

HUDSON RIVER PILOTS ASSOCIATION

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RE: Scheduling of Hudson River Transits

The Hudson River Pilots Association has prepared this letter to address inquiries of large vessel movements for any vessel whose length overall is greater 660 feet, a beam greater than 106 feet, or deadweight tonnage over 50,000 tons (Very Large River Vessels). The enhanced considerations outlined are *in addition* to all considerations currently in place for the scheduling of all vessel movements. All movements for vessels of this size will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

The current considerations in place for a vessel to safely transit include but are not limited to:

- Tide restricted transits
- Deep draft limitations
- Air draft limitations
- Extreme weather
- Reduced Visibility
- Daylight transit hours

The enhanced considerations for the transit of any Very Large River Vessel include but are not limited to:

- Extended daylight transit windows
- Planned stays in authorized anchorages
- Tugboat assistance may be required between Matthew Point and Albany

The pilots may require the following for transits of these Very Large River Vessels:

- Two twin-screw tugboats with a minimum combined 5000 HP will be required for arrival & departure
- The dock at the Port of Albany Shed 2 through Shed 5 shall be free of all vessels in order to maneuver in the Albany basin
- A minimum of 1 foot of trim by the stern is required
- A mooring diagram of the vessel provided by the terminal and shared with the Master and Pilots.

Any Very Large River Vessel may experience delays due to any of the enhanced considerations restricting the vessel movement. For more information, please call 718-815-4316 to arrange to speak with a Hudson River Pilot or email us at HUDSONRIVERPILOTS@gmail.com.

Respectfully,

Hudson River Pilots Association