

## NOTICE TO MARINERS 11 of 2016

### Port of London Authority Local Knowledge Endorsements

Those Boatmaster (BML) holders who received their Local Knowledge Endorsement (LKE) under the transitional arrangements established in 2006 are reminded they are due to revalidate their LKE in 2016 by passing a shorter revalidation oral assessment. To date, few candidates have come forward for assessment and over 200 LKE holders remain outstanding.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 the PLA took over the administrative control of LKE revalidations from the Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA). In order to support the large number of oral assessments required to be undertaken in 2016; a revalidation panel made up of a PLA examiner and a Thames practitioner are being held either at the PLA offices, Waterman's Hall or an employers premises **every Wednesday**.

The PLA has agreed with the MCA, subject to agreement by the assessment panel that those being assessed who don't achieve the required standard, may continue to work provided they attend and re-sit their assessment within 4 weeks of their original assessment.

Those wishing to book a LKE revalidation are to do so by contacting the PLA using the following details.

- Contact Telephone No: 01474 562205.
- Email Address: [LKE@pla.co.uk](mailto:LKE@pla.co.uk)

Employers wishing to book a larger number of assessments at their premises should advise the PLA when booking.

Those requiring a revalidation are encouraged to book well in advance of the expiry date of the LKE to ensure their BML remains valid. **Those who fail to successfully revalidate before their expiry date will not be allowed to operate in the LKE area until successful revalidation has been completed.**

Further guidance can be sought from the district Harbour Master, MCA or [MIN 518](#).

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CHIEF HARBOUR MASTER



EXPIRY DATE: 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016  
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PLEASE REGISTER VIA OUR WEBSITE [www.pla.co.uk](http://www.pla.co.uk)  
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be recorded in the VTS Centres at Gravesend and Woolwich**

