

## **NOTICE TO MARINERS**    No.2 of 2014

### **MAINTENANCE DREDGING ON THE THAMES**

**This Notice is also promulgated as Notice to Agents, Berth and Ship Operators 3 of 2014.**

As of the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2014, all operators intending to undertake maintenance dredging on the River Thames will require a licence from the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) in addition to the licence that is already granted by the PLA (Port of London Authority).

While dredging was made a licensable activity nationally by the Marine & Coastal Access Act 2009, the MMO only licenced capital dredging while giving transitional period for more regular maintenance activities. This transitional period ceases on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

Further information has been added to the dredging page in the marine licensing section of the MMO's website

<http://www.marinemanagement.org.uk/licensing/marine/activities/dredging.htm#navdredging>

These new arrangements do not alter the requirement for all maintenance dredging on the River Thames to be consented by the PLA. Should operators require further information or clarification from the PLA as to the new arrangements, they should contact Tanya Houston on [Tanya.houston@pla.co.uk](mailto:Tanya.houston@pla.co.uk) or on 01474 562223.

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