

CLYDEPORT TOWAGE GUIDANCE

Agent requests for Towage should be notified in PORTLINKS. The default requirement for towage provision is as per these Guidelines. Any deviation from this Guidance, requires prior approval of the Clyde Marine Managers and must be made in writing/email by the Agent to the SMMO/MMO (ClydeMarineManagers@peelports.com) in good time, but no later than 24 hours before ETAs and 8 hours before ETDs and during the working day, Monday to Friday 0800-1700. These requests will be assessed on a case by case basis. Agents should be mindful that historical Acts, where towage requirements have been relaxed, do not set a precedence. If approval of SMMO/MMO is not forthcoming, for whatever reason, then the default towage booking should not be amended.

Vessels of unusual design, project vessels or large vessels calling for the first time, may require use of a tug or tugs if deemed necessary after a consultation with Pilots and SMMO/MMO at least 72hrs in advance of ETA. Vessel design, dimensions, propulsion, including rudder details and thrusters, expected draught and cargo will be required prior to consultation.

For all Tows of barges and 'dead' vessels, the Tow Notification Form must be submitted with full Risk Assessment and Methods Statements at least 48 hours in advance of entering the Port. The Tow Notification Form can be downloaded from the Peel Ports website; Marine Information – Clydeport – Towage Information; (www.peelports.com/marine-information?port=clydeport). Associated Pilotage requirements are detailed in Pilotage Directions distributed as No 2 in the annual Clyde Notice to Mariners.

River Transits East of Greenock Ocean Terminal. Vessels with draughts over 8m require a consultation process with Clyde Marine Managers. Contact numbers are 01475 886317/18/20. Monday to Friday 0800-1700.

Towage Guidance for Shieldhall Riverside and King George V Dock

Length of vessel	Draught	B/T	Wind (Knots)	Arrival Cant	Arrival No Cant	Departure Cant	Departure No Cant	Notes
≥200m	Any	N	Avg. < 20 Gusts < 25	3 ASD	3 ASD	3 ASD	2 ASD	Min BP each Tug = 50t / at Pilot's discretion third ASD may be substituted for conventional tug. Berthing = HW GLA - 1 Hour Sailing = HW GLA - 3 Hours until HW 2 Pilots required for transits in hours of darkness (Civil twilights) from No1 Buoy and/or Canting.
	Any	Y		3 ASD	3 ASD	3 ASD	2 ASD	
≥165m <200m	Any	N	Avg. < 25 Gusts < 30	3 ASD	2 ASD	3 ASD	2 ASD	Min BP each Tug = 50t / at Pilot's discretion one ASD may be substituted for conventional tug. Berthing = HW GLA - 1 Hour Sailing = HW GLA - 3 Hours until HW * May reduce to 1 ASD subject to Master/Pilot agreement
	≥8.7m	Y		3 ASD	2 ASD	2 ASD	2 ASD	
	<8.7m			2 ASD	1 ASD	2 ASD *	1 ASD	
≥140m <165m	≥6.7m	N	Avg. < 30 Gusts < 35	2 ASD	2 ASD	2 ASD	2 ASD	Min BP each Tug = 28t / at Pilot's discretion one ASD may be substituted for conventional tug. Berthing = HW GLA - 1 Hour (Pilot may extend window) Sailing = HW GLA - 3 Hours until HW (Pilot may extend window)
	<6.7m			2 ASD	2 ASD	2 ASD	2 ASD	
	≥6.7m	Y		1 ASD	1 ASD	1 ASD	1 ASD	
	<6.7m			1 ASD	1 ASD	1 ASD	1 ASD	
≥120m <140m	≥6.7m	N	Avg. < 30 Gusts < 35	2 tug	2 tug	2 tug	2 tug	Min BP each Tug = 20t / ASD Preferable Berthing & Sailing = HW GLA ± 3 Hour (Pilot may extend window)
	<6.7m			2 tug	2 tug	2 tug	1 tug	
	≥6.7m	Y		1 tug	1 tug	1 tug	-	
	<6.7m			1 tug	1 tug	1 tug	-	
≥105m <120m	≥6.7m	N	Avg. < 30 Gusts < 35	2 tug	2 tug	2 tug	2 tug	Min BP each Tug = 10t Berthing & Sailing = HW GLA ± 3 Hour (Pilot may extend window)
	<6.7m			2 tug	2 tug	2 tug	2 tug	
	≥6.7m	Y		1 tug	1 tug	1 tug	1 tug	
	<6.7m			1 tug	-	1 tug	-	
<105m	≥6.7m	N	Avg. < 30 Gusts < 35	1 tug	-	1 tug	-	Min BP each Tug = 10t Berthing/Sailing = <6.7m draught no restriction / if draught ≥6.7m may be tidal depending on tidal range for sufficient UKC / consult SMMO/MMO/Pilot. Manoeuvring normally avoid last 2 hours of ebb tide.
	<6.7m			1 tug	-	1 tug	-	
	≥6.7m	Y		-	-	-	-	
	<6.7m			-	-	-	-	

