

## **NOTICE TO AGENTS, BERTH AND SHIP OPERATORS No.8 of 2017**

### **PILOTAGE DIRECTIONS AND ASSOCIATED PEC REGULATIONS 2017**

### **TUG ENDORSEMENTS AND NOMINATED BERTHS**

The latest version of the Port of London Authority Pilotage Directions and accompanying PEC Regulations will come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

Changes to the PEC Regulations include the need for all PEC holders who wish to utilise tugs to gain a tug endorsement.

In order to gain an endorsement, PEC holders without previous experience of using tugs will be required to undertake at least 4 trips with a pilot and tug/s within a 12 month period, simulator training, a trip on a harbour tug and a practical assessment with a Pilot, using tug/s. The trips and assessment for the tug endorsement may be combined with the trips and assessment required to gain the PEC.

Existing PEC holders, who can demonstrate suitable previous experience of using tugs to the harbour master, will only be required to undertake an assessment with a pilot whilst utilising a tug/ tugs. Assessments will be undertaken on inward voyages only.

Tug endorsements will remain valid for 1 year, and the renewal date will be aligned with that of the PEC. In order to renew a tug endorsement a PEC holder must undertake at least 2 trips per year with tug/s.

Those PEC holders without a tug endorsement who wish to utilise tugs will be required to engage the services of a PLA Pilot.

From 1<sup>st</sup> October Pilotage Exemption Certificates will begin to list the berths for which the PEC is valid. PEC holders wishing to add berths to the certificate will be required to undertake at least three trips to the nominated berth with a PLA Pilot. Certificates will be updated to include specific berths at their next renewal.

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CHIEF HARBOUR MASTER**



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