

NOTICE TO MARINERS

No 16 of 2024

Port of Southampton – Ship assist towage in the Empress Dock

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.

**Vessel Traffic Services Centre
Ocean Gate, Eastern Docks
Southampton**

**Steve Masters
Harbour Master**

1st January 2024

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Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to
the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.**