Towage Guidance for KGV Basin 7 (Bitumen berth)

Length of vessel	Draught	B/T	Wind (Knots)	Arrival Cant	Arrival No Cant	Departure Cant	Departure No Cant	Notes
≥120m <140m	Max 7.5m	N	Avg. < 30 Gusts < 35	2 tug	2 tug	2 tug	2 tug	Min BP each Tug = 20t / ASD Preferable Berthing = HW GLA -1 Hour Sailing = HW GLA - 3 Hour until HW (Pilot may extend window)
		Y			1 tug		1 tug	
<120m	Max 7.5m	N	Avg. < 30 Gusts < 35	2 tug	2 tug	2 tug	2 tug	Min BP each Tug = 20t Berthing & Sailing = HW GLA ± 3 Hour (Pilot may extend window)
		Y		1 tug	1 tug	1 tug	1 tug	
INBOUND				Laden tankers are required to rendezvous with the tug(s) prior to transiting the river past No1 Buoy.				
OUTBOUND				<p>Consultation between Master/Pilot subsequent to inbound passage, may produce recommendation to the SMMO that the outbound tug requirements may be reduced.</p> <p>Should a Tanker depart KGV with Cargo remaining on-board, then an Escort Tug will be required for the River Transit to No1 Buoy.</p>				

Towage Guidance for Rothesay Dock (Tankers)

Length of vessel	Draught	B/T	Wind (Knots)	Arrival Cant	Arrival No Cant	Departure Cant	Departure No Cant	Notes
≥140m <160m	Any	N	Avg. < 25 Gusts < 30	1 ASD + 1 tug	1 ASD + 1 tug	1 ASD + 1 tug	1 ASD + 1 tug	Min BP ASD = 28t / tug = 15t / at Pilot's discretion one ASD may be substituted for conventional tug. Berthing = HW GLA - 1 Hour Sailing = HW GLA - 3 Hours until HW
	Any	Y		1 ASD + 1 tug	1 ASD	1 ASD + 1 tug	1 ASD	
≥120m <140m	Any	N	Avg. < 25 Gusts < 30	1 ASD + 1 tug	1 ASD + 1 tug	1 ASD + 1 tug	1 ASD + 1 tug	Min BP ASD = 28t / tug = 15t / at Pilot's discretion one ASD may be substituted for conventional tug. Berthing = HW GLA - 1 Hour Sailing = HW GLA - 3 Hours until HW
	Any	Y		1 ASD + 1 tug	1 ASD	1 ASD + 1 tug	1 ASD	
≥100m <120m	Any	N	Avg. < 25 Gusts < 30	2 tug	2 tug	2 tug	2 tug	Min BP each Tug = 20t Berthing & Sailing = HW GLA ± 3 Hour
	≥6.7m	Y		1 tug	1 tug	1 tug	1 tug	
	<6.7m			-	-	-	-	
<100m	Any	N	Avg. < 25 Gusts < 30	1 tug	1 tug	1 tug	1 tug	Min BP each Tug = 15t Berthing & Sailing = HW GLA ± 3 Hour. If wind > 25 knots then 1 tug compulsory
	Any	Y		-	-	-	-	
INBOUND				Laden tankers are required to rendezvous with the tug(s) prior to transiting the river past No1 Buoy.				
OUTBOUND				Consultation between Master/Pilot subsequent to inbound passage, may produce recommendation to the SMMO that the outbound tug requirements may be reduced.				
				Should a Tanker depart NuStar with Cargo remaining on-board, then an Escort Tug will be required for the River Transit to No1 Buoy.				

