

# Charges 2020



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# PORT OF LONDON AUTHORITY CHARGES 2020

## **Introduction**

This publication entitled “*Charges 2020*” comes into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and applies until replaced. It states the published rates and charges for services provided by the Port of London Authority.

It replaces the charges in the publication “*Charges 2019*” which will, on and after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020, cease to have effect.

The regulations governing the charging and collection of dues are set out in “*Charges Terms and Conditions 2020*” (“the Regulations”). These Regulations determine the basis upon which the Port of London Authority’s (PLA) facilities and moorings may be used. The Regulations also set out the circumstances under which payments are due to the PLA and establishes liability for those payments.

## **Payment Terms**

Payment is due immediately (i.e. on production of invoice).

**Invoices** will be issued electronically by email as standard. Invoice queries must be addressed to [charges@pla.co.uk](mailto:charges@pla.co.uk) within 7 days from invoice date. We reserve the right to charge an administration charge per paper invoice.

### **Direct Debit Customers**

Direct Debit payments from customers will be due and collected no earlier than 10 working days from date of invoice.

### **All Other Customers**

We reserve the right to apply an administration charge per invoice for payment by another method other than Direct Debit.

## **Interest and Debt Recovery**

Interest and debt recovery costs will be charged in accordance with any applicable contracts. Where no contract exists or it is silent on the subject of interest and debt recovery costs, we reserve the right to apply statutory interest of 8% above the Bank of England reference rate and a fixed amount for debt recovery costs to all debts more than 30 days overdue.

## **VAT**

Unless stated otherwise all charges quoted in this schedule are subject to Value Added Tax at the appropriate rate.

## **Tonnage for Charges Purposes**

The Gross Tonnage (GT) of a vessel is the gross tonnage as ascertained in accordance with the International Convention of Tonnage Measurement of Ships 1969. When the certificate has not been made available to the PLA Charges Office, the PLA reserve the right to use the GT as stated in the current Lloyd's Register of Ships.

If the GT is incorrect in the current Lloyd's Register of Ships or if a vessel is re-measured, charges will be levied on the revised tonnage from the date the PLA Charges Office is notified of the correct tonnage and if relevant when the revised certificate of measurement is produced to the PLA Charges Office.

The full Regulations can be found in the "*Charges Terms and Conditions 2020*" from which this extract has been taken.

## Conservancy Charges on Vessels

1	Estuary charge applicable to all vessel arrivals from outside PLA limits	Per GT	
		Non-LNG	LNG*
	Up to 3,000 tonnes	£0.015	£0.030
	3,001 to 10,000 tonnes	£0.016	£0.032
	10,001 to 55,000 tonnes	£0.017	£0.034
	55,001 to 100,000 tonnes	£0.018	£0.036
	Over 100,000 tonnes	£0.023	£0.046

\*LNG - Liquid Natural Gas carrier

### 2 Conservancy charge applicable to vessels discharging / loading within PLA limits

#### Class I

All vessels other than Class II

Up to 3,000 tonnes	£0.038
3,001 to 10,000 tonnes	£0.090
10,001 to 55,000 tonnes	£0.165
Over 55,000 tonnes	£0.238

#### Class II

Ro-Ro vessels:

Up to 10,000 tonnes	£0.012
10,001 to 25,000 tonnes	£0.020
Over 25,000 tonnes	£0.038

Cruise vessels: £0.054

A minimum charge of £29.00 (inclusive of the Estuary charge) applies to each chargeable voyage for vessels discharging / loading within PLA limits.

Vessels registered under the Environmental Ships Index (ESI) scheme with a score equal to or greater than 30 points will receive a 10% discount on the vessel conservancy charge excluding the Estuary charge. An additional 10% will be awarded to vessels scoring 50 points or more. The PLA reserves the right to amend this discount at any time.

## Conservancy Charges on Cargo

### Description of Goods

<b>1</b>	<b>Goods other than containers / trailers</b>	<b>Per Tonne</b>
a	Mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances, mineral waxes	£0.253
b	All other goods	£0.169
<b>2</b>	<b>Containers</b>	<b>Per Unit</b>
	Up to 20'	£1.96
	Up to 30'	£2.85
	Up to 40'	£3.28
	Up to 45'	£3.28
	Over 45'	Price on application
<b>3</b>	<b>Trailers</b>	<b>Per Unit</b>
		£2.62
<b>4</b>	<b>Overdue Manifest Fee</b>	<b>Per Manifest, Per Month</b>
	Chargeable on all manifests not received within 72 hours of the vessel arriving or leaving PLA limits.	£100

**Note:** *As an alternative, payment on container / trailer cargoes may be made at the tonnage rate for 'All other goods', based on the actual gross weight of cargo.*

## T.O.S.C.A Charges

Additional Conservancy Charge on specific oil.

Description of Goods	Per Tonne
1. Mineral Oils (excluding petroleum coke and similar products)	£0.034
2. Animal / Vegetable Oils	£0.017

## Pilotage

### **Procedure for obtaining the services of a Pilot for the London pilotage (as per the current “*Pilotage Directions*”)**

#### **Notice - General**

The complexity of the scheduling of Pilots to vessels over such a large area as the Thames means that forward planning is vital to keep costs and delays to a minimum. It is therefore vital that sufficient notice is given of the requirement for the services of a PLA Pilot, as described below. Non-compliance with the described ordering procedures may result in a delay to the vessel, or a surcharge.

#### **Provisional Pilot Orders**

All vessels requiring the services of a PLA Pilot must make a PROVISIONAL ORDER to London Port Control Centre at Gravesend. This includes inbound vessels, outbound vessels leaving a berth, buoy, tier or anchorage, as well as those which are made underway in order to move from one berth, buoy, tier or anchorage to another, or moving from an anchorage.

