

NOTICE TO MARINERS No.4 of 2012

COMMERCIAL DIVING OPERATIONS NEW PERMIT TO WORK PROCEDURES

The following Notice replaces Permanent Notice to Mariners P6 of 2011 and also Annex A to the Permanent Notices to Mariners 2011.

COMMERCIAL DIVING OPERATIONS PERMIT TO WORK

The Diving at Work Regulations 1997 require that commercial diving within a harbour is undertaken safely and in accordance with the Regulations.

In order to assure itself that those obligations are met, the Port of London Authority (PLA) requires all contractors (DIVING SUPERVISORS), intending to carry out commercial diving operations within PLA limits to obtain a DIVING PERMIT TO WORK from the appropriate PLA district Harbourmaster.

1. REQUIREMENTS

Before a DIVING PERMIT TO WORK is granted, the following information must be made available for inspection by the district Harbourmaster:

Contractor Details

The name and address of the Diving Contractor
Notification of the above particulars to the Health and Safety Executive
Contractor's Employers Liability Insurance Certificate
Number of persons in the diving team
The name of the Diving Supervisor and his/her formal letter of appointment

Personnel Details

The names of the divers
Their log books
Certificates of Medical Fitness to Dive
Certificates of Competency
Diving First Aid Certificate

Operational Details

Risk Assessment

Diving Rules including emergency procedures

Project Plan

Diving Operations Log

Application for a DIVING PERMIT TO WORK should be made by forwarding the Form with the appropriate sections completed, so far as is possible during normal office hours (0900 to 1700 Monday to Friday) to:

The Harbour Master Upper District, (Baker's Hall, Tel 020 7743 7912, hmdiving@pla.co.uk) for diving upriver of Dagenham/Crossness or

The Harbour Master Lower District, (London River House, Tel 01474 562212, hml@pla.co.uk) or alternatively Fax 01474 352996) for diving at, and downriver of Dagenham/Crossness.

2. SHORT NOTICE APPLICATIONS

Outside the above hours, emergency applications to dive may be made to the Duty Officer at London VTS, Thames Barrier Navigation Centre (Tel 020 8855 0315, tbncdo@pla.co.uk or alternatively 0208 312 7679) or Duty Port Controller at London VTS, Port Control Centre (Tel 01474 560311, duty.portcontroller@pla.co.uk or alternatively Fax 01474 352996) as appropriate.

Diving Supervisors should note that sufficient time should be allowed to process DIVING PERMITS TO WORK, which will include obtaining signatures of both the Supervisor and the PLA's representative. Completed DIVING PERMIT TO WORK forms should be returned to the district Harbour Master, Thames Barrier Navigation Centre or Port Control Centre as appropriate.

DIVING PERMIT TO WORK forms can be obtained from the Harbour Masters' offices or by visiting the Safety section on our website at www.pla.co.uk/diving.

Note: *This Notice replaces Permanent Notice to Mariners P6 of 2011 and Annex A of Permanent Notices to Mariners 2011.*

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EXPIRY DATE: 31 December 2012
TO RECEIVE FUTURE NOTICES TO MARINERS BY E-MAIL,
PLEASE REGISTER VIA OUR WEBSITE www.pla.co.uk
**Telephone calls, VHF radio traffic, CCTV and radar traffic images may be recorded in
the VTS Centres at Gravesend and Woolwich.**

