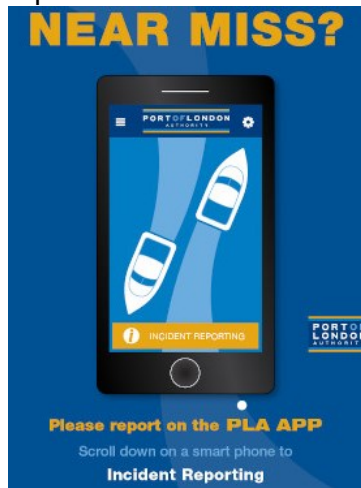


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### NEAR MISS REPORTING CAMPAIGN

At the end of 2019 the PLA released a safety bulletin relating to the importance of Near Miss Reporting. This was initially released due to a downward trend in Near Misses being reported on the Thames.



This trend has continued into 2020 so in support of this and Maritime Safety Week, the PLA have now released a Near Miss Safety Campaign to encourage and support better reporting of Near Misses.

Chief Harbour Master Bob Baker said – *“Safety is the heart of everything we do at the PLA. There is no greater priority for us.*

*In line with our Marine Safety Plan targets, we have seen a continuing downward trend in the number of serious incidents on the river since 2016. But there is no room for complacency. Over the same period, we have also seen a decline in the reporting of instances where there was a close call or 'near miss'.*

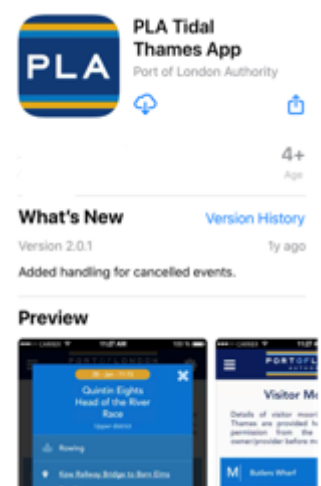
*Carefully recording all such incidents is essential to ensure the river is a safe place for everyone who uses it, for work or pleasure.*

*That's why we need river users to get in touch with us, whenever near misses occur. This can be done via our VTS radio network, by phone, by email or via our app – it really couldn't be easier”.*

The PLA App can be downloaded via the Apple App Store or Google Play (for Android phones) – see image (as shown in the Apple App Store)

Included in the campaign are a series of posters that are free to download. Please utilise these around your organisations to encourage the reporting of near misses. For more information on the campaign and to download the posters please use this link: <http://www.pla.co.uk/Safety/Near-Miss-Reporting>

For more information on the positive impact of Near Miss reporting view our safety bulletin [here](#).



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