

## **NOTICE TO MARINERS No.M55 of 2010**

### **UPPER POOL**

### **EXERCISE ORANGE TREE**

On the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010 a major exercise code named 'ORANGE TREE' will take place in the Upper Pool from 2030(BST) to approximately 2230(BST), simulating a collision between a commercial non-passenger vessel and a Class V passenger vessel in the area off St Katharine Pier - HMS PRESIDENT. The event may involve the use of smoke.

Vessels involved in the exercise will assemble at HMS PRESIDENT from 1830 onwards and the two vessels involved in the simulated collision will be moored, in position in the Upper Pool from 2000 in preparation for the exercise and are likely to obstruct the Authorised Channel.

'LONDON VTS' will start the exercise by broadcasting "Exercise ORANGE TREE – Start Exercise" repeated three times on VHF channel 14.

All vessels are advised that St Katharine Pier will be closed to navigation for non participating vessels for the duration of the exercise.

Control of navigation in the area for non participating vessels will be maintained by London VTS on VHF channel 14 throughout the exercise. Harbour Service launches exhibiting flashing blue lights will provide local control of navigation as and when required using 'THAMES PATROL' call sign prefix.

There will be significant marine and possibly air activity also in the exercise area from emergency response craft and participating observer vessels. Participants in the exercise will communicate on VHF channels 67 and 13 prefixing all transmissions with the words "Exercise ORANGE TREE". Non participating vessels should maintain a listening watch on VHF channel 14 and not utilise channels 67 or 13 while the exercise is in progress.

All vessels not involved in Exercise 'ORANGE TREE' are to follow the directions of 'LONDON VTS' or 'THAMES PATROL' and are requested not to linger unnecessarily in the vicinity of the exercise.

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'LONDON VTS' will announce the end of the exercise by broadcasting the words Exercise ORANGE TREE – End of Exercise' repeated three times, on VHF channel 14.

It is expected that several vessels will remain in the exercise area, until 2359 hours, sweeping up equipment used and ferrying it to Tower Pier.

From 1830 to 2359(BST) persons in charge of vessels in the Upper Pool are to navigate with particular care having due regard to the exercise, the significant number of vessels involved and intense search and rescue activities.

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EXPIRY DATE: 1<sup>ST</sup> October 2010  
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