

Coast Guard Towing Policy

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The Coast Guard will only tow a vessel if it is deemed to be in danger. If the vessel is not in danger, the Coast Guard will not tow it.

The guidelines the Coast Guard uses are:

1. Be at least two nautical miles from shore
2. Be unable to propel itself under its own power
3. Be in danger of sinking, capsizing, or grounding
4. Pose a threat to navigation

If you do not meet these requirements, like running out of fuel on a calm day, your option is to engage a towing outfit like SeaTow <https://seatow.com/> or TowBoat US (Boat US), <https://boat.us/>. Both offer various forms of membership. You can still call them if not a member, but the price will be higher.

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