Marine Exchange of Southern California (MX SOCAL)
Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Los Angeles and Long Beach

MX SOCAL VTS USER FEES

The Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach have approved a tariff adjustment which accounts for the industry trend toward fewer, larger ships. Effective 01 July 2015, and as mandated by State Law and specified in Port of Long Beach Tariff #4 and Port of Los Angeles Tariff #4, arriving vessels shall be assessed a "VTS User Fee" as stipulated below:

POWER-DRIVEN VESSELS 40 METERS (APPROXIMATELY 131 FEET) AND OVER:

SIZE CATEGORY	VESSEL LENGTH OVERALL (LOA) (*)	RATE (**)
1	NOT OVER 150M	$236
2	OVER 150M, UP TO 190M	$260
3	OVER 190M, UP TO 230M	$302
4	OVER 230M, UP TO 270M	$352
5	OVER 270M, UP TO 310M	$396
6	OVER 310M, UP TO 340M	$445
7	OVER 340M	$500

Notes:

(*) In addition to the above LOA VTS User Fees, each arriving covered vessel will be assessed $0.0032 per gross registered ton (GRT) as recorded by Lloyd's.

(**) User Companies (or their Agents) may be invoiced as follows:

(GROUP ONE BILLING): A monthly invoice covering all vessels arriving for the same liner company for that period; or

(GROUP TWO BILLING): Each ship billed individually upon arrival.

Please contact the Marine Exchange with your billing requirements and instructions for mailing or e-mailing (where and to whose attention).

"INNOCENT PASSAGE"—

Any "Covered Vessel" that passes through the VTS "Area of Responsibility" (which extends along a 25-mile radius from Point Fermin), and that does NOT make an official arrival at either the Port of Los Angeles or the Port of Long Beach (for the purpose of occupying a berth or an anchorage), shall be considered to have made an "Innocent Passage," **shall NOT be subject to any VTS User Fees.**

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No changes to MX VTS rates for vessel categories on this page.

TUGS WITH COMMERCIAL TOWS—

Every arriving power-driven vessel 8 meters (approximately 26 feet) or longer that is towing astern, alongside, or pushing ahead another vessel (or vessels) **shall be assessed a "VTS User Fee" of $215.** There is no fee for the towed vessel(s).

PASSENGER FERRIES (***) AND TUGS WITH COMMERCIAL TOWS (ENGAGED IN TRADE BETWEEN POLA/POLB AND SANTA CATALINA ISLAND) –

During the months of June, July, and August, such vessels shall be assessed a monthly "VTS User Fee" of $355 (for each vessel in operation – regardless of the number of trips made). **For the rest of the year, the rate will be $175 per month** (per vessel in operation – regardless of the number of trips made).

(***) Note: "Covered Vessels" in this category include all vessels certified to carry 50 or more passengers for hire (regardless of LOA or gross tonnage); and any vessel 100 gross tons and over, carrying 1 or more passenger for hire.

TUGS WITH COMMERCIAL TOWS, DREDGES, DERRICK BARGES, AND OTHER VESSELS ENGAGED IN "PORT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS" (AS OUTLINED IN POLB/POLA TARRIFS #4) –

Such vessels shall be assessed a monthly "VTS User Fee" of $355 (for each vessel in operation – regardless of the number of trips made in and out of the harbor). Provided, however, that if such a vessel makes only **ONE trip** in any given month, then that vessel shall be assessed the **basic $215 "VTS User's Fee"** for a standard "Tug with a commercial tow."

COMMERCIAL RESCUE/EMERGENCY ASSIST VESSELS –

Such vessels, when towing stranded or stricken recreational boaters (or other small craft), **shall be assessed a monthly "VTS User Fees" of $30** for each vessel engaged in such service.

"WHALE WATCHING" AND COMMERCIAL SPORT FISHING VESSELS:

Any vessel certified to carry 50 or more passengers, and dedicated to "whale watching" and/or commercial sport fishing, **shall be assessed a monthly fee of $59** for each vessel engaged in such service.

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