

## NOTICE TO MARINERS 7 of 2022

# UPDATED PLA PUBLICATION: CODE OF PRACTICE FOR CRAFT TOWAGE OPERATIONS ON THE THAMES

Following a scheduled review and an informal public consultation, the Port of London Authority (PLA) has updated the *Code of Practice for Craft Towage Operations on the Thames*.

The main changes to the Code are listed below; however, due to the significant number of changes, the updated Code should be read in full:

1. Updated Responsibilities section
2. Updated Regulations section
3. Removal of Section 4 – testing, inspection and maintenance
4. Removal of Section 5 – preparations before commencing towage operations
5. Removal of Section 6 – Crew safety during towage operations
6. Removal of Section 7 – making up a tow and making fast to tugs
7. Removal of Section 8 – underway and manoeuvring of the tow
8. Removal of Section 9 – mooring barges on the Thames
9. Updated section on non-routine tows
10. Updated section on tugs and tows to and from sea
11. Updated section on passage planning

Responses to the informal consultation (as well as all public consultation responses) are published here: <https://www.pla.co.uk/Safety/Consultations/Navigational-Safety-Consultations>

This code of practice is available to download to your computer, smart phone and/or tablet, as a PDF from our website at: <https://server1.pla.co.uk/assets/pla-craft-towage-code-revised-v1.pdf>

All PLA Byelaws, Directions and Codes of Practice are available in electronic form on the PLA website at: <https://www.pla.co.uk/Safety/Regulations-and-Guidance/Regulations-and-Guidance>

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