

PLA GENERAL DIRECTION 34 ENTERING FORCE

This Notice to Mariners notifies all vessel masters that Port of London Authority (PLA) General Direction 34 comes into force on **1st January 2024**. This General Direction will be added to our General Directions in advance of this date, on **1st September 2023**. The text of the General Direction is below:

General Direction 34 – CONTINUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

From 1 January 2024, an Intra-port Vessel which is also a Commercial Vessel, operating between Teddington Lock and the Denton Limit, must be under the command of a Master who:

- (i) is currently enrolled on the Thames CPD programme;
- (ii) has secured a minimum of 10 points on the Thames CPD programme in each one-year period since their enrolment; and
- (iii) has secured a minimum of 150 points on the Thames CPD programme in each five-year period since their enrolment.

Note: The PLA will issue guidance on the Thames CPD programme and its CPD requirements

As a trust port, the PLA has a responsibility to exercise its legal powers to protect the safety of all river users as well as to protect the environment. Masters of vessels found to be non-compliant with a General Direction may be liable to prosecution. The maximum penalty is an unlimited fine.

Further information on General Direction 34 can be found in our [news post](#). Additional information on complying with this General Direction is available on the dedicated [Thames CPD website*](#). The PLA website contains all PLA General Directions and other [regulations and guidance](#).

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