

## **NOTICE TO MARINERS**

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# **REPORTING NAVIGATIONAL INCIDENTS**

The achievement of safe marine operations in the Thames is the responsibility of all users, not solely the Port of London Authority (PLA). Vessel masters and those in charge of vessels using the Thames are required, under the provisions of the PLA Byelaws, to report specific incidents to the PLA. In addition to this legal requirement, all river users are invited to report any navigational incidents or occurrences, including near misses, so that full advantage can be taken of any learning opportunities that may arise for the benefit of all.

To assist users in the reporting of such incidents and to report other information, the PLA has amended its reporting procedures and now provides two Incident Report Forms:

### **Incident Report Form**

This form should be used by the Master, (STCW) Authorised Pilot or PEC holder of a ship to report a navigational incident or near miss.

### **River Users Incident Report Form**

This form should be used by the Master (BML, RYA) of intra-port (non-PEC) commercial vessels or recreational vessels to report a navigational incident or near miss.

These forms may be downloaded from the PLA's website at [www.pla.co.uk/incidents](http://www.pla.co.uk/incidents) and may be completed either manually or electronically.

Contact details for the Upper and Lower District Harbour Masters and PLA VTS Centres are included overleaf.

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**CONTACT DETAILS**

Completed Incident Report forms should be sent to the appropriate District Harbour Master:

Harbour Master (Upper)  
Bakers' Hall  
7 Harp Lane  
London EC3R 6LB

Harbour Master (Lower)  
London River House  
Royal Pier Road  
Gravesend DA12 2 BG

Email: [hmenquiry@pla.co.uk](mailto:hmenquiry@pla.co.uk)

Fax: 01474 562328  
Email: [HML@pla.co.uk](mailto:HML@pla.co.uk)

(Teddington to Crossness)

(Crossness to the Outer Limits)

**Telephone or VHF Reports should be made to:**

**Port Control Centre, Gravesend** for incidents between the outer PLA limits at the NE Spit and Sunk pilot stations and Crayfordness.

Callsign:	London VTS	
VHF Channels:	Outer Limits to SR No.4 Buoy	Channel 69
	SR No.4 Buoy to Crayfordness	Channel 68
Telephone:	Duty Port Controller	01474 560311 (24hrs)
	Police, Fire, Ambulance	999
	HM Coastguard	999

**Thames Barrier Navigation Centre, Woolwich** for incidents between Crayfordness and the landward PLA limit at Teddington.

Callsign:	London VTS	
VHF Channels:	Crayfordness to Teddington	Channel 14
Telephone:	Duty Officer	0208 855 0315 (24hrs)
	Police, Fire, Ambulance	999
	HM Coastguard	999

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Royal Pier Road  
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**DAVID PHILLIPS**  
**CHIEF HARBOUR MASTER**



EXPIRY DATE: 31 March 2012  
TO RECEIVE FUTURE NOTICES TO MARINERS BY **E-MAIL**,  
PLEASE REGISTER VIA OUR WEBSITE [www.pla.co.uk](http://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.**

