

PILOTAGE DIRECTIONS AMENDMENTS

Introduction

The Port of London Authority (PLA), as a Competent Harbour Authority within the meaning of the *Pilotage Act 1987* and in the exercise of its powers under Section 7 of that Act, intends to amend the Pilotage Directions for the port. This Public Consultation notice gives both notice and detail of the changes. We welcome comments to the changes from the owners of ships which customarily navigate within the compulsory pilotage area and any other persons who carry on harbour operations within the harbour of the authority.

The updated Pilotage Directions are contained in full, as an appendix to this notice, with a brief summary below. Changes, including additions and deletions, are shown in purple. Current Pilotage Directions can be found on our [website](#). In addition to the content changes, we will also improve the website experience for navigating the Pilotage Directions and align the presentation style with our [General Directions](#).

Summary of Significant Changes

- Section 6 empowers the harbourmaster to require any vessel to take a pilot in the interests of the safety of navigation.
- The addition of the Crouch Harbour Authority pilotage authorisation area.
- The capacity to accept PEC B applications East of Sea Reach 1 on a case-by-case basis.
- Minor changes to the PEC requirements including amendments to the specific requirements around tripping.

Responses

Any comments you may have in response to this consultation exercise should be addressed, in writing, to the Marine Compliance Department at the address below, or by e-mail to: cn@pla.co.uk, to arrive by **14th April 2023**. All comments must be submitted before the closing date.

Issue Date:
14/03/2023

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Harbour Master

CLOSING DATE: 14/04/2023

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