TAMPA BAY PILOTS ASSOCIATION
SERVING TAMPA BAY SINCE 1886

Safe Mooring Acknowledgement

PLEASE CLOSELY READ AND **SIGN THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT 4 HOURS** BEFORE ARRIVAL AT TAMPA'S SEA BUOY OR SHIFTING TO BERTH

Your vessel is scheduled to moor at a berth that is located alongside a navigable channel where cruise ships and deep draft cargo vessels regularly transit. Due to the design, construction, and operations of your intended berth, vessels berthed at this location have historically experienced surging alongside the dock when other vessels pass at safe speeds.

A vessel's master is responsible to maintain safe mooring at all times. Please consider the following recommendations to ensure the safety of your vessel and others while alongside.

- Tend to mooring lines regularly and always keep all lines tight.
- Coordinate with the ship's agent on the schedule of passing ships to ensure extra attention is given to lines and mooring conditions while vessels pass.
- Any time your vessel is using mooring lines to warp the ship alongside the dock, or need to be slacked for any reason, please call and advise Vessel Traffic on VHF 12 before commencing the operation. Call Vessel Traffic again when the operation is complete and your vessel is secure.
- Considering the mooring arrangement, decide if extra mooring lines or other safety mitigations should be utilized.

Terminal operators are required to provide your vessel with a safe berth. If you have any concerns with the provided fenders, bollard positions, gangway arrangements, mooring position, or other characteristics of the wharf please communicate with the terminal operator to rectify any safety issues before other vessels pass in the adjacent channel.

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Vessel Name

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Sign & Print Date