

# PACIFIC PILOTAGE AUTHORITY

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## NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

**Date Issued:** January 18, 2013 **Notice Number:** 02/2013  
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**Subject:** Guideline for use of docking tugs at Centerm and Vanterm

**Geographic Area:** Vancouver Harbour

**Details:** There have been a number of incidents over the past several years where container cranes were damaged from vessels arriving or departing from Centerm and Vanterm container berths. Since implementation of this guideline the number of dockside incidents has dropped dramatically.

**Guideline:** **For vessels with a bowthruster; one tug of suitable power will be used on the stern and if the usable horsepower of the bowthruster is less than 4% of the vessel's summer deadweight, a second tug will be required forward.**

**Forvessels without a bowthruster; two tugs will be required.**

**Note:** This notice and the incident rate will be reviewed on an ongoing basis at the Tug Forum Meeting held annually at PPA.

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If there are any queries, concerns or a wish to further discuss these issues please feel free to contact me at [oberkev@ppa.gc.ca](mailto:oberkev@ppa.gc.ca) or by telephone at 604-666-6771.