



**COMPULSORY TOWAGE AND PILOTAGE USAGE**  
**CONDITIONS FOR KILLYBEGS FISHERY HARBOUR**  
**CENTRE (FHC)**

**TO ALL PILOTS, AGENTS, SHIPPERS ETC**

The following conditions will apply to the berthing, shifting and unberthing of all vessels operating within the Fishery Harbour Centre limits as on from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 as outlined in S.I. No. 235/1987 ;-

- a) Compulsory pilotage applies to all non-fishing vessels over 50m unless authorised by the Harbour Master.
- b) Vessels less than or equal to 100m may be assisted by tugs with a bollard pull of less than 25 tonne. Tugs fitting these criteria must be approved by the Harbour Master annually. Specific conditions for these tugs may be imposed by the Harbour Master.
- c) All vessels over 100 meters in length if not fitted with a bow thruster (fully operational and effective) must use a tug with a bollard pull of at least 25 tonne.
- d) All vessels over 120 meters in length if fitted with a bow thruster (fully operational and effective) must use a tug with a bollard pull of at least 25 tonne.
- e) All cruise ships over 140m in length must use a tug with a bollard pull of at least 25 tonne.



- f) Certain vessels over 150 meters may require a second tug (these vessels will be individually risk assessed by the Pilot and Harbour Master).
- g) Tug assistance is required for both entry and exit from the harbour as per conditions (a – e), this will also include any shifting of vessels inside the harbour.
- h) Vessels that fall under the conditions above that need to be turned in the harbour to facilitate loading or unloading will require a tug and a pilot.
- i) Specialist/highly manoeuvrable vessels that use the harbour regularly may apply for an exemption certificate subject to approval by the Harbour Master. (Specifications of such vessels must be submitted to the Harbour Master prior to arrival for approval and authorisation).
- j) Exemption certificates will only be issued after the master of the vessel has completed a minimum of 3 trips in and 3 trips out (1 in and 1 out in darkness).

**Tug** - A tug must have an MSO (or equivalent) certification and a load line certificate and class approved bollard pull certification. Tugs less than 25 tonne bollard pull may have additional restrictions placed on them by the Harbour Master.

**Weather Limits** - Vessels will not be allowed enter the harbour in severe weather conditions. Conditions considered severe will be risk assessed on an individual basis by the Harbour Master.



**VHF Radio** - All radio communication will be done on channel 14

**Speed Limits** - Harbour speed limit for all vessels under pilotage is a maximum of 5 knots. The speed limit can only be increased for health and safety reasons with prior approval from the Harbour Master.

**Length:** Means length overall.

**THE HARBOUR MASTER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMMEND THESE CONDITIONS AT ANY TIME DEPENDING ON PREVAILING CONDITIONS**