

Form 3

NAP4 - LAPHORNS

**PLA Navigational SMS
Navigational Advisory Panel Review.**

NAP Date:	28/03/02	Scheduled Review Date:	**/**/20**	Owner:	Harbour Master Lower	Frequency:	Months/Year(s)
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Panel Members:

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
G Dickins	PLA	R Stanbrook	PLA	R Pink	Laphorns
C Dowty	Laphorns	D Lewing	Laphorns		

Reference	Detail	Observation/Recommendation
	Excessive number of navigational incidents involving Laphorn Vessels varying from erratic navigation to striking buoys.	Laphorns admit that relatively unqualified but locally knowledgeable Officers have been replaced by those having STCW requirements – higher qualifications (on paper) but lacking in local knowledge. Laphorns recommended to speak to MCA Orpington regarding possible local training and advice. Crews to be advised of PLA's concerns. PLA to continue to monitor the situation.

Panel Chairman:	G DICKINS	Signature:	
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