This PROVISIONAL ORDER should give a minimum of 24 hours advanced notice of the requirement for a Pilot. This is concurrent with the notice requirements of PLA General Direction No 13 - “Reporting vessel movements in the Thames”. In addition to these reporting requirements the following information is required:

- location at which the Pilot is required;
- vessel IMO number;
- gross tonnage (gt);
- length overall;
- operating draught;
- full manoeuvring speed;
- destination (name of berth or anchorage for an inward passage);
- destination (for an outward passage);
- date and time (as accurate as is possible) at which the Pilot is required; and
- all other reports and information required by the Merchant Shipping (Vessel Traffic Monitoring and Reporting Requirements) Regulations 2004 and the Dangerous Goods in Harbour Areas Regulations 2016.

This information must be provided through the PLA's dedicated web-based ordering system - 'PISCES' (See Regulation 5.3 of the Pilotage Directions).

In the event of any disruption to the PISCES system, e-mail orders will be accepted.

Vessels, for which PROVISIONAL ORDERS are not received, in accordance with the above procedure, will not be prioritised and will therefore risk incurring delay. It is good practice and advisable to also back up subsequent verbal changes with hard copy.

### **Confirmed Pilot Orders**

Confirmation of the requirement for a PLA Pilot should be given to London Port Control Centre at Gravesend. This constitutes COMPULSORY NOTICE, and shorter notice than is set out below may attract a surcharge and may result in delay to the vessel.

A confirmed order will not be accepted without the draught of the vessel. Draught is a vital component of a confirmed order, as the PLA will use it to determine the class of the Pilot allocated to the vessel, and it will influence the planning of the passage. Failure to give an accurate confirmed draught, or to keep PLA informed of any subsequent changes, may result in a delay to the vessel, or a charge for cancelling and reallocating the Pilot.

### **Notice Requirements**

CONFIRMED PILOT ORDERS should be given in accordance with the following requirements:

#### **Inward Bound Vessels**

A CONFIRMED ORDER must be given in advance of the vessel's ETA at the Pilot station, as follows:

- 8 hours from the Sunk Pilot Station.
- 6 hours from the NE Spit and Warp Pilot stations.
- 6 hours by vessels which are inward bound from any East coast port within the range of Great Yarmouth to Dover.

**Outward Bound Vessels** (and vessels which are made underway in order to move between berths or vessels moving from an anchorage other than in the Estuary):

A CONFIRMED ORDER must be given in advance of the vessel's ETD, as follows:

- 6 hours if the vessel is proceeding beyond Sea Reach 1.



- 4 hours if the vessel only requires the services of a River Pilot as far as Gravesend or Sea Reach 1.

### **Vessels at anchor in the Estuary**

Notice may be given by vessels at anchor in the Estuary (bound for London or the Medway Ports) as follows:

- 8 hours by vessels which anchor in the general vicinity of the Sunk or are inward bound from any port adjacent to the **northern and north-eastern** limits of the London Pilotage District.
- 6 hours by vessels which anchor in the general vicinity of the **Outer Tongue or Margate Roads**.
- 4 hours by vessels proceeding from the **inner London anchorages** (Mouse, Southend and Warp Deep Water, Great Nore, Southend Lettered, Leigh Small Ships, Chapman, Mucking, Higham Bight and Gravesend Lower).

### **Reduced Notice**

The PLA will accept less notice without imposing a surcharge where it is not practicable to comply with the minimum notice requirements and in particular:

- Inward bound voyages to the limit of the London Pilotage District of less duration than the minimum notice requirement.
- Turnaround times for sailing from a London berth of less duration than the minimum notice requirement.

In these cases, the PLA will accept the maximum possible notice where it has been given in good faith.

### **Short Notice**

The PLA regrets that it may not be possible to prioritise short notice orders, or if fulfilled they may incur a penalty.

### **Variations once an order has been confirmed**

Changing a pilot order at short notice once it has been confirmed may incur a penalty.

### **Vessels Anchoring in the London Pilotage District**

Vessels required to anchor before proceeding to their destination must request from the appropriate VTS Centre by VHF radio, permission for the Pilot to remain on board until the vessel is

required to get underway. No arrangements may be made in this respect with an individual Pilot.

Under normal circumstances when a vessel anchors for an extended period, the Pilot will remain on board for a maximum period of three hours before being relieved, to be replaced by another Pilot before the vessel leaves the anchorage.

Inward or outward bound vessels required to anchor, and which have used the services of a Pilot must, as soon as is practicable, advise the appropriate VTS Centre by VHF radio of their ETA at the anchorage in order that arrangements can be made to land the Pilot. When a Pilot is required to make the vessel underway in order to move from the anchorage, the vessel must comply with the requirements of Regulation 2.3 of the Pilotage Directions.

### **Vessels Requiring Pilots to Embark at Continental Ports**

Vessel owners / agents wishing a PLA Pilot to board at a continental port should obtain the approval of the PLA Pilotage Administration office (see regulation 5 of the Pilotage Directions) not later than 3 days before the service is required. Shorter notice may be considered if pilotage resources allow. Should the services of a Pilot be cancelled within 2 days prior to the date that the Pilot is required to join the vessel at a continental port; a cancellation fee will be charged, plus any expenses already incurred.

**Note:** *Port of London Pilots will only conduct pilotage within the normal operational area of the London Pilotage District and its approaches.*

### **Vessels Overcarrying Pilots**

Vessels over-carrying Pilots must provide suitable accommodation, in the form of a single, non-smoking cabin, and victuals and lifesaving equipment for the Pilot. No arrangements may be made with an individual Pilot.

### **Vessels Requiring Pilots to Embark or Disembark at UK Ports**

Arrangements can be made for Pilots to embark or disembark at other UK ports subject to availability and adequate notice.

### **Larger Vessels – Enhanced Pilot Training**

Tankers and gas carriers of 190m or more in Length Overall or 10.5m draught or more, and containerships of 320m or more in

Length Overall or 13.5m draught or more are required to employ the services of a Pilot who has undertaken enhanced training relevant to this size of vessel. Risk assessment may determine that on occasion, vessels of this size take two Pilots, for which there will be an additional charge.

