

PACIFIC PILOTAGE AUTHORITY

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NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

Date Issued: 01 November 2013 **Notice Number:** 09/2013

Subject: Bollard Pull Certification for Ship Berthing & Escort Tugs

Geographic Area: Compulsory Pilotage Waters, BC

Details: Bollard pull is the generally accepted international measure of a tug's towing capacity. It is a recognized method for determining tug requirements for escort work and ship berthing.

Guideline:

- (1) On 24 July 2009, the Pacific Pilotage Authority (PPA) and the Chamber of Shipping of British Columbia (COSBC) agreed that, by 31 December 2013, bollard pull would become the adopted measure for all west coast tugs used for pilotage related services.
- (2) The expectation was that over the five-year period from 2009 to 2013, all tugs utilized for pilotage related services would carry out a bollard pull test following their Transport Canada periodic inspection and every five years thereafter.
- (3) In July & September of 2013, the PPA sent reminders to the various tug service providers about the bollard pull certification requirement.
- (4) The PPA anticipates that most tug service providers will comply with the bollard pull certification requirement; however, we wish to inform the industry stakeholders that tugs which do not meet the bollard pull certification requirements will not be used for any pilotage related services.

Please contact the undersigned at marineops@ppa.gc.ca or by telephone at 604-666-6771 if there are any queries or concerns.

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