

**Wellington Regional Council**

**Harbourmaster's Direction 3/2022**

**Tow – Exclusion zone.**

**1. Preamble**

This direction is issued pursuant to section 33F of the Maritime Transport Act 1994 (the **MTA**) enabling the Harbourmaster to ensure maritime safety.

The tug MMA Vison will (weather permitting) be towing in the ship La Richardais (the tow refers to both vessels) into Wellington Harbour during the afternoon on Monday 6 June 2022 or when weather allows. The tow into the harbour will be undertaken in daylight only.

**2. Application**

This direction applies from Monday until the tow has arrived in Wellington Harbour, and to the area defined as the Narrow Channel in Schedule 6 in the Wellington Regional Navigation Safety Bylaws 2021 i.e. Pencarrow Light to the Rear Lead.

**3. Navigation Requirements**

Under MTA 33F(1)(c)(i) :

- 1) Vessels over 500 GRT are to navigate to allow for only the tow and supporting vessels in the channel.
- 2) No vessels over 500GRT are to use the outward track east of Falcon Shoal while the tow is using the channel.
- 3) Other vessels are to remain clear of the channel until the tow is north of Ward Island.

Vessels in the area are requested to heed advice given from the pilots on the tow and/or Wellington Harbour Radio.

**4. Liability**

The Wellington Regional Council shall not, in any case, be responsible for any loss or damage arising from the negligence of the master or crew of any vessel to which this direction applies, or for any loss, damage or incident involving the wharves.



N G Nalder  
Regional Harbourmaster  
Wellington Regional Council  
3 June 2022