### **Welfare of Pilots Onboard Vessels**

Vessels must provide the Pilot with a smoke-free environment both on the bridge and in the accommodation provided to an over-carried Pilot.

### **Pilotage Charges**

#### **Introduction**

The following information sets out the PLA charges for providing London bound vessels with the services of an authorised pilot, and the charges for obtaining pilotage exemption and local navigation certificates effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

The current “*Pilotage Directions*” are available on our website and should be read in conjunction with this Schedule.

#### **Basic Pilotage Charge (Schedule A)**

The pilotage charge for ships using a PLA authorised pilot relates to the distance of the pilotage act between two areas within the Port. There are six defined areas below Gravesend Pilot Station:

- i) Sunk
- ii) N.E. Spit
- iii) Oil Terminals / London Gateway / Chapman Anchorages
- iv) Warp
- v) Medway
- vi) Gravesend Reach (Lower)

and four sectors above Gravesend Pilot Station:

Sector A - Gravesend Reach (Upper) to Crayford Ness

Sector B - Crayford Ness to Margaret Ness

Sector C - Margaret Ness to Deptford Creek

Sector D - Deptford Creek to Putney Bridge

The basic pilotage charge (Schedule A), comprises the sum of two elements ([A]+[B]):

**[A]** A rate based on the GT of the vessel

For the purposes of this schedule, the Gross Tonnage (GT) of a vessel is the gross tonnage ascertained in accordance with the International Convention of Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969.

- i) The charges for roll-on / roll-off vessels will be applied to 50% of the GT.
- ii) In the case of a 'vessel' under tow, charges will be calculated on the combined GT of the tug and 'vessel'.

**[B]** A charge according to the deepest draught of the vessel (at any time during the pilotage act). The charge will be based on the greater of the actual ships draught or that provided on the confirmed order.

### **PNPF Levy**

A levy of 7.5% will apply to all pilotage charges, including Pilotage Exemption Certificates, but excluding Boarding and Landing charges. This supplement will be ring fenced to part fund the PLA share of the liability for the deficit in the Pilots' National Pension Fund.

### **Non-routine Towage Operation**

A non-routine towage operation, (as defined in the latest PLA edition of "The Code of Practice for Craft Towage Operations on the Thames") will be charged at an hourly rate to reflect the additional time taken in such circumstances.

### **Boarding and Landing (Schedule B)**

The PLA have contractual arrangements for the boarding and landing services provided at the N.E. Spit, the Sunk and the general area of the Warp and Southend. The appropriate charge is passed onto the shipowner / agent as a separate element on the PLA's pilotage invoice.

A separate charge for boarding and landing at Gravesend is applicable whether the vessel is underway, on buoys or at anchor.

### **Extra Charges (Schedule C)**

Where appropriate, additional charges are applied as set out in the Schedule.

### **Tripping Charges (Schedule D)**

Tripping charges are set out in the Schedule.

### **Exemption and Local Navigation (LNC) Certificates (Schedule E)**

Applications for a new Certificate or an extended PEC or LNC must undergo an assessment act with a PLA pilot to verify navigational skill and local knowledge. Existing PEC holders should undergo an assessment every fifth year. The charges for assessments acts, fees for examination and the granting and renewal of certificates are set out in the schedule.

### **Liability**

The PLA employs pilotage resources to provide a high level of service. However, there will be a limited number of occasions when, for operational reasons, a pilot is not immediately available. The provision of pilotage services is accordingly subject to availability, and the PLA does not accept any responsibility for delay, damage or economic loss attributable to the lack of a pilot in such circumstances. In the event that a pilot is not supplied due solely to the PLA's negligence, then the PLA's liability for any loss or damage directly attributable to the failure to provide a pilot is limited to the amount which would have been charged for their services.

### **Reviews**

Dispute of charges arising from telephone orders, electronic or hard copy will be subject to verification, which may involve review of PLA's audio recordings. Where our records are deemed to be in support of the charges levied, an Administration charge may be made to reflect the time lost. Customers are recommended to note the date and time of conversations pertinent to notifications and orders, and as additional precaution, refer to PISCES afterward.

## Schedule A

### Schedule of Basic Pilotage Charges

**Basic Pilotage Charges for Acts between  
SUNK and:**

Rate No.	Oil Terminals / Chap Anchor / London Gateway S1	Warp S2	Gravesend S3	Sector A S4
A) GT Charge (£/tonne)	0.025	0.021	0.028	0.038
B) Draught Charge Draught (m)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Up to 9.00	1235	986	1400	1968
9.01 - 10.00	1488	1164	1690	2384
10.01 - 11.00	1763	1358	2005	2841
11.01 - 12.00	2066	1562	2349	3340
12.01 - 13.00	2394	1783	2723	3882
13.01 - 14.00	2748	2015	3124	4462
14.01 - 15.00	3127	2263	3557	5095
15.01 - 16.00	3506	2511	3991	5729
16.01 - 17.00	3885	2759	4424	6361
17.01 - 18.00	4264	3006	4857	6994
Over 18.00	4643	3254	5290	7627

**Basic Pilotage Charges for Acts between  
N.E.SPIT and:**

Rate No.	Oil Terminals / Chap Anchor / London Gateway N1	Warp N2	Gravesend N3	Sector A N4
A) GT Charge (£/tonne)	0.020	0.017	0.023	0.033
B) Draught Charge Draught (m)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Up to 5.00	412	350	466	673
5.01 - 6.00	541	455	606	885
6.01 - 7.00	686	568	770	1132
7.01 - 8.00	853	692	958	1414
8.01 - 9.00	1044	831	1164	1732
9.01 - 10.00	1255	976	1395	2089
10.01 - 11.00	1481	1136	1642	2478
11.01 - 12.00	1733	1305	1915	2906
12.01 - 13.00	2005	1487	2204	3363
13.01 - 14.00	2299	1678	2515	3853
14.01 - 15.00	2610	1881	2853	4391
15.01 - 16.00	2921	2084	3191	4929
16.01 - 17.00	3233	2287	3529	5466
17.01 - 18.00	3544	2489	3867	6004
Over 18.00	3855	2692	4205	6542

