

# NIEUWPOORT (B)



The harbour of Nieuwpoort is the only natural harbour along the Belgian coast. It is a tidal harbour, situated at the estuary of the Yser and directly accessible from the sea.

In the 9th and 10th century, along the estuary of the Yser, a small harbour developed. A city was founded under the name of "Novus Portus" (= New harbour = Nieuwpoort).

Throughout the ages, the harbour had a trade function but it especially used to be a fishery harbour.

But, the increasing popularity of watersports as from the 1960's opened up new perspectives for the Nieuwpoort harbour. The marina opened in 1895 with 350 mooring places. It was expanded in 1969 with 300 places. In 1979 the Novus Portus, a new 12.5 hectares long-term dock with a capacity of 1,500 pleasure craft, was ready for use. The Nieuwpoort marina has become the largest of the Northern European coast.

In the coming 10-years, the existing yachting harbour will expand with another 800 berths, so that the total capacity will reach over 3000 boats.

Thanks to it's favourable situation between on the one hand the Northsea and on the other hand the inland with the river Yser, Nieuwpoort is not only a yachting harbour for sea-yachts, there also is a smaller inner harbour, especially equipped for motoryachting on the inner waterways. Through the system of rivers and canals in the Flemish countryside, it is easy to reach by boat the famous historic cities of e.g. Ghent and Bruges.

### A top class tourist place:

A lot of sieges could not break Nieuwpoort's spirit. It rose from its ashes more charming than ever before. A seaside resort with a rich history, and a safe home port for its fishermen, for thousands of water sportsmen and -women, and for all its guests.

Nieuwpoort should be marked as top destination n° 1 by all those who love watersports. The endless sea, the marina with its modern infrastructure, as well as the channel offer an ideal scenery for nearly all kind of aquatic sports: paddling and swimming, making boat trips and sailing, fishing and angling, wavekarting and surfing. It's all possible.

And Nieuwpoort has still more to do with water. "Nieuwpoorts Zootje", "Dronken rog à la Nieuwpoort", "The Jeanne Panne-Menu". Only three examples of delicious dishes prepared with daily Fresh Seafood. Please note that Fresh Seafood is writ large!

The historic city in combination with a large sandy beach, first class accommodation and fine restaurants. What more could a visitor dream of? Nieuwpoort, on the crossroad of history and culture, leisure and pleasure.

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## Welcome to the biggest and most picturesque marina in northern Europe !

The Nieuwpoort Yachting Harbour is the ideal location for your trips to or from Holland, France or England, or for cruising around Flanders.

Whatever the tide or the weather, the marina is always accessible and offers all the facilities you can imagine.

In a word, it is the perfect setting! Nieuwpoort and its surrounding countryside have a lot to offer : sandy beaches, shopping centres, culinary delights and last but not least, the art and culture of Veurne, Diksmuide, Ieper and medieval Brugge.

The marina of Nieuwpoort, largest and most beautiful of Northern Europe, has a lot to offer:

- over 2000 berths
- pontons with catway and electricity- and water supplies
- 3 mobile boat lifts (upto 50 tons)
- winterstorage over 1000 boats
- largely and well kept sanitary and a wasserette
- pump-out-systemen for bilge-water and chemical toilets
- a tidal filling station with gasolie and euro super
- bunkering and stores
- slipways
- permanent rescue-, maintenance- and breakdown services
- a playgarden
- bicycle rent
- hypermarket and shopping area nearby
- telephone & fax possibilities
- club house with a sociable bar and top restaurants in all 3 clubs

The Nieuwpoort Yachting Harbour is run by 3 different clubs, all very well equipped to welcome you as a short or long term visitor.

To find out more about the different clubs, please go to their websites:

[www.kycn.be](http://www.kycn.be)

[www.vwnieuwpoort.be](http://www.vwnieuwpoort.be)

[www.wsklum.be](http://www.wsklum.be)

Be Welcome !

