

Tugboat regulations Luleå

Considering order and safety within the port area, the following has been established in consultation between the Swedish Maritime Administration and the Port of Luleå and shall apply from 22 July 2026.

The Port Authority may, in accordance with Section 18 of the Port Regulations, require tugboat assistance. The tugboat assistance rules for the Port of Luleå have been developed in consultation with the Swedish Maritime Administration and provide information on the number of tugboats required for arrivals and departures at the Port of Luleå. The calculation of the number of tugboats is based on normal current conditions and wind speeds up to 10 m/s. Under unfavorable current conditions and wind speeds exceeding 10 m/s, more tugboats than prescribed may be required. The pilot, together with the vessel's master, will determine on a case-by-case basis whether a planned vessel operation can be carried out with sufficient safety margins. As guidance when ordering tugboat assistance, specifications are provided for each terminal, berth, and the number of tugboats normally required.

Changes to the Port of Luleå's tugboat regulations shall be made in consultation with the Swedish Maritime Administration, Luleå pilot district

Definitions

Special Equipment	Operational bow thruster, stern thruster, or other special maneuvering equipment that significantly improves the vessel's maneuverability.
Azimuth Stern Drive (ASD)	A tugboat with propellers that can rotate 360 degrees independently of each other, providing excellent maneuverability.
PEC	Pilot exemption Certificate

A tugboat is defined in this document as a vessel built for towing and having a bollard pull of at least 26 tons.

For vessels > 45,000 DWT, the aft tug must be of ASD/Tractor type and must be connected no later than before passing Klubbnäset on arrival and disconnected only after passing Klubbnäset on departure.

PEC without Tugboat

When holding a PEC without tugboat assistance, tugboat assistance will not be provided without a pilot.

Cementa och Svartökajen

Deadweight	Special Equipment	Number of tugboats at*	
		arrival	departure
5.000 - 10.000	no	1	1
10.001 - 25.000	yes	1	0
10.001 - 45.000	no	2	2
25.001 - 45.000	yes	2	1
mer än 45.001	yes	2	2
mer än 45.001	no	3	2

UDDEBO OLJEHAMN

Deadweight	Special Equipment	Number of tugboats at*	
		arrival	departure
3.000 - 10.000	yes	1	0
3.000 – 10.000	no	1	1
10.001 - 25.000	yes	1	1
10.001 - 45.001	no	2	2
25.001 - 45.000	yes	2	1

mer än 45.001	no	2	2
mer än 45.001	yes	3	2

VICTORIAHAMNEN, outside quay

Deadweight	Special Equipment	Number of tugboats at*	
		arrival	departure
5.000 - 10.000	no	1	1
10.001 - 25.000	yes	1	0
10.001 - 45.000	no	2	2
25.001 - 45.000	yes	2	1
>45.001	no	2	2
> 45.001	no	3	2

VICTORIAHAMNEN, inside quay

Deadweight	Special Equipment	Number of tugboats at*	
		arrival	departure
> 5.000	Without regards to special equipment	1	1

SANDSKÄR, iron ore quay

Deadweight	Special Equipment	Number of tugboats at*	
		arrivall	departure
5.000 - 10.000	no	1	1
10.001 - 25.000	yes	1	0
10.001 - 45.000	no	2	2
25.001 - 45.000	yes	2	1
> 45.001	yes	2	2
> 45.001	no	3	2

For tugboat bookings, see the Port of Luleå website and Tugboat Orders.

* The regulations may be deviated from on special occasions.

Scandinavian Tugowners' Standard Conditions of 1959, revised in 1974 and 1985

The tug company (hereinafter referred to as "the Company") performs towing services under the following conditions:

Definitions

In these conditions, "the Customer" means the party that has placed the order or on whose behalf the order has been placed. "Damage" means financial loss of any kind, including total loss, damage, loss of income, expenses, and loss of or damage to cargo on board the towed vessel.

The Company's Liability Towards the Customer

The Company shall not be liable for damage suffered by the Customer in connection with the assignment unless the damage is the result of fault or negligence by the Company's management. However, the Company shall not be liable for fault or negligence committed by a person in the Company's management acting in the capacity of master of a tugboat or member of its crew. The Customer may in no circumstances claim compensation from the tugboat master, crew member, pilot, or any other person employed by the Company. The Company's liability shall in no event exceed SEK 100,000.

The Customer's Liability Towards the Company

The Customer shall compensate the Company for all damage suffered by the Company in connection with the assignment unless the Customer proves that neither the Customer nor any person for whom the Customer is responsible has, through fault or negligence, wholly or partially caused the damage. If the Company is held liable in connection with the assignment for damage caused to a third party, the Customer shall indemnify the Company unless the damage arose under circumstances in which the Company would have been liable to the Customer had the damage been suffered by the Customer.

