

9. Tug procedures

9.1 General

Tugs are an aid to the safe and efficient maneuvering of ships in confined waterways.

Towage services are provided by Smit Lamnalco.

There are two tugs available for towage. Tugs are moored offshore at Boyd Point and are available on request.

Table 15 Tug information

Tug	Bhp	Bollard pull (t)	Duty Master Contact Details
SL Thunggun	6,780	85.3 tonnes	0436 635 416
SL Irrong	6,780	85.3 tonnes	0436 636 948

Amrun services terminal

Company profile: Smit Lamnalco provides Tugs and Draft Surveying Services to vessels in the port of Amgun

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9.1.1 Notification of tugs

Generally, the vessel's agent will requisition tug services via the QSHIPS program. Updates to tug bookings should be made via the [QSHIPS](#) program.

9.1.2 Communicating with tugs

Amrun tugs use VHF channel 11 when communicating with ships during operations. VHF channel 06 may be used as an alternative.

9.1.3 Tug requirements

All movements two tugs. In some adverse conditions, the Regional Harbour Master (Cairns), ship's master or pilot may require additional tugs to the minimum requirements listed in this section.

9.1.4 Caution in N'ly Conditions

In N'ly conditions tugs should be made fast as the vessel heads south from the Pilot Boarding Ground while they are in the lee of the vessel.

9.1.5 Request for Tug Reduction

A ships' Master may consider it appropriate to seek a reduction in the number of tugs required for a movement. Master of the ship must submit a request to the Regional Harbour Master utilising the appropriate form for each movement.

Each request must address each of the following criteria:

- Ship's name and IMO,
- Berth and side too,
- Capacity of bow thruster,
- Condition of the bow thruster,
- Defects/restrictions with navigational and mooring equipment, steering gear and engines including auxiliary engines),
- Draft Forward and Aft,
- Displacement,
- Declaration from Master stating he has assessed the intended manoeuvre and is satisfied with the request.

Appendix [16.11 Application for reduction in tugs](#) contains the appropriate form for requesting a tug reduction.

This form is to be submitted to Cairns VTS via email.