

## NOTICE TO MARINERS 18 of 2016

### PLA PUBLICATIONS

The Port of London Authority (PLA) is advising all port and river users – including ship and boat operators, masters and crew, agents, terminal and berth operators - that it has ceased the issue of some of its publications in ‘hard copy’ printed booklet form. Instead, these publications will only be published online / electronically.

This step will allow us to improve the speed and efficiency of making amendments to publications and ensure the most up-to-date version is always available. It will also have a useful environmental benefit by reducing paper use and waste.

Continuing technological advances – including laptops, ‘tablets’ and similar devices – mean that most users can now access PLA regulatory publications and guidance electronically. Many users read our publications online and/or download and save to devices to be read later.

However, any river or port user who still requires a printed copy of a publication can print out a copy directly from the website. Alternatively – e.g. for those without ready access to a computer printer - it will be possible for the PLA to provide print-offs of specific publications in paper form. (Full details and charges are available on request)

Some publications, such as Codes of Practice will continue to be available in printed booklets, and we will also continue to print our 2-yearly update of the popular ‘Tidal Thames: Recreational Users Guide’.

All PLA publications can be found on the website: [www.pla.co.uk](http://www.pla.co.uk)

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