King's Harbour Master Clyde

DIRECTION No 09/24

ACTIVE TOWING OF TANKERS IN THE CLYDE DOCKYARD PORT

References

A: Peelports Clydeport Towage Guidelines.

Introduction

1. Mariners are advised that the King’s Harbour Master Clyde has made the following General Direction under the Clyde Dockyard Port of Gareloch and Loch Long Order 2011.

2. All Tankers proceeding to or from Finnart Ocean Terminal Jetty 3 shall use an active escort tug between the Finnart Jetty and South of the MOD floating jetty (EHJ) facility. Active escort means the tug is made fast centre lead aft and when combined with a speed of 7 knots or less enables the tug to use transverse arrest and/or direct arrest to stop or reduce speed on the tanker in a safe manner. For all product tankers, active escort is at the discretion of the pilot.

3. Any Tanker proceeding to or from the Gareloch shall use an active escort tug. The active escort tug should be secured prior to entering Rhu Restricted Channel and the Restricted Area will be closed during the transit.

4. Reference should also be given to the Peelports Clydeport Towage Guidelines.

5. This General Direction will be reviewed by 06 Jan 25.

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