

PORT OF AYR LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

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RE ISSUSE **Escort Towage for Vessels \geq 99.9m LOA** **Entering Ayr Harbour**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: that vessels \geq 99.9m LOA which are **loaded or Part loaded** and bound for the Port of Ayr are required to be accompanied during their passage by an escort tug **when wind speeds are in excess of 20Kts.**

The escort tug will meet the inbound vessel at the Pilot Station Located SW of the St Nicolas Buoy and under normal conditions secure a tow wire to the stern of the inbound vessel.

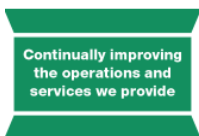
When secured to the inbound vessel the escort tug will display, in addition to her normal steaming lights, the appropriate shapes and lights required by rule 24(a) and Rule 27(b) of the International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea 1972, as amended.

The minimum requirements for an Escort Tug: will be a vessel capable of towing over the bow, producing a minimum of a 5T Bollard pull and powered by twin screw or Omni direction units.

Vessels \geq 99.9m LOA which act left handed (Bows swings to Port when operating astern propulsion) and vessels with Minimum steerage speeds of \geq 5kts may require an escort tug when wind speeds are \leq 20kts.

All agents and vessel owners are advised to contact the Harbour Master for direction, when a vessel \geq 99.9m LOA are selected for the port.

Navigators of small vessels including recreational craft are to exercise extreme caution when passing round the stern of a large vessel and are not to pass between the vessel and the tug



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Harbour Master Ayr & Troon

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Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessel or craft.