

## NOTICE TO MARINERS      No.7 of 2021

### PORT OF LONDON AUTHORITY LOCAL KNOWLEDGE ENDORSEMENT ASSESSMENTS

Boatmaster Licence (BML) holders working in the Thames Local Knowledge Endorsement (LKE) area of the River Thames between Margaretness and Putney Bridge are required to qualify for the Port of London LKE. The LKE is valid for five years from the date the applicant successfully passes a new entrant oral assessment and must be revalidated every five years by passing a shorter revalidation oral assessment. Those BML holders who received their LKE under the transitional arrangements established in 2006 are due to revalidate their LKE in 2021.

In order to support the large number of oral assessments required to be undertaken in 2021; a revalidation panel made up of a PLA Assessor and a Thames Practitioner will be held either at PLA offices, an employer's premises or in exceptional circumstances via Microsoft Teams at least once a week, generally **every Wednesday throughout 2021**.

Those wishing to book an LKE revalidation are to do so by contacting the PLA using the following details.

- Contact Telephone No: 01474 562205.
- Email Address: [LKE@pla.co.uk](mailto:LKE@pla.co.uk)

Employers wishing to book a larger number of assessments at their premises should advise the PLA when booking.

Those requiring a revalidation are encouraged to book well in advance of the expiry date of the LKE to ensure their BML remains valid. Those who fail to successfully revalidate before their expiry date will not be allowed to operate in the LKE area.

Further guidance can be sought from the Harbour Master, MCA or MIN 518.

**1 March 2021**

Port of London Authority  
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**Darren Knight**  
Deputy Harbour Master



EXPIRY DATE: 24 December 2021  
TO RECEIVE FUTURE NOTICES TO MARINERS BY **E-MAIL**,  
PLEASE REGISTER VIA OUR WEBSITE [www.pla.co.uk](http://www.pla.co.uk)  
**Telephone calls, VHF radio traffic, CCTV and radar traffic images may  
be recorded in the VTS Centres at Gravesend and Woolwich**  
All Current Notices to Mariners can be found here -  
<http://www.pla.co.uk/Safety/Regulations-and-Guidance/Notices-to-Mariners/Notices-to-Mariners>

