



Tampa Bay Guidelines for Special Vessel Movements

These Special Vessel Movement Guidelines have been developed through a joint effort between the Tampa Bay Pilots Association and the local tugboat providers Marine Towing of Tampa and EN Bisso. These Guidelines are approved by the Tampa Bay Harbor Safety & Security Committee and supported by USCG Sector St. Petersburg. These Guidelines are always subject to any special circumstances and requirements can be adjusted accordingly.

Special Vessel Movements include dead ship tows, vessels with mechanical and/or navigation equipment casualties, barges being towed outside their designed configuration, and slow-moving vessels (barges) transporting equipment with a beam exceeding 106'. Any vessels transiting under a COTP Order may require additional safety requirements.

It is required that a Special Vessel Movement Form is submitted for approval to the email addresses attached to the bottom of the with the notice of arrival (NOA) at least 72 hours in advance of the requested movement date and time. Special Vessel Movements that are 3nm or less require submittal at least 24 hours in advance. All efforts will be made to schedule Special Vessel Movements at the requested date and time where possible - taking other vessel traffic and tugboat availability into consideration. Timely submittal of **all** required information will facilitate the best chance of scheduling the requested transit date and time.

Special Movement transits are to be made in daylight only and require a minimum visibility of 3 nautical miles. Tugboat operators should be notified in advance of NOA submittal to ensure tugboat availability for dead ship movements per the table below:

Dead Ship Assist Tug General Recommendations:

LOA of Tow	Tow Tugs	Assist Tugs	Total
Less than 350'	1	1	2
350' to 650'	1	2	3
Greater than 650'	1	4	5

Any dead ship tow with a LOA of less than 650 feet and a draft greater than 26 feet will require one additional assist tug to the requirements above.



Tampa Bay Special Vessel Movement Form

Vessel Information

Vessel Name _____ IMO # _____
Length _____ Beam _____ FWD Draft _____ AFT Draft _____
From _____ Side To (if applicable) _____
To _____ Side To (if applicable) _____
Requested Transit Date _____ Time _____ Duration _____

Contact Information

Owner _____ Operator _____ Agent _____
Name of Primary Point of Contact _____
24hr Phone # _____ Alternate Phone # _____
Email Address _____

Attached Documents

USCG Letter Of Deviation? Y / N
Comprehensive Tow Plan? Y / N
Any other Documents:



Vessel Equipment Status

Engine(s) _____

Steering Gear _____

Ground Tackle _____

Mooring Gear _____

Navigational Equipment _____

Other Relevant Equipment Information:

Towing Information (if applicable)

Lead Tug _____ Horsepower _____

Assist Tug _____ Horsepower _____

Assist Tug _____ Horsepower _____

Assist Tug _____ Horsepower _____

Assist Tug _____ Horsepower _____

Towing Bridle Configuration:

Other Relevant Towing Information:

Vessel Manning Status

Name of Master or PIC Onboard _____

Deck Crew type & quantity:



Movement Coordination (if applicable)

List of vessels or equipment moored adjacent to the origin or destination:

Any necessary coordinated movements with other vessels, equipment, sill walls, etc. at origin or destination:

Additional Comments or Information

Please send an electronic copy of this completed form to:

dispatch@tampabaypilots.com

operations@marinetowing.com OR tampadispatch@enbisso.com

cvtstampa@tampaport.com