

Tug Owner of the Year

Awarded to a tug owner that has set industry benchmarks in one or more of the following areas over the last 12 months: safety, operations, technical excellence, crewing and training, ESG, business development.

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KOTUG International

- Rapid expansion transforming into global offshore and terminal towage leader
- Innovations in emission-free electric inland tugs and AI scheduling tools
- Offering solutions and services even to competitor companies
- Strong acquisitions and FPSO contract wins

SAAM Towage

- Pioneering adoption of battery-powered tugs, leading to 2400+ tons annual CO2 reductions
- Strategic partnerships aligned on sustainability goals
- Maintaining bollard pull and capability with specialised electric propulsion

Boluda Towage

- Now the largest global tug operator after strategic acquisitions
- Modernising fleets and studying methanol and other alt fuels
- Implementing sensor systems to monitor fuel and enhance efficiency

McAllister Towing

- 40% emissions intensity decrease over 15 years
- Investing in powerful and low emission support tugs
- Restoring habitats beyond compliance requirements

P&O Maritime Logistics

- Added new ASD and tractor tugs, reflecting commitment to meet customer needs
- Renewal of crucial Maputo Port Development contract
- Plans to invest significantly in biofuels, efficient engines, emissions monitoring, etc.
- Opting for technologies that balance sustainability aims and commercial needs

Sri Lanka Shipping Company (SLSC)

- Handled 75% of port calls in Colombo during economic crisis
- Completed 4,000nm tow from Gabon to UAE setting record
- Sustained pre-crisis crew levels through dedicated welfare schemes
- Handled X-Press Pearl container vessel salvage, mitigating further ecological impact