Towage Guidance for Rothesay Dock (Non-Tankers)

Length of vessel	Draught	B/T	Wind (Knots)	Arrival Cant	Arrival No Cant	Departure Cant	Departure No Cant	Notes
≥120m <130m	Any	N	Avg. < 30 Gusts < 35	1 ASD + 1 tug	1 ASD + 1 tug	1 ASD + 1 tug	1 ASD + 1 tug	Min BP ASD = 28t / tug = 15t / at Pilot's discretion one ASD may be substituted for conventional tug. Berthing = HW GLA - 1 Hour Sailing = HW GLA - 3 Hours until HW
	Any	Y		1 ASD + 1 tug	1 ASD	1 ASD + 1 tug	1 ASD	
≥100m <120m	Any	N	Avg. < 30 Gusts < 35	2 tug	2 tug	2 tug	2 tug	Min BP each Tug = 20t Berthing & Sailing = HW GLA ± 3 Hour
	≥6.7m	Y		1 tug	1 tug	1 tug	1 tug	
	<6.7m			-	-	-	-	
<100m	Any	N	Avg. < 30 Gusts < 35	1 tug	1 tug	1 tug	1 tug	Min BP each Tug = 10t Berthing & Sailing = HW GLA ± 3 Hour If wind > 25 knots then 1 tug compulsory
	Any	Y		-	-	-	-	

Towage Guidance for Lobnitz Basin

Length of vessel	B/T	Wind (Knots)	Arrival	Departure	Notes
≥75m <96m	N	Avg. < 30 Gusts < 35	2 tug	2 tug	Arrival/Departure HW GLA - 1 hour. Min BP with 1 tug = 10t or if 2 tugs 10t + 5t.
	Y		1 tug	1 tug	
<75m	N	Avg. < 30 Gusts < 35	1 tug	1 tug	
	Y		-	-	

Towage Guidance for Holy Loch Berth

Length of vessel	B/T	Wind (Knots)	Arrival	Departure	Notes
≥75m <96m	N	Avg. < 30 Gusts < 35	1 tug	1 tug	Arrival/Departure – Draught – LW Greenock 4.0m Anytime 4.5m Avoid 1 hr either side 5.0m Avoid 2 hrs either side 5.5m Avoid 3 hrs either side 5.8m Sail 2 hrs either side HW Greenock Min BP with 1 tug = 10t.
	Y		-	-	
<75m	N	Avg. < 30 Gusts < 35	1 tug	1 tug	
	Y		-	-	

Towage Guidance for Holy Loch Anchorages for Cruise Ships

Vessel Max LOA 205m Wind limitations Steady >20 knots/ Gusts >30 kts – Standby Tug may be required with Pilot embarked.
Prior consultation with SMMO/MMO for Cruise Liners with LOA >150 to be made 72 hours in advance of visit.

Towage Guidance for Greenock Ocean Terminal (ex. Cruise Ships)

Length of vessel	Draught	B/T	Wind (Knots)	Arrival Cant	Arrival No Cant	Departure Cant	Departure No Cant	Notes
≥250m <350m	<12.0m	N	Avg. < 30	3 ASD	3 ASD	3 ASD	3 ASD	Min BP ASD = 50t / at Pilot's discretion one ASD may be substituted for conventional tug.
	<12.0m	Y		2 ASD	2 ASD	2 ASD	2 ASD	
≥200m <250m	<12.0m	N	Avg. < 30	2 ASD	2 ASD	2 ASD	2 ASD	Min BP ASD = 28t / at Pilot's discretion one ASD may be substituted for conventional tug.
	<12.0m	Y		1 ASD	1 ASD	1 ASD	1 ASD	
≥150m <200m	<12.0m	N	Avg. < 45	2 ASD	1 ASD	2 ASD	1 ASD	Min BP each Tug = 20t / at Pilot's discretion one ASD may be substituted for conventional tug. Wind > 20 knots + 1 tug.
	<12.0m	Y		1 ASD	1 ASD	1 ASD	1 ASD	
<150m	<12.0m	N	Avg. < 45	1 tug	1 tug	1 tug	1 tug	Min BP each Tug = 15t Wind > 20 knots + 1 tug.
	<12.0m	Y		-	-	-	-	

Onshore/Offshore wind > 20 knots may require additional tug for <150m.

