

## **NOTICE TO AGENTS, BERTH AND SHIP OPERATORS No.6 of 2017**

### **LOCAL NAVIGATION CERTIFICATES**

Agents, Berths and Ship Operators are reminded that there are limitations in respect of the size of vessels, operational areas within the port, and operational categories within which a Local Certificate holder is qualified to operate. The Schedule to the General Directions for Navigation in the Port of London – Administration and Use of Local Navigation Certificates can be viewed in full here: <http://www.pla.co.uk/assets/scheduletogeneraldirections2009-cleancopy.pdf> and for guidance:

#### **Types of Local Navigation Certificate**

Two types of Local Navigation Certificate may be granted:

1. Large Vessel Certificate

Allows the holder (subject to the requirements of this Schedule) to undertake Shifting Pilotage of any vessel up to a Length Overall of 230 metres, and Voluntary Movements and/or Berthing Assistance of any vessel not subject to compulsory pilotage.

2. Small Vessel Certificate

Allows the holder (subject to the requirements of this Schedule) to undertake Shifting Pilotage of any vessel up to a Length Overall of 100 metres, and Voluntary Movements and/or Berthing Assistance of any vessel not subject to compulsory pilotage.

#### **Operational Areas**

Subject to applicants meeting the appropriate application, assessment and renewal requirements, Local Navigation Certificates may be issued to allow the holder to undertake a type or types in the category or categories of Local Navigation and for which they are certificated under paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 above, within one or more of three separate areas of the Thames between the Denton Limit and London Bridge as follows:

<b>Eastern Area -</b>	Denton Limit to Queen Elizabeth II Bridge;
<b>Central Area -</b>	Queen Elizabeth II Bridge to the Margaretness Limit; and
<b>Western Area -</b>	Margaretness Limit to London Bridge.

When securing the services of a Local Navigation Certificate Holder it is incumbent on the Agent, Berth Operator, Ship Operator, and Local Navigation Certificate Holder to ensure that the act of navigation falls within the scope of the Local Navigation Certificate in all respects.

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



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