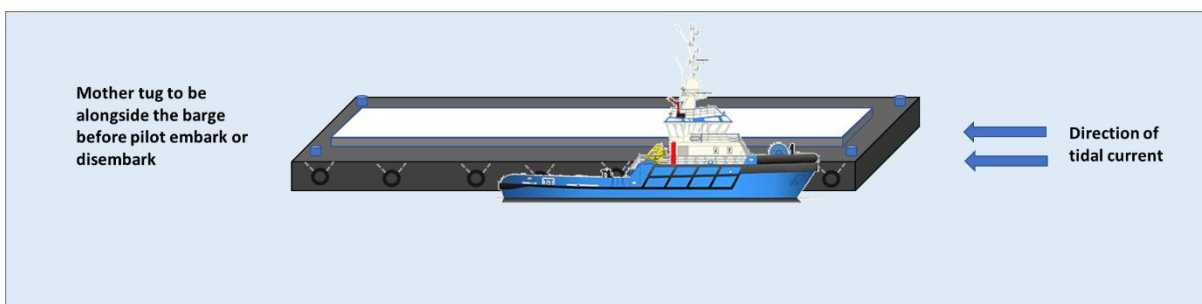


## Pilotage Circular

14 February 2023

### Embarkation/disembarkation of Pilot for tug towing barge

1. With immediate effect, line tow barge that requires Pilotage service shall fulfil the following requirements:
  - a. Prior to the embarkation/disembarkation of Pilot, the tug towing the barge shall be alongside the leeward side of the barge and the tug engine shall be stopped.



- b. The tug and barge shall stem the tidal current.
2. Additionally, the Master of the tug is reminded to ensure strict compliance of, *inter alia*, the following existing measures:
  - a. The access area shall be clear from obstacles,
  - b. A responsible officer of the tug shall be in attendance and ready to assist the Pilot,
  - c. Handhold or stanchions on the tug for the Pilot,
  - d. The access area shall have lightings positioned/shining on the overside and adequate illumination during hours of darkness,
  - e. Life-saving equipment such as self-igniting life buoy and heaving line in the vicinity of the access area.
3. In accordance with PSA Marine's existing practices, we will continue to refuse service to any Pilotage service for line tow barge if above conditions are not complied.
4. Please disseminate this notice to Barge Owner/Master.
5. PSA Marine is currently in discussion with MPA regarding the embarkation/disembarkation steps to and from the barge. We will provide details of this in the next line tow barge circular.
6. We thank you for your cooperation.

Regards  
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