

4.1.2 If deemed necessary, request an assist tug if one is not already present.

4.1.3 Consult Operations for direction.

4.2 Kirby chartered vessels will not transit in zero visibility conditions those bridges designated by Kirby as narrow span bridges. (See Kirby Charter Handbook)

4.3 When approaching and transiting the bridge, the minimum speed necessary to maintain steerage way and adequate control of the barge is recommended.

## 5.0 BRIDGE TRANSITS PROCEDURE

5.1 The wheelhouse person on watch will assess his own human performance factors:

5.1.1 Physiological and physical state

5.1.2 Mental stressors

5.1.3 Health and well-being

5.1.4 Morale

5.2 If any of the aforementioned human performance factors will interfere with the bridge transit, call the Duty Port Captain immediately.

5.3 The wheelhouse person on watch will gather necessary information and properly plan for the bridge transit. Some factors to consider are:

5.3.1 Adequate, reliable and timely information

5.3.2 Tow configuration

5.3.3 Weather conditions and considerations

5.3.4 Waterway conditions and considerations

5.3.5 Other vessel traffic in the area

5.4 Under no circumstances will the wheelhouse person on watch responsible for the transit make the bridge due to:

5.4.1 Management pressure

5.4.2 Pride

5.5 The wheelhouse person on watch for the transit will be:

5.5.1 Current on applicable licenses required

5.5.2 Proficient with the Rules of the Road

5.5.3 Familiar with the route.