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The Peel Ports Group

TOWAGE GUIDELINES



The Manchester Ship Canal

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THE MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL (excluding Queen Elizabeth II Dock)

Experience has shown that, in the majority of cases, vessels that transit the Canal and have a Length Overall of 112 metres or more generally require two tugs to navigate with safety. Therefore, two tugs will be ordered for these vessels.

If the Owner or agent feels that their vessel is very manoeuvrable and may not require tugs, they may ask for the pilots to give a report on the suitability of the vessel to navigate without tugs on future voyages.

When the vessel has completed an inward and an outward passage on the Canal, the inward and outward pilots' reports will be compared and, if both are in agreement, then the vessel may be able to navigate the Canal in future with reduced or no tug assistance.

Notwithstanding the above, this does not exclude the use of tugs in the future should weather conditions merit tug assistance.

There are a number of vessels of less than 112 metres in length that may need tugs due to their handling characteristics.

The LOA threshold of 112m is intended only as a guideline length. Therefore, whenever a vessel of this length (or more) makes its first call to the Canal, tugs will always be used, until the vessel's handling characteristics have been proven.