




# Tugs in Prince William Sound

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**FACT SHEET**

## Overview

Tugs in Prince William Sound (PWS) provide escorts for tankers transiting the Sound to and from the Valdez Marine Terminal (VMT), as well as for docking and undocking. Most tugs are also equipped for oil spill response operations. Edison Chouest Offshore's tugs are under contract with Alyeska Pipeline Service Company's Ship Escort / Response Vessel System (SERVS).

Vessel Class	Vessel Name(s)	Overall Length (ft)	Horsepower & Propulsion Method	Bollard Pull (lbs)	Main Engines	Response Equipment
Escort / Towing / FFV1 (ASD 4517)	<i>Challenger; Champion; Commander; Contender; Courageous;</i>	140	12,336 HP / azimuthing-drive w Kort nozzle and variable pitch propellers	300K	2 CAT C280-16 diesel engines	Oil detection, dispersant systems on 2 tugs, FFV1 firefighting, IR camera, Render/Recover winches 
General Purpose (ASD 3212)	<i>Bainbridge; Elrington; Ingot; LaTouche</i>	102.52	6,008 HP / azimuthing-drive w Kort nozzle	145K	2 CAT 3516 [HD] diesel engines	Oil detection, fire-fighting on 2 tugs 
Utility	<i>Ross Chouest</i>	256.5	11,400 HP / Conventional w Kort nozzles	275K	2 CAT 3612 diesel engines	Anchor handler, deck crane 

## For more information

### Tanker Escort System:

[www.pwsrcac.org/programs/maritime/tanker-escort-system/](http://www.pwsrcac.org/programs/maritime/tanker-escort-system/)

### Alyeska's SERVS:

[www.alyeska-pipe.com/TAPS/SERVS](http://www.alyeska-pipe.com/TAPS/SERVS)

The Council's Port Operations & Vessel Traffic System (POVTS) committee monitors port and tanker operations in Prince William Sound. For more information about the committee or any of their projects, contact project manager Alan Sorum at [alan.sorum@pwsrcac.org](mailto:alan.sorum@pwsrcac.org)

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