

## NOTICE TO AGENTS, BERTH AND SHIP OPERATORS No.2 of 2020

### TRANSIT OF HIGH AIR DRAUGHT VESSELS & CONTAINER SHIP WINDAGE AREA

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020, changes will be made to POLARIS and PISCES relating to air draught and windage. It is essential that those who use the system are aware of the changes.

It is envisaged the PISCES system will not be available from 1000-1130.

#### HIGH AIR DRAUGHT VESSELS

Any high air draught vessel transiting above Margaretness will enter a hazardous area including London City Airport and London Cable Car.

To ensure the safety of the vessel, it will be mandatory for the air draught on vessels proceeding above Margaretness to be entered into PISCES.

Berth Instruct.

\*Draught  Cargo Status

Air Draught  Select one of the following options Air Draught less than 40M  Air Draught (if 40M or over)  Air Draught is mandatory for vessels passing Margaretness limit and/or the Greenwich Cable Car

Windage  Windage is mandatory for vessels over 300m in length

Boatmen  Number of Tugs ordered

If this information is missing from the initial voyage submission, the agent can expect to see comments on the PISCES acceptance e-mail. The agent will not be able to update the voyage until these air draught details are entered.

On PISCES, it will be represented in an amber colour detailing ‘INFO REQ’

Vessel	ETA Date	ETA Location	From	To	Status	Cent/Prov	Pilot Alloc?	LRP	LRT
TEST SHIP SAFESEANET FOB	24/01/2020 1101	N E SPIT PILOT	FRLEH	TH REF	ACCEPTED	P			
TEST SHIP SAFESEANET FOB	24/01/2020 1800	TH REF -OUTER	TH REF -OUTER	TH REF -INNER	ACCEPTED	P			
TEST SHIP SAFESEANET FOB	30/01/2020 0000	TH REF -OUTER	TH REF -OUTER	GBBOS	ACCEPTED	P			
CAP SAN ANTONIO	30/01/2020 0001	N E SPIT PILOT	ITSDF	TH REF -OUTER	ACCEPTED	P			
CAP SAN ANTONIO	07/02/2020 1100	SUNK PILOTS	FRLEH	TH REF	INFO REQ	C			
POLARIS ACE	07/02/2020 1200	N E SPIT PILOT	USSEA	TH REF	ACCEPTED	C			
POLARIS ACE	08/02/2020 1200	TH REF -OUTER	TH REF -OUTER	AUADL	ACCEPTED	C			
CAP SAN ANTONIO	10/02/2020 0000	TH REF -OUTER	TH REF -OUTER	USBOS	ACCEPTED	C			

## CONTAINER SHIP WINDAGE AREA

As per port wide [Notice to Mariners 22 of 2017](#), the master of any container ship greater than 300m in length is required to submit the CALCULATED LATERAL WINDAGE AREA for their vessel. This will allow the pilot of the vessel to adequately assess the towage requirements in advance of boarding and dynamically risk assess the intended manoeuvre for higher winds.



It will be mandatory for the windage figure to be added to the voyage in PISCES before it can be successfully submitted.

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**24 February 2020**

Port of London Authority  
London River House, Royal Pier Road,  
Gravesend, Kent DA12 2BG

**BOB BAKER**  
**CHIEF HARBOUR MASTER**

 <p>CERTIFIED LR ISO 9001 - ISO 14001 OHSAS 18001</p>	<p>Owners, Agents and Charterers should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.</p> <p>TO RECEIVE FUTURE NOTICES TO MARINERS BY <b>E-MAIL</b>, PLEASE REGISTER VIA OUR WEBSITE <a href="http://www.pla.co.uk">www.pla.co.uk</a> <b>Telephone calls, VHF radio traffic, CCTV and radar traffic images may be recorded in the VTS Centres at Gravesend and Woolwich</b></p>	 <p>PORT OF LONDON AUTHORITY</p>
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