**Basic Pilotage Charges for Acts between  
OIL TERMINALS / LONDON GATEWAY and:**

Rate No.	Garrison Pt. O1	Gravesend O2	Sector A O3
A) GT Charge (£/tonne)	0.010	0.005	0.015
B) Draught Charge Draught (m)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Up to 5.00	170	109	316
5.01 - 6.00	215	141	420
6.01 - 7.00	262	172	534
7.01 - 8.00	315	210	666
8.01 - 9.00	370	248	816
9.01 - 10.00	433	292	986
10.01 - 11.00	500	336	1172
11.01 - 12.00	570	387	1378
12.01 - 13.00	646	435	1594
13.01 - 14.00	725	490	1828
14.01 - 15.00	809	545	2083
15.01 - 16.00	893	599	2337
16.01 - 17.00	977	653	2590
17.01 - 18.00	1061	708	2845
Over 18.00	1145	762	3099



**Basic Pilotage Charges for Acts between  
WARP / MEDWAY and:**

Rate No.	Oil Terminals / Chap Anchor / London Gateway W1	Gravesend W2	Sector A W3	Sector B W4	Sector C W5
A) GT Charge (£/tonne)	0.010	0.010	0.020	0.029	0.032
B) Draught Charge Draught (m)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Up to 5.00	128	189	396	517	577
5.01 - 6.00	169	248	527	693	801
6.01 - 7.00	212	313	675	900	1074
7.01 - 8.00	275	404	887	1146	1415
8.01 - 9.00	330	479	1083	1400	1786
9.01 - 10.00	388	565	1302	1678	2216
10.01 - 11.00	451	653	1537	1978	2683
11.01 - 12.00	516	748	1793	2299	3204
12.01 - 13.00	583	845	2071	2647	3774
13.01 - 14.00	659	949	2364	3015	4390
14.01 - 15.00	732	1061	2687	3364	4881
15.01 - 16.00	805	1172	3010	3712	5370
16.01 - 17.00	878	1284	3332	4060	5861
17.01 - 18.00	950	1396	3655	4409	6352
Over 18.00	1023	1507	3977	4756	6842

**Basic Pilotage Charges for Acts between  
GRAVESEND REACH (LOWER) and:**

Rate No.	Sector A G1	Sector B G2	Sector C G3	Sector D G5
A) GT Charge (£/tonne)	0.010	0.019	0.022	0.028
B) Draught Charge Draught (m)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Up to 5.00	207	328	388	485
5.01 - 6.00	279	445	553	691
6.01 - 7.00	362	587	761	952
7.01 - 8.00	456	742	1011	1265
8.01 - 9.00	568	921	1307	1635
9.01 - 10.00	694	1113	1651	2063
10.01 - 11.00	836	1325	2030	2538
11.01 - 12.00	991	1551	2456	3070
12.01 - 13.00	1159	1802	2929	3661
13.01 - 14.00	1338	2066	3441	4302
14.01 - 15.00	1538	2303	3820	4775
15.01 - 16.00	1738	2540	4198	5248
16.01 - 17.00	1937	2776	4577	5721
17.01 - 18.00	2137	3013	4956	6194
Over 18.00	2337	3249	5335	6667

## Schedule B

### Schedule of Boarding and Landing Charges

#### 1. Out Stations

In addition to the basic pilotage charges, the following charges are payable by every vessel which boards or lands a PLA pilot, other personnel or goods by pilot boat at the following locations:

Length overall of vessel	North East Spit Warp Chapmans Anchorage Medway (Little Nore, Sheerness or Garrison Point)	Sunk
	Per Person / Item £	Per Person / Item £
Up to 100m	307	311
100.01 to 125m	348	370
125.01 to 150m	407	432
150.01 to 175m	469	498
175.01 to 200m	523	556
200.01 to 225m	584	583
225.01 to 250m	646	645
250.01 to 275m	698	696
275.01 to 300m	759	758
300.01 to 350m	815	813
350.01 to 400m	937	935
Above 400m	1078	1076

**Note:** *In addition to the above charges an extra charge may be levied as a fuel related surcharge to take account of prevailing fuel costs.*

#### 2. Gravesend

Any act of pilotage which requires boarding or landing in Gravesend Reach, and for which a pilot boat is required, is liable to a fee of £79 plus any fuel surcharge currently in force.

### **3. Dover**

Boarding or landing at Dover will be charged at £810 plus any fuel surcharge currently in force. This includes the services of the contractor.

### **4. Other Locations**

Boarding or landing will be charged at cost to PLA, plus an arrangement fee, plus the additional captive time of the pilot. This includes the services of any contractor at locations other than those listed at 1.

## **Schedule C**

### **Schedule of Extra Charges**

#### **ETA & ETD Surcharges**

A surcharge of 50% will be applied for less than the confirmed notice as prescribed from page 6 to 10 and in the Pilotage Directions.

#### **Variation to Confirmed Orders**

The PLA will allocate pilots in response to a confirmed order. Allocation of the pilot to the agreed Pilot On Board (POB) time will be notified through the PISCES online ordering system.

Once the pilot has been allocated, changes may incur penalties in accordance with the published Detention and Baulk tide / Cancellation charges or loss of provision of service.

#### **Detention (waiting / idle time)**

If a pilot is detained on board or kept waiting ashore for any reason, a detention charge of £215 per pilot, per hour, or part thereof will be levied. This will apply to delays of up to and including three hours (except in the case of Dover boarding which will be two hours) in arrival, sailing, or passage, after which point the pilot may be withdrawn by the PLA requiring a new order to be placed resulting in a Baulk tide charge. Should the pilot be carried outside the seaward limit of compulsory Pilotage, reasonable travel expenses will also be charged.

