

# Tug and Small Commercial Vessel Licence Application



Licence to Operate a Tug or Small Commercial Vessel in the Area of the Crouch Statutory Harbour Authority

The power to licence Tugs is in accordance with Part III Section 26 of the **Crouch Harbour Authority Act 1974** which states.

Power to licence tugs, etc.

## 26.

[1] The Authority may from time to time license such number of tugs belonging to any person for such period, on such terms and conditions and on payment of such fee as the Authority think fit.

[2] It shall not be lawful otherwise than in an emergency for any person to use or employ any tug moving vessels within the harbour for fee or reward unless there is in force in thereto a licence granted under section [1] of this section

[3] Any person who contravenes the provisions of this section or of the terms and conditions of a licence granted under subsection [1] of this section shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds [Level 2 on the standard scale updated in March 2015 to £500.00]

[4] In this section “tug” means any vessel other than a vessel of five tons gross or less.

If you or your organisation intend to operate a tug [as defined above] within the Crouch Harbour Authority’s District either as a ‘*one off*’ or on a regular basis you must apply for a Licence.

Crouch Harbour Authority will accept any of the below certification as confirmation that the vessel is fit for purpose.

- Documentary evidence that the vessel is a registered sea going vessel, in class for the purpose that the licence is applied for
- An appropriate Certificate of Compliance with the Workboat/SCV Code issued by an MCA recognised Certifying Authority.

## Insurance

A copy of the vessel’s insurance certification relevant to the purpose that the licence is being applied for **MUST** be provided.

## RAMS [Risk Assessment Method Statement]

RAMS **MUST** be submitted to the office prior to each ‘ACT’ of towage

## Manning

A copy of Masters/Skippers qualifications must be provided.

**Note** – It is the operator’s responsibility to ensure all crew are suitably qualified and medically fit for their duties.