

NOTICE TO MARINERS 12 of 2021

NAVIGATIONAL CONDUCT OF VESSELS SUBJECT TO COMPULSORY PILOTAGE

Masters of vessels subject to compulsory pilotage in the Port of London are reminded of the following:

A person having the navigational conduct of a vessel subject to compulsory pilotage must be an authorised Pilot or a person holding a valid Pilotage Exemption Certificate (PEC) issued by the Harbour Master.

In accordance with the Pilotage Act 1987 ("the Act"), any Master who:

- proposes to take the navigational conduct of a vessel subject to compulsory pilotage from the authorised Pilot or PEC holder; and,
 - fails to notify the Competent Harbour Authority of his actions;
- is guilty of an offence pursuant to Section 15 of the Act.

When it becomes apparent that a Pilot or PEC holder no longer has the navigational conduct of the vessel, they must report the incident to "London VTS" on the appropriate channel, as soon as is safe and practicable to do so.

Details of vessels subject to compulsory pilotage can be found in the Port of London Authority Pilotage Directions: <https://server1.pla.co.uk/assets/pilotagedirections.pdf>

NOTE: Owners, Agents and Charterers should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to Masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.

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