#### **Baulk tide / Cancellations**

A charge of 100% of the pilotage cost will apply if a pilot attends the vessel and is not required, or is unable to conduct the vessel for

reasons other than of the PLA's making, or a confirmed order is cancelled with less than the confirmed notice as prescribed from page 6 to 10 and in the Pilotage Directions. Any boarding or landing charge that may have been incurred as a result of the pilot's attendance will also be charged as per Schedule B.

### **Shift (Ships anchoring in the Port of London)**

A fee of £215 per hour, or part thereof, with a minimum charge of 2 hours is payable when a pilot moves a ship from one berth or dock to another. This rate shall also apply to repositioning of vessels on the same berth or dock. Multiple movements, including project work will be quoted on application.

### **Project Rate**

Where pilots are supplied frequently and regularly to move vessels engaged in project work, an hourly rate will be applied to reflect the exceptional pilot turnaround. As each project is unique, price is therefore upon application.

### **Ships Requiring Pilots to Join or Disembark at Continental or Other Ports**

Shipowners / agents wishing a pilot to board a ship at a continental or distant UK port are liable for a minimum fee of £3,834 per voyage plus £215 per hour, or part thereof, for each hour in excess of 24 hours of time spent on board the ship outside the seaward limit of compulsory pilotage, plus reasonable travel expenses. Should travel arrangements be undertaken by the PLA at the request of and on behalf of the agent / operator, an admin charge will be made as well as costs for the flight and taxi fee to the appropriate UK airport. If for any reason the arrangement is changed or cancelled, the agent / operator will be liable to meet any out of pocket expenses incurred by the PLA.

Shipowners / agents requiring a pilot to remain on board a ship and proceed to a continental or distant UK port are liable for a detention charge of £215 per hour or part thereof; from the time that the pilot leaves the PLA district aboard the vessel to his arrival back at his base station. All repatriation and arrangement costs are to be met by the agent / operator. All arrangements for hotel or transport for Pilots should reflect the Pilots status as a senior marine professional.

### **Safe Pilot Access / Egress**

A fee of £390 is payable when a pilot cannot safely board a vessel at a river terminal and the Harbour Master launch is required to attend.

### **Specialist Pilot Charges**

Any vessel requiring a specialist Pilot (regardless of destination) on the basis of size or length of voyage will be charged as follows:

#### **Oil Tankers and Gas Carriers**

200m LOA or more, or 11m Draught or more	1 Pilot	£1,186
225m LOA or more, and 12.5m Draught or more	2 Pilots	£1,864

#### **Container Ships**

Above 365m LOA	2 Pilots	£1,864
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#### **Cruise Ships**

Above 210m LOA	1 Pilot	£1,186
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### **Administration Charges**

When the PLA performs services which should, more properly, be transacted by the appointed Shipping Agent an administration charge of up to £210 will be raised. Activities which may attract such charges are, for example, those intended to avoid a delay to a vessel in circumstances when the Agent cannot be contacted. This charge also applies when movement, pilotage and PEC notifications are submitted that are not in the correct format or are incomplete, including CERS mandatory reporting data. A tug assessment will also attract this administration charge in addition to the basic applicable pilotage charge.

A lesser charge of £40 is applicable should minor intervention be required as a result of inaccurate booking data being submitted which necessitates telephone clarification.

### **Additional Services**

Additional services, including hire of the Bridge Simulator are available on request from the pilotage department. Please contact the pilotage administration office to discuss individual requirements and receive quotations.



## **Schedule of Charges for PEC and LNC Assessment Acts and Fees for Exemption and LNC Certificates**

PEC and LNC Assessment Acts                      see schedule A-C

Boarding and landing charges at the rates set out in Schedule B are payable in addition as are the fees for certificates set out below.

### **Exemption and LNC Certificates**

1	Issue of a certificate without examination for one or more areas of the Port	£156
2	Issue of a certificate by examination for one area of the Port	£400
3	Issue of a certificate by examination for two or more areas of the Port	£562
4	Renewal of a certificate for one or more areas of the Port	£156
5	Cancellation fee for the cancellation of an examination with less than 10 days notice	£400
6	Endorsement of existing certificate (eg. additional ships, areas etc.)	£62
7	Simulator Course A charge for the use of the PLA simulator as part of the regulations contained within the Pilotage Directions	£2,304



## Annual Port Dues

Annual Port Dues are payable on all vessels on the Thames each year with a pro-rata charge in whole months for vessels coming on the Thames for the first time or permanently going out of the Thames during the year. The Thames Skills Academy levy of 20% will be payable in addition to the charges below.

	<b>Per GT</b>
Dumb / Motor / Motor Tank / Crane Barges	£2.36
	<b>Per Vessel</b>
Dredgers	£473
Motor tugs	- up to 100gt £236
	- over 100gt £473
Work boats	£47
Passenger vessels (day max):-	
12 or under passengers	£0
13 - 50 passengers	£473
51 - 100 passengers	£948
101 - 150 passengers	£1,420
151 - 200 passengers	£1,893
201 - 250 passengers	£1,893
251 - 300 passengers	£1,893
301 - 350 passengers	£1,893
Over 350 passengers	£1,893

The dues payable on a laid-up vessel after the expiry of a sixty-day period of notice will be reduced by 50%, calculated pro rata on a daily basis. The 50% discount applies during the whole period that the vessel remains laid-up following expiry of the sixty days' notice period. During the sixty-day notice period the full dues will continue to be payable.

### **Vessels Trading Outside Port Limits**

Vessels based on the Thames which also trade outside port limits shall attract no charge for conservancy, from the date each year on which the vessels first become subject to annual port dues, until such charges for the vessel have accumulated during that year to an amount equal to 100% of the annual port due.

## **Projects**

### **Construction, Excavation and Demolition Waste (CE & DW)**

Vessels moving CE & DW will be charged at a rate of £0.12 per tonne of cargo. This charge is applicable to all new major infrastructure projects.

An additional £0.10 per tonne of cargo will be charged on Tideway related construction, excavation and demolition waste as a levy for the benefit of the Thames Skills Academy. This charge can be reclaimed from Tideway.

