

NOTICE TO MARINERS No.05 of 2014

**DEAD TOWS, UNUSUAL OBJECTS AND
NON-ROUTINE TOWAGE EVENTS**

Notice is hereby given that a new addition to the Port Marine Safety Code Guide to Good Practice now requires Harbour Authorities to give special consideration to tows involving dead-ships or unusual objects and towage events of a non-routine nature.

Ship-owners, towage contractors, tug masters, project managers and agents are further **ADVISED** that the person responsible for the safety and planning of the manoeuvre (and thereby acting as the Towing Master) must be clearly identified and be responsible for the production of risk assessments, method statements and passage plans which must be discussed and agreed in advance with the Harbour Authority.

A "Non-Routine Towage Assessment" form, copy attached, must be submitted to the Harbour Authority in advance. When the details of the venture have been fully discussed and agreed the written approval of the Harbour Authority will be given on this form.

6th January 2014

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Captain G Lockwood
Harbour Master

Owners, Agents, Charterers, Fishermen and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.

Non Routine Towage Assessment

PART 1 TO BE COMPLETED BY REQUESTING AGENT - RETURN TO barrowmc@abports.co.uk

Date of Intended Passage

Towage From To

Type of Towage Operation (tick) Dead Ship Barge Unusual Object

Agent Making Request (POC)

Agency Contact Number(s)

Details of the tow

Name LOAm Breadthm Draftm

Brief Description of Tow (inc. total length of all tugs and tow).....
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Is the tow manned? Yes No Safe boarding arrangements for a pilot if necessary? Yes No

Propeller(s) Thruster(s)

Rudder(s) None

Tug details

Name LOAm Breadthm Draftm

Power/Bollard Pull KW/t

Towing Arrangement

Name LOAm Breadthm Draftm

Power/Bollard Pull KW/t

Towing Arrangement

Nominated person with overall responsibility for the safety of the manoeuvre

Name Position

Organisation/Vessel

Contact Telephone No(s)

PART 2 TO BE COMPLETED BY HARBOUR AUTHORITY

Pilotage

Number of Pilots Required (manned tows require a pilot)

Boarding at Disembarking at

Have safe pilot boarding arrangements been verified Yes No

If 'No' give details

Is additional harbour towage required? Yes No If yes give details

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If necessary where will harbour towage be required? From To

HES review

Passage limitations

Time..... Weather

CurrentTraffic

Passage Plan Agreed Risk Assessment/Method Statement Agreed/Sighted

Reviewed by Position

Signature

Outcome

Approved Additional action required Actions required

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Reviewed By Position: Harbour Master

Signature