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## Marine Towing of Tampa joins Green Marine

**Tampa, FL, July 5, 2022** – Marine Towing of Tampa, LLC, is the newest participant in Green Marine, the leading voluntary environmental certification program for North America's maritime industry.

A provider of ship-assist services at Port Tampa Bay, Port Manatee and at all facilities throughout the Tampa Bay area since 1999, the company's fleet is comprised entirely of high horse-power Z-drive tugs that more effectively deliver the power required in close quarters.

"We believe that state-of-the-art equipment is essential to provide our customers with first-class service and our community with a sustainable business," said Steve Swindal, the company's Chair and majority owner. "We pride ourselves on regular fleet renewal to improve efficiencies and look forward to determining what else we can do to reduce our footprint as we pursue Green Marine certification."

David Bolduc, Green Marine's President, welcomed Marine Towing of Tampa to the environmental certification program. "The company will no doubt bring a lot of expertise and experience to the table when it comes to discussing the future sustainability of tugboat operations," Bolduc said. "Marine Towing will also have access to a wide network of ship owners with similar operations at various ports throughout North America."

To achieve Green Marine certification, Marine Towing of Tampa will assess its environmental performance through indicators that address such issues as greenhouse gases, air emissions, oily discharge, underwater noise, and waste management. The certification process is rigorous and transparent, with results independently verified every two years and each participant's individual performance made public annually.

## About Marine Towing of Tampa, LLC

Launched in October 1999 by a group of local towing professionals, Marine Towing of Tampa, LLC, owns and operates ship docking tugs in Florida's Tampa Bay region.

Having pioneered the advent of highly versatile tractor tugs in the United States in the early 1980s, the management and staff believe that state-of-the-art equipment is a





prerequisite to a successful tugboat business and regularly invests in fleet renewal. It operates a modern fleet of high horsepower Z-drive tugboats to maximize fuel and other efficiencies.

## Green Marine overview

Founded in 2007, Green Marine's North American environmental certification program is celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> year as a voluntary effort by the shipping industry to go beyond regulations. There are currently more than 170 ship owners, port authorities, terminal operators and shipyard managers throughout Canada and the United States participating in the program. A pivotal element of Green Marine's success from the outset has been the active support from environmental stakeholders, the scientific community, and governments. A significant number of the more than 90 Green Marine supporters participate in reviewing and shaping the environmental program. More details are available at <u>www.green-marine.org</u>.

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