



NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

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District: St John's, NL

Subject: Support Vessel Requirements

Details:

The Vision of the Atlantic Pilotage Authority (APA) is to be a respected leader in marine pilotage safeguarding people, property and the environment. To achieve this, the Authority is implementing requirements for support vessels/tugs for certain movements within the compulsory pilotage port of St John's, NL.

Where in the interests of safe navigation, the APA and/or the Port Authority of St John's considers that a vessel should engage in tug service for moving in the harbour, the vessel shall, at the risk and expense of the owner of the vessel, engage such service.

Cases where tug use is likely to be required includes, but is not limited to:

- Vessels with limited maneuverability
- Foreign fishing vessels with single screw and without a functioning bow thruster
- Vessels with defects or deficiencies in propulsion
- Adverse weather conditions

If in doubt as to whether the above is applicable, the Master and agents are to notify the Authority with as much notice as possible. This is to allow sufficient time to make a determination about the requirement for tug service or other limiting criteria.

Please note that Pilots **will not be dispatched** to the vessel until such time satisfactory arrangements have been confirmed if required.

We thank you for your cooperation in maintaining the highest standards of safety possible by ensuring compliance with this notice.

If there are any questions or concerns with the contents of this notice, please contact the Operations Department of the APA at operations@atlanticpilotage.com or by telephone at 902 426 6389.

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