

Ship: IMO:

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Date: 6/2/12

Time of Day: 1600

From: sea

Draft FWD: 35 AFT: 35

To: G'port west

Trim: none

☐ Day☒ Night☒ STD Propeller☐ Pitch Propeller

Problem:

☐ Visibility☒ Handling☐ Other

Weather: good

Wind: 5-10 knots

Comments: Poor handling characteristics. Slow rudder response. Used hard right and left rudder to stop swing when in centerline of channel.
The possible cause may be the design of the rudder. Owners tend to build smaller rudders for the size of vessel to save in fuel costs. This makes the vessel extremely hard to maneuver in narrow channels such as HSC.

Opinion: Please at least one and one half foot trim by the stern may help in her handling characteristics. A tractor escort may help if trim is not implemented.

Date Submitted: 6/2/12 10:24

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