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ETA launches Guidelines for Safe Harbour Towage Operations

Safe and smooth port operations require a permanent surveillance of safety standards by every port service operator in the nautical chain.

The European Tugowners Association and its members have made it their firm commitment to keep working on the promotion of best practices enhancing awareness of basic safety issues.

Since the publication of the Joint ETA/EMPA Guidelines on Design and Layout of Harbour Towage Equipment in 2011, downloadable [here](#), the ETA identified operational safety risks that needed to be addressed by general guidelines.

The Technical Nautical Committee, chaired by Hamburg based member Petersen & Alpers' Peter Lindenau has now finalised a concise set of "Guidelines for Safe Harbour Towage Operations", which are available [here](#). Their publication will be introduced during European Shipping Week's visit to the port of Antwerp on 5th March 2015 by Captain Yves Beekman, whose contribution and experience was instrumental in the drafting.

The full programme of the ESW and registration details at www.europeanshippingweek.com.



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