

TOWING APPLICATION



EMERGENCY TOWAGE REQUIREMENTS SHARPNESS PORT; GLOUCESTER AND SHARPNESS CANAL AND THE RIVER SEVERN

1. Introduction.

The following guidelines and requirements relate to towage operations within Canal & River Trust waters, being Sharpness Port, Gloucester and Sharpness Canal and the River Severn from Gloucester to Stourport on Severn.

Towage operations may include the provision of assistance to an operational vessel, the movement of 'dead' vessels and the movement of barges and floating equipment and plant into, out of or within the waterway area.

2. Pre-Approval of Emergency Towage Plan

The Canal and River Trust understand that there are occasions where there is a urgent need to tow a vessel, to prevent loss of life, assets or the environment. Due to this we agree to pre-approve operators to undertake towage in emergency circumstances.

Pre-Approved towing plans are valid to a single towing vessel. For companies that have more than one towing vessel that they wish to use for emergency towing

Once a towage company has been approved, they need to notify only Canal and River Trust that an emergency towing operation is being conducted.

The following details must be included in an emergency towing notification

1. Name of Towing Company
2. Pre-Approved Emergency Towing Plan Number
3. Name of vessel to be towed
4. Date
5. Time
6. Location of tow start and finish
7. Nature of emergency.

Notification must be sent to Sharpness.PortOperations@Canalrivertrust.org.uk prior to the tow commencing. No response is needed to commence the tow.

3. Approval of Emergency Towing Plan

Once a Emergency towing plan has been completed and submitted to Canal and River Trust, it will be reviewed and towage operators will be issued with an approved plan number. This will be valid for 2 years from the date of the plan being approved.

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APPLICATION FOR PRE-APPROVED TOWAGE OPERATIONS

Please complete this form as fully as possible. We will use this information to assess your proposals for navigational safety, water resource and other likely impacts on the waterway.

Customer Details (the legal entity responsible for the emergency towing operation and paying the fee)	
Towing Company Name:	
Name of Principal Contact:	
Contact Telephone Number:	
Contact Email Address:	
Date of Submission:	

Boat details – Towing Vessel	
Boat Name:	
Boat Type: (e.g barge, tug, tall ship)	
Length (m):	
Beam (m):	
Draught (m):	

Air Draught (m):	
Number of Crew :	
Minimum speed to maintain steerage:	

Details of proposed towing operation	
Crew Qualifications: (STCW/MCA/RYA)	
Vessel Certification: (Minimum Boat Safety Scheme or equivalent required)	
Towing equipment	
Type of tow line: wire / synthetic / combination*	
Max. length of tow line (m):	
Is an emergency towline rigged and accessible?	Yes / no*
Is a method of quick release provided?	Yes / no*
Is lighting fitted as required by COLREGS?	Yes / no*
Has method statement been provided?	Yes / no* (Copy to be provided to waterway)

Mandatory Compliance (*delete as applicable)	
Life Saving Appliances:	Yes / no*
Fire fighting equipment:	Yes / no*
Risk Assessment: (Health and Safety)	Yes / no* (Copy to be provided to waterway)

Insurance details – Towage company must have cover for emergency towing. (a copy must be provided to the Trust prior to operations)	
Towage insurance details:	
Insurance Provider:	
Policy Number:	
Expiry Date:	

Submission Checklist – For Internal Use Only	
Completed Application form	
Risk Assessment	
Method Statement	
Copy of Insurance (3 rd Party Liability/Public Liability)	

*delete as necessary

All forms and relevant documentation should be sent to
Sharpness.PortOperations@canalrivertrust.org.uk

or post to:

Canal & River Trust, Navigation House, Sharpness, Berkeley, GL13 9UD