

## 9. Tug procedures

### 9.1 General

All ocean going ships will require two tugs for berthing and two for departure.

The tugs are based at mooring buoys off Abbot Point. Masters are advised to request tugs in sufficient time, particularly taking into account that weather conditions may become unsafe, requiring the ship to move off the wharf.

Towage services are provided by Engage Marine; their North Queensland operations office is based in Bowen, Queensland.

|               | Bollard pull | H.P. | Steering system |
|---------------|--------------|------|-----------------|
| Engage Raider | 85t          | 6866 | ASD             |
| Engage Rogue  | 85t          | 6866 | ASD             |
| Engage Rebel  | 85t          | 6866 | ASD             |

Table 11 – Tug details

| Engage Marine     |  |
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| Company:          | Engage Marine  |
| Physical address: | Shop 2, 34-38 Herbert Street, Bowen  |
| Email             | <a href="mailto:Abbotpoint.office@engagemarine.com">Abbotpoint.office@engagemarine.com</a> |

Table 12 – Tug company contact information

#### 9.1.1 Notification of tugs

The vessel's agent will requisition tug services via the QSHIPS programme (see 3.5\_QSHIPS (Queensland Shipping Information Planning System)). Tug bookings are accepted by Engage Marine. Amendments to booking times should be made by phone to VTS Townsville. The office email address is monitored from 0800 to 1700 weekdays.

#### 9.1.2 Communicating with tugs

Abbot Point tugs use VHF channels 6, 8 and 12 for communicating with ships during berthing operations.