### **Pilotage**

Where pilots are supplied frequently and regularly to move vessels engaged in project work, an hourly rate will be applied to reflect the exceptional pilot turnaround. As each project is unique, price is therefore upon application.

## **Bunkering Supply Services**

Bunkering services supplied within port limits are subject to all applicable tariff charges.

Bunkering services supplied outside port limits but within the PLA's VTS control zone will be subject to charges as agreed in advance upon application to the PLA's Finance Department.

## **Cruise Moorings**

London Cruise and Yacht (a partnership between MBNA Thames Clippers and the Port of Tilbury) hold the contract with the Port of London Authority to manage the London cruise moorings at Greenwich Ship Tier, Tower Bridge Upper and George Stairs Tier.

All services associated with the moorings (including mooring/unmooring, refuse, black water, grey water and fresh water) should be arranged through them. Please note that such services should be booked a minimum of 48 hours prior to the ships arrival and for any cancellations post this period a cancellation fee will apply. Occupants of these moorings are obligated to adhere to the Port of London Authority terms and conditions and Byelaws for the use of these facilities.

For bookings and further details please contact Russ Calver, Cruise Manager on: +44(0)1375 852360 or email: [Russ.Calver@potll.com](mailto:Russ.Calver@potll.com)

## Vessel Survey Inspection Fees

The PLA is required by its Act of Parliament to regulate, through inspection, all commercial (Inland Waterways) vessels, which are not certificated under Merchant Shipping legislation or by another recognised navigational authority. These inspections and services attract associated charges, as identified below.

### **Manned Vessel Inspections - Table 1**

	In-Water Inspection	Interim Owner Sign-offs
	£	£
<b>Motor Tugs:</b>		
Up to 100gt	340	
Over 100gt	454	
<b>Workboat:</b>	262	91
<b>Passenger Boat:</b>	262	91

Note: All Powered Vessels require an Out of Water Inspection (charged separately) prior to an initial Certificate of Survey being issued, plus subsequent Out Of Water Inspections at the various intervals listed in Table 3.

### **Tonnage-based Vessel Inspections - Table 2**

#### **Annual charges**

Motor Barge: £2.59 per tonne

Motor Tank Barge: £2.92 per tonne

Oil Storage Barge: £1.50 per tonne

#### **Biennial charges**

Dumb Barge: £2.49 per tonne

A minimum charge of £230 will apply to all dumb vessels.

A minimum charge of £310 will apply to all motor barges.

### **Out of Water Hull Inspection Charges**

All PLA licensed vessels are required to have out of water hull inspections along with the corresponding in water inspections prior to an initial Certificate of Survey being issued, plus at subsequent intervals as set out below.

Hull inspections are charged at the standard Marine Surveyor hourly rate with a minimum charge of 2 hours.

### **Out of Water Hull Inspection Schedules – Table 3**

<b>Vessel Type</b>	<b>Period of Out of Water Inspections</b>
Powered Vessels of Timber Construction	3 years
Powered Vessels, other than those of Timber Construction	5 years
Dumb Barges, Crane Barges & Civil Engineering Barges	6 years
Collar Barges, Finger Pontoons & Mooring Barges	10 years

### **Remedial Inspection Charge**

Where there are a number of failings and items outstanding following the completion of an inspection or a remedial declaration has not been returned within three months, a subsequent remedial inspection may be required in order to verify that the necessary work has been undertaken to the satisfaction of the PLA Marine Surveyor (or their representative) and that the vessel meets the required standard. The charges for remedial inspections are 100% of the original inspection charge.

### **Ship Towage Licensing Charge** (Byelaw 13 – Vessel Licensing Byelaws 2014)

All Ship Towage Tugs in use on the Thames must hold a PLA Ship Towage Licence, regardless of any other certification. The inspection and issue of an Issue of Ship Towage Licence by the Harbourmaster will be charged at £310.

**Note:** *Ship towage tugs licensed and inspected as a Tug by the PLA (rather than the Maritime & Coastguard Agency, another Flag State or other issuing authority recognised by the PLA) will be inspected as part of their annual PLA survey and will be subject to the charges detailed in Table 1.*

**Certificate of Compliance Charge** (Byelaw 16 - Thames Byelaws 2012)

All vessels wishing to exceed the mandatory 12 knot speed limit between Margaretness & Wandsworth must undergo an annual assessment process by the Harbourmaster in order to obtain the certificate. Issue and renewal of a Certificate of Compliance by the Harbourmaster will be charged at £175.

**Note:** *Applications for the first issue of a Certificate of Compliance to a vessel not previously assessed will require an inspection by the Marine Surveyors which will be subject to the hourly rate and travel charges detailed below, with a minimum charge of one hour.*

**Human-Powered Vessel Self-Declaration Scheme**

All Human-Powered vessels in commercial use on the Thames must be licensed by the PLA. In order to apply for a fleet licence, the operator must submit a Human-Powered Vessel Self-Declaration for assessment by the Harbourmaster. Processing of Human-Powered Vessel Self-Declaration will be charged at £75

**Note:** *A separate charge applies for the issue of a fleet licence through the Vessel Licensing team.*

**Marine Surveyors Hourly Rate**

An hourly rate of £103 will be levied for the provision of all other surveys, inspections and additional administrative time whereby the defects identified during an inspection are so extensive that they require comprehensive reports to be written. This charge will also apply to heel and freeboard tests or any other such assessment.

Advisory and consultancy work undertaken by PLA Marine Surveyors which does not fall within the scope of the above survey schedules will also be charged at the same rate per hour or part thereof. The hourly rate will apply to all travel, inspection, administration and report writing time associated with the service provided.

Overseas visits will be levied at a rate of £130 per hour.

**Travel Time**

Travel time will be charged at £72 per hour for all surveys away from Denton Wharf, this will be capped at a maximum of 4 hours within the tidal Thames corridor, outside of this area there is no maximum.

Any extra costs, such as parking, ferries or flights, will be passed on to the customer.

