

**CODE OF PRACTICE FOR CRAFT TOWAGE OPERATIONS ON
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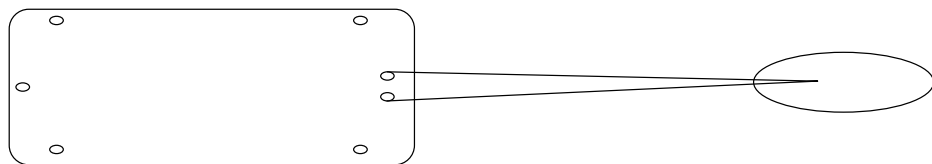
AMENDMENT NOTICE

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Towing below Denton Wharf

When towing below Denton Wharf, Tugmasters should be aware and take account of other river traffic and weather conditions that may effect the towage operation. Ships operating in this area will be near 'Sea Speed', and swell and wash will generally be larger, with the additional effects of weather being more apparent.

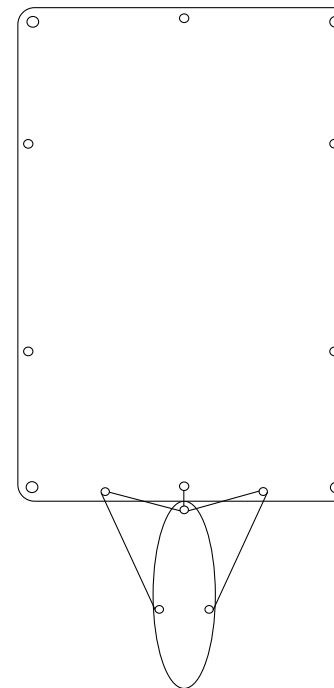
It is recommended that when a vessel is engaged in towage operations below Denton Wharf the tow should always be positioned astern of the towing vessel rather than alongside. The tow ropes should be lengthened to reduce the risk of them fetching up and parting, which could be caused by a large rolling swell from a ship or adverse weather conditions. It is not recommended that Tugmasters tow craft alongside below Denton Wharf as the additional effects of swell and weather could cause the tow ropes to fail which may be a result of increased movement between the two craft. This is particularly hazardous as the tow could become detached from the tug and there is an additional risk to persons working on deck.



Towing Astern
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Figure 4



Pushing Ahead

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