

GENERAL DIRECTIONS FOR NAVIGATION IN THE PORT OF LONDON **THAMES CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)**

Introduction

From 1st January 2024 the PLA is introducing a mandatory requirement for Masters of Intra-port, Commercial Vessels to participate in the Thames Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme.

This will be regulated by means of a new General Direction, which is proposed below.

Proposed new General Direction

From 1 January 2024, an Intra-port Vessel which is also a Commercial Vessel, 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

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As defined within the General Directions:

Intra-port Vessel means a Vessel that normally navigates wholly within the Thames, including to and from the Medway Ports;

Master in relation to a Vessel, means any Person (except a Pilot) having or taking the command, charge or management of a Vessel, for the time being;

Commercial Vessel means any Vessel which is not a Pleasure Vessel; and

Pleasure Vessel has the same meaning as in the Merchant Shipping (Survey and Certification) Regulations 1995 and in addition, includes Vessels which are bareboat chartered.

Further information on the Thames CPD programme can be found here: <https://thamescpd.co.uk/>

Feedback

Any comments you may have in response to this consultation should be addressed in writing to the Marine Compliance Department at the address below, or by e-mail to: cn@pla.co.uk, to arrive by **5th April 2023**.