

#### Carriage Assessment

- 1) The owner or operator of the vessel must establish and agree with the Port of London Authority (PLA) the appropriate Thames AIS carriage requirement for their vessel under the Port of London River (Amendment) Byelaw 57A including assessing for any dispensations as detailed in Byelaw 57A (1)(b). Any application for a dispensation must be made at least 14 days in advance of the vessels arrival to the PLA and will be subject to verification.
- 2) The owner or operator must ascertain and agree with the PLA their exact equipment requirements in terms of the following parameters under Byelaw 57A:
  - a. Provision of persons on board (POB) functionality if a passenger vessel (if so required the owner or operator of the vessel must make an assessment as to whether the POB data is to be transmitted in an encrypted or unencrypted format).
  - b. Provision of a geographic display unit if navigating or working above London Bridge.
- 3) The owner or operator of the vessel should declare to the PLA their area of operation in the Thames AIS mandatory carriage area and the anticipated frequency and general purpose of operation on the river for the duration of the hire period.

#### Installation & Operation Requirements

- 1) A minimum of 14 days notice is required for the initial order for the hire of a portable PLA Thames AIS transponder unit.
- 2) Equipment may be available at less than 14 days notice but in such case the PLA may sub-contract the installation and subsequent removal operation to a third party at an extra cost to the vessel owner or operator.
- 3) A desired installation date and location must be given to the PLA at the time of the initial order. The PLA will undertake to install the equipment at any reasonable location within port limits but outside of the Thames AIS mandatory carriage area.
- 4) The owner or operator of the vessel must arrange an appointment for the equipments return to the PLA before the vessel proceeds on its last working voyage in the Thames AIS mandatory carriage area. The PLA will undertake to remove the equipment at any reasonable location within port limits but outside of the Thames AIS mandatory carriage area.
- 5) If the vessel is arriving from or departing to a location outside of port limits, arrangements must be made with the PLA to install or remove the equipment at an intermediate location agreed by both parties outside of the Thames AIS mandatory carriage area.
- 6) Should installation or removal of the equipment be required outside of office hours (0900-1700 Monday to Friday) notice must be given at the time of the initial order and an additional fee will be payable.
- 7) The owner or operator of the vessel should provide to the PLA if practicable a photo or plan of the vessel to aid planning of the installation.
- 8) The owner or operator of the vessel should state to the PLA at the time of the initial order the specifications of the power supply in use onboard the vessel.

- 9) A representative of the owner or operator must be available at the time of installation and removal of the equipment to answer any technical or operational queries which may arise. Training in the use of the equipment will also be provided at the time of installation.
- 10) The PLA Thames AIS equipment must be kept in a secure location should the vessel be left unattended at any time.
- 11) The PLA Thames AIS equipment is not to be transferred to any other vessel than the vessel stated on the loan agreement.
- 12) Damage to the PLA Thames AIS equipment, or failure to return it to the PLA will result in the owners or operators of the vessel being charged for the repair or replacement of the equipment.
- 13) The Thames AIS equipment loaned may only be used for the purposes of compliance with Port of London River (Amendment) Byelaw 57A and General Direction for Navigation in the Port of London No. 33 and for no other purpose.
- 14) The owners or operators of the vessel must operate their loan Thames AIS equipment in full compliance with Port of London River (Amendment) Byelaw 57A and General Direction for Navigation in the Port of London No. 33.
- 15) Due to the limited number of portable Thames AIS sets, the equipment will not normally be issued for a period of more than 7 consecutive days and for no more than 25 days in any one calendar year to the same vessel. Approval to retain portable Thames AIS sets beyond these limits will be subject to availability.

#### Fees

- 1) The standard minimum hire fee for a period of up to one week, inclusive of installation and removal charges is £215.00 + VAT.
- 2) If the Thames AIS equipment is retained or required for a period of greater than one week a fee of £60.00 + VAT per week is payable.
- 3) If installation or removal is required outside of normal engineering support hours an additional mobilisation fee is payable.
- 4) If installation or removal is required at a location which is outside of port limits an additional fee may be payable commensurate with the location(s) used.
- 5) Should less than 14 days notice be given for the installation of a portable Thames AIS equipment the PLA reserve the right to sub-contract the installation and removal of the equipment to a third party and/or apply a surcharge in addition to the standard charge to cover the mobilisation of engineering staff.  
Surcharges:
  - a. Between two weeks and 72hrs before installation £200.00 + VAT
  - b. Less than 72hrs notice £400.00 + VAT

#### Contact Information

- 1) Initial booking, carriage and dispensation enquiries should be submitted to the Deputy VTS Manager (tel: +44 (0)1474 562242 e-mail Kevin.Gregory@pla.co.uk).
- 2) Once a booking has been received the PLA Navigation Systems Engineering Department will contact the owner or operator to confirm an installation appointment.
- 3) Appointments for the return of PLA Thames AIS equipment should be made directly with PLA Navigation Systems Engineering Department (tel: +44(0)1474 562353).