

NOTICE TO AGENTS, BERTH AND SHIP OPERATORS No.5 of 2019

ACCESS AND EGRESS STRUCTURES ON PONTOONS AND JETTIES

We have noticed that a few of the owners/operators are improving the access and egress arrangements between the vessel and the jetty/pontoon. This has been welcomed by the Port of London Authority.

To date the structures have been temporary and made from scaffold, primarily this has been to verify that the structure will work with the different vessels mooring alongside prior to any permanent solution being built. However, in some cases these structures have been notified to us by our Pilots who were unaware of their existence.

Please could any owners who are planning in erect a temporary or permanent structure on their jetty inform the Port of London Authority, to enable us to advise our Pilots of a new / temporary landing operation.

In addition to being advised, can owners/operators also confirm the following:

- The scaffolding has been designed and erected by a competent company and the structure is fully certificated
- is inspected and marked as required by regulations to confirm the structure is both safe and compliant
- has been designed and built with lateral and horizontal movement of the vessel in mind
- procedures are in place to identify lateral and horizontal movement of the vessel and contingencies are in place if vessel movement is out with the assessed parameters e.g. in high winds
- whether the structure affects any securing lines or mooring arrangements

It is our understanding that these scaffolding structures are temporary; please could you provide an indication of when a permanent solution will be available.

The district harbour master's can be contacted as follows:

Lower District Harbour Master
(Port Limits to Crossness)

LowerDistrict@pla.co.uk



Upper District Harbour Master
(Crossness to Teddington Lock)

HMU@pla.co.uk

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**BOB BAKER
CHIEF HARBOUR MASTER**

	<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 E-MAIL, PLEASE REGISTER VIA OUR WEBSITE www.pla.co.uk</p> <p>Telephone calls, VHF radio traffic, CCTV and radar traffic images may be recorded in the VTS Centres at Gravesend and Woolwich</p>	 <p>PORT OF LONDON AUTHORITY</p>
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