</b>	Compulsory for all foreign ships. Requested by the agent 24 hours in advance to the arriving time and confirmed at least 02 hours before.
Towage <b>YES</b>	Tugs are compulsory for maneuvers and there are three tugboats available.
Fresh Water <b>YES</b>	By trucks or thru pipeline (subject to availability)
Fuel and lubrication oil <b>YES</b>	By trucks only
Garbage Disposal <b>YES</b>	Dry garbage removals are available upon request.
Ship's Chandler <b>YES</b>	Local shipchandlers.
Mooring <b>YES</b>	Through Port operator
Watchmen <b>YES</b>	Through Port Operator and OGM0 syndicate
Maintenance <b>Yes</b>	Minor Repairs and maintenance
Dry docks <b>No</b>	Shipyards for vessel repairs
Surveyors <b>YES</b>	Available
Storage facilities <b>YES</b>	Cia Docas do Rio Grande do Norte (CODERN) Customs warehouse
Electric power <b>YES</b>	At commercial quay 220v / 380v / 440v
Sanitation certificate <b>YES</b>	Available for renewal / extension
Stevedoring <b>YES</b>	Through port operators
Medical facilities <b>YES</b>	Public/private Hospital and private doctors
Crew change <b>Yes</b>	Is available while following ILO agreement
Airport <b>YES</b>	The closest airport in Natal is located at 35 km from the port.

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