

## NOTICE TO MARINERS 23 of 2017

### CLASS B PEC GRANDFATHER RIGHTS

Further to the introduction of the Pilotage Directions 2017, which includes the establishment of a Class B PEC between Sea Reach 1 and Margaretness for intra-port Tugs and Tows, those currently operating are able to apply for a PEC B under Grandfather Rights.

Anyone wishing to apply for a PEC B under Grandfather Rights must have the relevant qualifications (see below) and must have a valid medical. Testimonials from the Company must be completed for each individual in order to demonstrate their level of experience on the Thames. Template testimonials are available upon request.

The Harbour Masters will assess their safety records to determine whether Grandfather Rights can be given. If Grandfather Rights are not given the Harbour Masters will provide an explanation to the Company as to why such a decision was made.

In some cases the Harbour Masters may need to seek further reassurances before allowing Grandfather Rights. This may be in the form of an on board assessment or an interview with the Harbour Masters, or further discussion with the Company in relation to the individual's experience.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> October anyone who has not been awarded Grandfather Rights will be limited to towing up to 80m combined length without a Pilot until their PEC B has been awarded.

The option to apply for a PEC B under Grandfather Rights will remain in place until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017. Applicants can apply for the whole area from Sea Reach 1 to Margaretness, or part of the area, as required.

#### Qualifications:

- Any qualification accepted under the Merchant Shipping (Boatmasters' Qualifications, Crew and Hours of Work) Regulations 2015, or if an SCV coded vessel, those qualifications accepted under the SCV code.
- Towing Endorsement

**25 September  
2017**

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**BOB BAKER  
CHIEF HARBOUR MASTER**



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