Towage Guidance for Greenock Ocean Terminal (Cruise Ships)

Cruise ships normally do not require towage unless wind speed/direction warrant. Consult Pilot for further advice.

Wind over 30 knots off the berth – standby tug should be considered.

Wind over 40 knots off the berth – standby tug is compulsory.

Towage Guidance for James Watt Dock (Garvel/Dales Dry Dock)

Vessel limitations - Maximum LOA 180m; Beam 20m (Entrance is 21m); Consultation with the SMMO/MMO Clydeport for towage requirements must be sought at least 72 hrs in advance. Ordinarily at least one tug will be required.

Towage Guidance for Hunterston

Summer Deadweight	B/T	Wind (Knots)	Arrival	Arrival BP	Departure	Departure BP	Notes
≥150,000	N	Avg. < 45	3 ASD	Total 180t	2 ASD	Total 120t	At Pilot's discretion one ASD may be substituted for conventional tug.
	Y		2 ASD	Total 120t	1 ASD	Total 60t	
≥35,000 <150,000	N		2 ASD	Total 120t	2 ASD	Total 120t	At Pilot's discretion one ASD may be substituted for conventional tug.
	Y		1 ASD	Total 60t	1 ASD	Total 60t	
≥12,000 <35,000	N		2 ASD	Total 75t	2 ASD	Total 75t	At Pilot's discretion one ASD may be substituted for conventional tug.
	Y		2 ASD	Total 75t	2 ASD	Total 75t	
≥6,000 <12,000	N						Tugs will be arranged by consultation, taking into consideration weather, berth status and ships equipment
	Y						
<6,000	N		1 tug	Total 20t	1 tug	Total 20t	
	Y		-		-		

Towage Guidance for Hunterston Construction Yard

Towage/tug use not recommended due to channel width and depth.

Vessel limitation: Max LOA 90m and vessel to be fitted with working B/T.

Consultation with SMMO/MMO should be sought in advance of any bookings on Portlinks.

Towage Guidance for Finnart Ocean Terminal

Summer Deadweight	B/T	Wind (Knots)	Arrival	Arrival BP	Departure	Departure BP	Notes
≥175,000	N	Avg. < 30 Head/Stern Avg. < 20 Beam	3 ASD	Total 180t	3 ASD	Total 180t	
	Y		3 ASD	Total 180t	3 ASD	Total 180t	
≥100,000 <175,000	N		2/3 ASD	Total 120t	2/3 ASD	Total 120t	At Pilot's discretion one ASD may be substituted for conventional tug.
	Y		2/3 ASD	Total 120t	2/3 ASD	Total 120t	
≥40,000 <100,000	N		2/3 ASD	Total 100t	2/3 ASD	Total 100t	At Pilot's discretion one ASD may be substituted for conventional tug.
	Y		2/3 ASD	Total 100t	2/3 ASD	Total 100t	
≥15,000 <40,000	N		2 tugs	Each 25t	2 tug	Each 25t	
	Y		2 tugs	Each 25t	2 tug	Each 25t	
<15,000	N	1 tug	Each 25t	1 tug	Each 25t		
	Y	1 tug	Each 25t	1 tug	Each 25t		

A tanker may apply for a reduction in tugs once 12 voyages have been completed and the Port Authority/Oil Terminal/Pilots are content with the manoeuvring of the vessel and the reduced towage proposal. The requirements for the escort tug remain in place.

Tanker Escort Requirements (Firth of Clyde)

Draught >15.25m = Passage Skelmorlie channel / 1 ASD active escort from 'A' buoy OR the SMMO may authorise the Pilot to use the west side of the Firth of Clyde Channel by the Skelmorlie Safe Water Mark to avoid the shallow patch of 17.9m charted depth. This will be determined the day before, taking into consideration the expected outbound traffic, weather forecast and that UKC of 2m can be obtained.

Draught < 15.25m = Passage Firth of Clyde channel / no escort required.

Tanker Escort Requirements (Loch Long)

All tankers passing COULPORT are required to have an escort tug with a bollard pull in excess of 25 tonnes if 40000 tonnes DWT or less and a minimum of 50 tonnes if over 40000 DWT.