

SAFETY OF NAVIGATION

CONSULTATION NOTICE

GENERAL DIRECTIONS FOR NAVIGATION IN THE PORT OF LONDON 2020

The current General Directions for Navigation in the Port of London 2016 became effective on 1 July 2016. Since then, usage of the river has evolved with the progression of time and this has prompted the Port of London Authority (PLA) to undertake an extensive review of the General Directions to ensure they remain relevant and fit for purpose.

Public Consultation on Proposed Amendments

Due to the extensive nature of the amendments to these Directions the PLA encourages any respondents to this consultation to review the new document in full.

The changes include a redrafting of numerous existing General Directions, a restructuring of the document to provide more intuitive indexing, as well as the implementation of several new General Directions. The following summarises new General Directions:

GD 14: Navigating in Restricted Visibility – Simplified regulatory limitations and requirements for Navigating in Restricted Visibility in the Thames.

GD 27: Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles – Requirements for the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.

GD 31: Lighting Requirements for Pushed Convoys underway by night – additional lighting requirements for vessels engaged in pushing operations when underway by night.

GD 32: Vessel Registration Requirements – Requirement for commercial Intra-port vessels to register with the PLA from 01st January 2021.

To review the proposed amendments to the General Directions please visit:

<https://server1.pla.co.uk/assets/generaldirections20201.pdf>

Feedback

Any comments you may have in response to this consultation exercise should be addressed, in writing, to Paul Evans, Deputy Harbour Master (SMS) at the address below or by e-mail: cn@pla.co.uk, to arrive no later than **Friday 04th September 2020**.

Please help us to manage the feedback effectively by using the designated e-mail response address: cn@pla.co.uk

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