## **Other Services**

### **Marine Services**

Based at Denton Wharf in Gravesend Reach, Marine Services operate a fleet of vessels providing mooring installation and maintenance, salvage capability, diving services and oil pollution response. The facilities at Denton Wharf can be used for load out, lift out of vessels and for short term storage. Marine equipment is available for hire including gear, tackle, buoys, anchors, sinkers, lights and flags.

Throughout the river, moorings are available for hire on a long or short term basis.

For rates and quotations for work please contact the Marine Services office on: +44(0)1474 562444

### **Harbour Services**

Charges will be made for the supply of Harbour Service Launches, when they are required, for attendance at special operations or river events. These charges will reflect the costs incurred by the PLA for providing the Harbour Service Launches and are obtainable from the Harbour Master.

### **Event Support**

A charge may be made for any PLA support required for the staging of a public event on or by the river, based upon the nature and extent of the PLA input required. Organisers of such events are recommended to discuss the level and basis for charging with the PLA at an early stage in the planning process.

### **Notices to Mariners**

When the nature of a river work or event necessitates the issue of a Notice to Mariners, this will be produced and circulated by the PLA at a cost to the applicant / event organiser at a standard rate, irrespective of the area of River affected.

### Area Covered

Upper River	£600
Middle River	£600
Lower River & Estuary	£600
Two Adjacent Areas or Port-wide	£730

There is a minimum notice period of at least 16 days in such circumstances. Applicants should note that a 50% surcharge will be applied to these charges when less than the minimum period of notice is given to the PLA at the discretion of the Harbour Master.

### **Regulatory Publications**

All PLA regulatory publications, such as the Thames Byelaws and General Directions for Navigation in the Port of London as well as a variety of Codes of Practice and guidance documents are available to download free of charge from the PLA website.

### **Foreshore Permits**

It is an offence to dig on the foreshore without a permit. For further details of how to obtain a foreshore permit please contact on: +44(0)1474 562332 or [foreshore.permits@pla.co.uk](mailto:foreshore.permits@pla.co.uk). Payment must be provided when the application is made.

<u>Permit Type</u>	Including VAT
Daily	£40
Standard (3 year permit)	£85
Junior (Age 12 to 14 years. 3 year permit)	£30
Junior (Age 15 to 17 years. 3 year permit)	£55
Replacement permit card	£5

### **Filming and Photography**

All filming and all commercial still photography on the tidal Thames require a filming licence. Charges will vary. The charge for filming and photography which does not raise additional safety or regulatory issues will normally be at a standard hourly rate.

More complex filming that involves higher regulatory or safety issues, e.g. flying by any type of aircraft (fixed wing, rotary, manned or unmanned), lighting effects, controlled navigation or river closure will be charged at a higher rate. Charges are levied for the “use” of the location, whether it is river based (i.e. film crew afloat and filming action on the River or land based action) or land based (where film

crew are filming action on the River).

There is no charge for non-commercial still photography.

### **External advertising on passenger vessels**

The use of banners etc. or other advertising on passenger boats is charged based on a standard regulatory charge and per square metre. Where an operator receives revenue from a third party for use of the passenger boat with external “commercial advertising” a percentage of the gross revenue received will be levied.

Exemptions:

- No charge for “corporate” banners displayed land-side of a vessel as a means of identification for passengers during embarkation. These must be removed prior to departure. Failure to do so will incur charges.
- No charge for house flags not exceeding 1m x 1m. (Flags larger are deemed a banner and charged accordingly).
- No charge for advertising inside a passenger boat.

### **Commercial and Promotional Events**

The tidal Thames is occasionally used for events e.g. raising public awareness to commercial product launches etc. All events must be discussed and agreed with the PLA. This ensures they can be safely integrated into this very busy waterway for passengers and freight. Anyone arranging such an event must get in touch at the earliest opportunity and at least six weeks before the date of the event being considered. Fee discussions for activities lasting less than one day typically fall under these categories:

- Major product launches / high profile events / displays / pyrotechnics etc. for blue chip / major companies or clients / movie promotion.
- Lower key / smaller scale activities / displays / pyrotechnics (including those in less ‘high profile’ areas away from heart of the Capital).
- Non-commercial PR events by lobby / pressure groups with no commercial branding or commercial linkage.

Fees are by agreement with the PLA Corporate Affairs team on: +44(0)1474 562366 or email: [martin.garside@pla.co.uk](mailto:martin.garside@pla.co.uk)



## **Richmond Lock**

**All** non commercial vessels regardless of size, draught or displacement will be charged £8.00 to use Richmond Lock.

**All** commercial vessels determined as those vessels holding a certificate to operate commercially, whether they are engaged in commercial activity at the time of transit or not, will be charged £15.00 to use Richmond Lock. For frequent operators an annual lock pass may be obtained at £775 per named vessel, per year payable either in full or quarterly as part of a vessel Annual Port Due.

### **Notes:**

- 1) *Return passages on the **same day** will not be charged an additional £8.00.*
- 2) *No charges will be levied on vessels which use the boat rollers.*
- 3) *No charges will be levied on trading barges or tugs towing them.*

## **Drying Out Facilities**

Strand-on-the-Green Grid: £60 per 24 hours or part thereof.

Isleworth Drawdock

Full length: £60 per 24 hours or part thereof.

Half-length: £40 per 24 hours or part thereof.

## **Hydrographic Services**

The PLA Hydrographic Service provides a wide range of services to river users including charts, tidal data and digital sounding data.

Further details can be found on our website at:  
[www.pla.co.uk/hydrohomepage](http://www.pla.co.uk/hydrohomepage)

## **Licence Charges**

The Port of London Act 1968 (as amended) authorises the making of charges for services provided including the processing and determination of Licence applications and other professional activities.

The PLA reserves the right to review these fees and charges following any delegation of powers to the Authority to determine applications under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

The levels of fees are set out below and are subject to Value Added Tax at the appropriate rate.

Please include the appropriate fee with all applications to avoid undue delays. Applications will not be validated until payment has been received.

