

Local Notice to Mariners

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Ship Assist Towage in the Empress Dock

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, following a review of current practice and with due regard to the confined nature of the basin, any tug assisting a vessel of less than 150m LOA manoeuvring to/from berths within the Empress Dock shall ordinarily be rated to a maximum of 35 tonnes bollard pull.

Pilots & PEC holders are advised to ensure the power available from ship's equipment and towage is sufficient to execute the planned manoeuvre having due regard to environmental conditions and the guidance on strong beam winds contained in the Port Users Information and Navigation Guidelines section 4.2.

**Steven Masters,
Harbour Master**