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**MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT
MARITIME DISTRICT OFFICE OF GRADO**

ORDINANCE No. 18/2025

Subject: Amendments to the Bathing Safety Ordinance No. 35/2024 dated 03.06.2024.

The undersigned Lieutenant (CP), Head of the Maritime District of Grado:

Having regard to Legislative Decree No. 116 of 30 May 2008 "Implementation of Directive 2006/7/EC on the management of bathing water quality and repealing Directive 76/160/EEC", particularly Article 2(1)(e), which defines the bathing season from May 1 to September 30, and Article 4(1)(e), which allows regions to shorten or extend the bathing season based on local needs or customs;

Having regard to:

- the current bathing ordinance of the Municipality of Grado, particularly regarding the duration of the bathing season;
- the current bathing ordinance of the Municipality of Lignano Sabbiadoro, particularly regarding the duration of the bathing season;
- Bathing Safety Ordinance No. 35/2024 dated 03/06/2024 issued by this Maritime District Office;
- the amendments to the Bathing Safety Ordinance introduced with Ordinance No. 74/2024 dated 13/08/2024 by this office;
- Notice no. 113761 dated 27/08/2024 "Organization of lifeguard and rescue services" issued by the General Command of the Coast Guard, which provides directives on the organization of rescue services and the division of responsibilities between state and local administrations;

Considering:

- that the regulation safeguarding human life at sea is based on the constitutional principle under Article 117(m) of the Constitution, regarding the determination of essential levels of services related to civil and social rights to be guaranteed nationwide;
- that the possibility for operators to open bathing establishments outside the official season does not exempt them from ensuring the protection of human life at sea;
- the need to regulate a stretch of beach in Lignano Sabbiadoro near the new red lighthouse;
- the need to regulate navigation safety and safeguard human life at sea, responsibilities assigned to this Maritime Authority in relation to maritime, bathing, and sea-related activities along the coastline of the Maritime District of Grado;
- the necessity to align Ordinance Nos. 35/2024 and 74/2024 with the provisions issued by the General Command of the Coast Guard;

ORDERS

Article 1

1. Article 4 of Ordinance No. 35/2024 of the Maritime District Office of Grado is amended as follows:

a) Paragraph 4 is repealed and replaced with:

If a bathing facility intends to operate outside the periods indicated in paragraph 2 above, where authorized by municipal or regional administrations, i.e., outside the bathing season (before May 1 and after September 30), as amended by Ordinance No. 74/2024, a rescue and lifeguard service must be organized following an effective organizational model based on a suitable risk assessment. This must always ensure the safety of activities, under the responsibility of the economic operators. The individual concessionaire is still required to ensure lifeguard service through the presence of an adequate number of lifeguards on the part of the beach used. This organizational model must be submitted along with the prior notice of the bathing facility opening, as required by the current bathing safety ordinance. A summary of these provisions is included in Annex A.

2. Article 2 of Ordinance No. 35/2024 is amended as follows:

a) Paragraph 2 is supplemented as follows:

Lignano Sabbiadoro coast:

In the beach area north of the red lighthouse of Lignano Sabbiadoro, the sea area reserved for bathing is limited to a distance of 100 meters (see map in Annex B). The Municipality of Lignano Sabbiadoro shall install appropriate buoys, connected by floating orange or red rope, to delimit the bathing area and prevent interactions between swimmers and vessels entering the port channel of Lignano Sabbiadoro.

3. Article 3 of Ordinance No. 35/2024 is amended as follows:

a) Paragraph 1 is supplemented with:

- o l) Bathing is prohibited in the water area in front of “Punta Marinetta” in the Municipality of Lignano Sabbiadoro, as highlighted in the attached map (Annex B);
- o m) Bathing, passage, and any recreational activity in the sea is prohibited under the red lighthouse pier of Lignano Sabbiadoro.

Article 2

ENTRY INTO FORCE – REPEALS – TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

This Ordinance, effective from the date of issue, will be published on the bulletin board of this Office and its subordinate Maritime Offices. It must also be displayed to the public by operators engaged in rental/leasing activities, bathing facilities, and mooring/pier concessionaires in the Maritime District of Grado. It will be available on the official website: www.guardiacostiera.it/grado, under “ordinances”.

All rules expressed differently or in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed upon its entry into force.

All parties concerned are required to observe and enforce this Ordinance.

Violators will be punished under current legislation, unless the offense constitutes a crime.

Grado, digitally signed

THE COMMANDER

Lt. (CP) Domenico CASTRO
(Digitally signed document pursuant to Legislative Decree 82/2005)

Annex A – SUMMARY OF LIFEGUARD SERVICE REGULATIONS DURING THE SEASON

Period	Requirements
Before May 1	a) Lifeguard required b) Reduced hours if allowed by the authorities c) Risk-based organizational model
May 1 – June 14	a) Lifeguard required b) Reduced hours if allowed by the authorities
June 15 – September 15	a) Lifeguard required from 9:00 to 19:00
September 16 – September 30	a) Lifeguard required b) Reduced hours if allowed c) Risk-based model
After September 30	a) Lifeguard required b) Reduced hours if allowed

Annex B – Lignano Sabbiadoro Coastline

1. Area reserved for bathing (outlined in red dotted line).
2. Area where bathing is prohibited (highlighted in orange), particularly near Punta Marinetta.

