

## **NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 18 of 2021**

### **INAPPROPRIATE USE OF VHF RADIO**

On all vessels fitted with VHF radio, the Master shall ensure that VHF channels utilised by London VTS are used only for safety of navigation, emergency and urgent communications and for no other purpose.

All such VHF communications shall comply with the guidelines contained within IMO Resolution A.954(23) on the proper use of VHF channels at sea and MCA Marine Guidance Notice 324 (M+F) on the use of VHF radio and Automatic Identification Systems at sea.

Failure to comply with these guidelines may lead to offences under the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 which, consequently, could result in the withdrawal of an individuals Authority to Operate VHF radio equipment, the revocation of a vessels Ship Radio Licence or prosecution.

All radio communications on VHF channels utilised by London VTS are continuously monitored and recorded. Appropriate steps will be taken to track and identify those making inappropriate transmissions.

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**10<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

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EXPIRY DATE: 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022

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