### **Vessel Licensing**

Application for a vessel licence (accompanied by an appropriate up-to-date survey certificate) is £80 plus VAT.

### **River Works Licences**

River Works Licence fees will be increased by 2.1% in line with October RPI unless otherwise stated within the licence.

### **River Works Licence Applications**

All proposals: per 10m <sup>2</sup> (or part)	£255
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### **Other Applications**

Temporary works, minor non material variations, discharge of conditions, retentions and assignments	£195
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Request for confirmation that conditions attached to a River Works Licence have been complied with.	£80
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In addition to the application processing fee a charge will be made for the period of time that the works are in place. This charge will be made in accordance with the charges for use of PLA premises.

## Dredging Licence Applications

### 1. Maintenance Dredging

<b>Quantity to be dredged (m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Standard fee</b>	<b>Designated area supplement (&lt;5km from SPA/SAC or &lt;2km from SSSI/MCZ)</b>	<b>3 year licence Supplement</b>
Up to 10,000	£665	£410	£400
10,001 - 125,000	£1,670	£830	£830
Over 125,000	£3,355	£830	£830

### 2. Capital Dredging

<b>Quantity to be dredged (m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Standard fee</b>	<b>Designated area supplement (&lt;5km from SPA/SAC or &lt;2km from SSSI/MCZ)</b>
Up to 20,000	£930	£460
20,001 - 99,999	£1,875	£910
100,000 - 200,000	£3,575	£1,320
Over 200,000	£8,870	£1,815

### 3. Other Applications

Variations and de minimus dredge: £460

#### **Discretionary Charging**

Urgent applications will be dealt with by means of an expedited process at the discretion of the relevant Officer and subject to the payment of an additional administration fee of £1,000.

#### **Pre-Application Advice**

As part of its statutory duty the PLA will offer free initial advice and guidance to all who are considering works / developments in, over, under the river. Thereafter, a charge will be made on the following basis:

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Written Advice</b>	<b>Meeting with PLA Officers</b>
Any development with an estimated construction cost of less than £500,000	£95	£170 per hr
<b>Commercial Development:</b>		
(a) Construction value £500,000 - £1m	£130	£205 per hr
(b) Construction value £1m - £5m	£170	£245 per hr
(c) Construction value in excess of £5m	£205	£290 per hr
Promotion of any commercial event, stunt or procession	£170	£170 per hr

### **Property Related Search Fees**

Completion of PLA Standard Questionnaire	£105 per site
Additional information	by arrangement
Copies of plans, search and production costs (minimum charge £25 per plan)	£50 per hr

The fee will be payable regardless of whether the area of search is located on PLA land or other land ownerships.

### **Duplicate Licence**

A copy of a Licence already issued will be provided upon payment of a £55 fee.

### **Determination of River Works Licence Considerations (Surveyor fee)**

<b>Value of Assessment</b>	<b>Fee</b>
First £500	30%
Next £2,000	20%
Next £5,000	10%
Remainder	5%
A minimum charge of £100 + VAT applies.	

### **Notes:**

- 1) *In the event of the appointment by the PLA of external surveyors, engineers or other experts, fees based on the full*

*cost of the experts' services will be chargeable including any VAT not recoverable by the PLA. Upon request an estimate of the fees will be given to the applicant in advance.*

- 2) *An indicative River Works Licence assessment will be quoted upon request, but it shall not be binding on the PLA nor will it imply that a River Works Licence will be issued by the PLA.*

### **Houseboats**

The London wide notional gross mooring fee is £470 excluding VAT per linear metre, per annum. To be reviewed 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

### **End of Garden Mooring**

£72.33 per linear metre. To be reviewed on an annual basis.

### **Navigational Licence**

£350 per annum plus VAT.

### **Telecommunications**

A fee will be levied to recover costs incurred attending sites, including accompanied site visits. Such fees will be made available upon application to the Estates Department.

### **Temporary River Works Licence**

- Scaffolding - £40 per day plus VAT.
- Use of Crane Barge - £35 per day plus VAT.
- Over Sailing Rights - £20 per day plus VAT.
- Access to Foreshore Permit - £75 per event plus VAT.

All other Temporary River Works Licence Fees are available on application.

## **Throughput Occupation Charges**

(Port of London Act 1968 (S67) Cargo Handling)

### **Rate A**

Oil and Oil Storage

	<b>£</b>
First 2m tonnes	0.0369
Next 3m tonnes	0.0251
Next 3m tonnes	0.0193
Remainder	0.0184

### **Rate B**

Non-oil cargoes (Forest Products, Grain, Metals, Edible Oil, Sugar, Vehicles, Coal, Aggregates, Cement, Containerised & General Cargo)

	<b>£</b>
First 500,000 tonnes	0.0464
Next 500,000 tonnes	0.0385
Next 1,000,000 tonnes	0.0302
Remainder	0.0225

## **Use of PLA Premises**

The following fees are for processing an application for the use of PLA premises. All legal fees and costs are additional.

### **Application for lease or licence of PLA premises**

Yearly rent not exceeding £10,000	£2,000
Yearly rent over £10,000	£2,500

**Application for licence to install and use equipment at PLA mast sites** (including variation to an existing installation)

£2,000

### **Application for temporary use of PLA premises**

For a period of time involving works	£550
Casual use for a one-off event - price upon application	

### **Notes:**

- 1) *In the event of the appointment by the PLA of external*

*surveyors, engineers or other experts, fees based on the full cost of the experts' services will be chargeable including any VAT not recoverable by the PLA. Upon request an approximation of the fees will be given to the applicant in advance.*

- 2) *Fees exclude any rent or consideration due under the determination.*

### **Supply of Electricity**

If the PLA arranges electrical installations in tenants' premises, a tariff rate will be charged.

## PLA Contact Information

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<b>Pilotage Administration</b>	Telephone	+44 (0)1474 562362
<b>Pilotage Operations</b> Port Control Centre, Gravesend	Telephone	+44 (0)1474 562215
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