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SUBJECT: Minimum Tug Requirements for Vessels Using Kalaeloa Barbers Point Harbor

This Notice cancels and supersedes HM Notice 5-92 of May 29, 1992, effective immediately.

The purpose of this Notice is to establish the minimum tug requirements for vessels 300 feet or more in length and tank ships / tank barges going in to and out of Kalaeloa Barbers Point Harbor (KBPH).

These requirements are necessary to increase the margin of safety for transiting vessels; due to the narrow entrance channel, the strong and unpredictable currents which are prevalent in that area, and the physical characteristics of the harbor that limit maneuverability.

Tug Requirements:

- * 1. All tankships carrying petroleum or similar hazardous cargo will have at least two tugs in attendance when entering or departing the harbor.
- 2. All tank barges carrying petroleum, LPG, or similar hazardous cargo will have at least one assist tug in attendance when entering the harbor. An assist tug for departure from the harbor shall be at the discretion of the tug master
- 3. All other vessels with a length of 450 feet or less must have at least one tug in attendance when entering the harbor.
- 4. All other vessels with a length of more than 450 feet must have at least two tugs in attendance when entering the harbor.
- 5. All ships with a length of 500 feet or less must have at least one tug in attendance when departing the harbor.
- 6. All ships with a length of more than 500 feet must have two tugs in attendance when departing the harbor.

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- * If a vessel has an adequate bow thruster, exceptions to these requirements may be considered by the Harbor Master and the U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port; on a case by case basis. (For a thruster to be considered adequate, it must be fully operational, and of sufficient power to significantly assist in the maneuvering of the vessel.)



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