

## NOTICE TO MARINERS 13 of 2017

### NEW PLA PUBLICATION

# CODE OF PRACTICE FOR PADDLING ON THE TIDEWAY 2017

The Port of London Authority (PLA), with the assistance of British Canoeing and a number of Thames paddlesport clubs and centres, has produced a new Code of Practice for Paddling on the Tideway (the 'Paddling Code').

The Paddling Code has been designed to support paddle sport users to enjoy their activities on the tideway to the maximum, whilst conveying best practices and key safety messages.

This new Code replaces the previous paddling guidance documents, namely the 'Paddling on the Tidal Thames Guide 2015', 'Stand Up Paddleboarding on the Tidal Thames 2015' and our 'Be Safe, Be Seen Guide', which are no longer valid. **Any remaining copies should be withdrawn.**

Paddling on the Tideway – A Code of Practice for Paddling on the Tidal Thames 2017 is available to download to your computer, smart phone and/or tablet as an interactive PDF from our website at: <https://server1.pla.co.uk/assets/paddlingcodeonlinepages.pdf>

If you require a hard copy of the Code, it can be printed from the website or booklets can be supplied by the PLA for a reasonable fee. Please contact the PLA's Navigational Safety Systems Coordinator, by email: [SafetyMangement@pla.co.uk](mailto:SafetyMangement@pla.co.uk) or by calling: 01474 562269.

**Please note all Paddling clubs will be sent a copy of the code in the next few days.**

Feedback from the 6 week Public Consultation of this Code can be found here: [www.pla.co.uk/Safety/Consultations/Navigational-Safety-Consultations](http://www.pla.co.uk/Safety/Consultations/Navigational-Safety-Consultations)

All PLA Byelaws, Directions, Guidance and Codes of Practice are available in electronic form on the PLA website at [www.pla.co.uk](http://www.pla.co.uk) / **Safety / Regulations and Guidance**

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