

PLA Navigational SMS

NAVIGATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT WORKING GROUP

NRAWG Date:	01/03/2016 23/03/2016	Owner:	Harbour Master Lower	NRAWG Ref:	57	NRAWG Title:	Review of the Pilotage Directions
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Detail / Terms of Reference	Observation/Recommendation
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review the navigational incidents recorded for the area during the last six years; especially in terms of vessel size in relation to location Consider changes to volume and type of traffic using the river since the current pilotage limits were introduced; Consider changes to the river environment, which may affect vessels' ability to navigate safely; Consider changes to navigational, hydrographic and environmental data available to vessels Review the limits for piloted and non-piloted vessels in relation to area and vessel size and draught Review the regulations governing Pilotage Exemption Certificates Identify any recommendations associated with the above 	<p>PILOTAGE DIRECTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase draught limit for tugs and tows up to 90m to east of SR1 in restricted visibility from 4m to 5m Agree and introduce enhanced traffic management measures between Gravesend and Margaretness, as determined by NRAWG 58 Add 3m draught limits for vessels to west of Margaretness Remove section on excepted status for licensed tugs Remove length limit for excepted status east of SR1 and amend wording to include need for risk assessment Amend section on assistant pilot to include need for risk assessment Remove section on non-availability of Pilots Add reference to NE Goodwin to boarding and landing sections Remove section on responsibilities of masters as this is now contained in General Directions <p>PEC REGULATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PECs to be to specific berths for which candidates are examined Reduce length limit for passage plans to 145m, in line with Pilots' exams Reduce length limit for simulator training for all vessels to 145m Remove requirement for specific sim training with tugs for 125m vessels

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