

Local Notice to Mariners

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Ship Assist Tugs authorised for use within the Port of Southampton

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that only the tugs listed within this notice are approved for use as ship assist towage within the Port of Southampton Statutory Harbour Area.

Amendments to authorised tugs will be provided by a change to this notice and will be re-issued appropriately.

Towage providers are required to submit a letter noting compliance to the ABP Towage Service Provider Requirements & Southampton Guide To Using Tugs for Ship Assist found on the Southampton VTS Website.

Tugs authorised for use within the Port of Southampton may navigate within the Precautionary Area when clear channel vessels are also in this area provided that the tug:

1. does not impede the clear channel vessel;
2. must request traffic clearance from Southampton VTS in agreement with Clear Channel vessel;
3. this does not apply during periods of restricted visibility (1nm or less).

Name	LOA (M)	Draught (M)	Bollard Pull (T)	Propulsion system / Equipment	Escort Certified Steering Force
APEX Svitzer Terminals - Fawley	37.0	6.8	63	Voith Tractor FIFI 1 -Oil Spill Response	Yes - 150 tonnes
AYTON CROSS Svitzer Terminals - Fawley	33.0	3.9	60	ASD	No
PHENIX Svitzer Terminals - Fawley	37.0	6.8	67	Voith Tractor FIFI 1- Oil Spill Response	Yes – 150 tonnes
LOMAX Svitzer Terminals - Fawley	28.0	5.6	80	FIFI 1- ASD	Yes – 65 tonnes
IBEX Svitzer Terminals - Fawley	16.0	2.4	16	Conventional twin screw	
ORYX Svitzer Terminals - Fawley	13.0	1.8	9	Conventional twin screw	
GRAY SALVOR Svitzer Terminals - Fawley	16.5	2.4	9	Conventional twin screw	

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BARGATE Svitzer - Docks	24.7	5.77	66	Azimuth Tractor	
ESTON Svitzer - Docks	24.7	5.85	66	Azimuth Tractor	
FERRIBY Svitzer - Docks	24.6	5.2	70	ASD - FIFI 3a	
ELEANOR Svitzer - Docks	24.7	5.5	75	Reverse Stern Drive	
MERCURIUS Svitzer - Docks	32.7	5.5	82	ASD	Yes – 100 tonnes
CRAIGLEITH Svitzer – Docks	28.2	5.52	70	ASD	Yes – 70 tonnes
MONARCH Svitzer – Docks	32	5.52	86.41	ASD – FIFI 1	Yes – 100 tonnes
MELTON Svitzer Docks	32.7	3.80	60	ASD	
WYEFORCE Itchen Marine	19.0	2.4	19	Conventional Twin screw	NA
WYESTORM Itchen Marine	21.3	3.3	33	Conventional Twin screw	NA
WYETOW Itchen Marine	16.9	2.2	10	Conventional Twin screw	NA
WYEPUSH Itchen Marine	14.5	2.0	8	Conventional Twin screw	NA
WYEKNOT Itchen Marine	13.1	2.0	9	Conventional Twin screw	NA
SD TEMPEST SERCO	32.9	6.2	80	Rotor Tug	Yes (TBC)
SD BOUNTIFUL SERCO	29.1	4.8	42.5	Azimuth Tractor 1 Fire monitor	
SD INDEPENDENT SERCO	26.0	4.0	40	ASD 1 Fire monitor	
SD INDULGENT SERCO	26.0	4.0	40	ASD 1 Fire monitor	
VB SCOTSMAN Boluda Towage SMS	24.4	4.4	50	ASD - 1 Fire monitor	No
VB ENGLISHMAN Boluda Towage SMS	24.4	4.4	50	ASD - 1 Fire monitor	No
MULTICATS					
Limitation set to vessels no greater than LOA 125m or 4500GT					
Willdiscover	24	2.9	24	Conventional Twin screw	No

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Williams Shipping					
Willchallenge Williams Shipping	22	2.5	15	Conventional Twin screw	No
Willendeavour Williams Shipping	22	2.5	15	Conventional Twin screw	No
Willsupply Williams Shipping	20	2.0	9	Conventional Twin screw	No

Any tugs not already approved for use within the Port of Southampton must submit a non-routine towage form 48 hours in advance of arrival. The form can be requested from Southampton VTS:
southamptonvts@abports.co.uk.

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