

Charges 2017



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PORT OF LONDON AUTHORITY CHARGES 2017

Introduction

This publication entitled "*Charges 2017*" comes into effect on the 1st January 2017 and applies until replaced. It states the published rates and charges for services provided by the Port of London Authority.

It replaces the charges in the publication "*Charges 2016*" which will, on and after 1st January 2017, cease to have effect.

The regulations governing the charging and collection of dues are set out in "Charges Terms and Conditions" ("the Regulations"). These Regulations determine the basis upon which the Port of London Authority's (PLA) facilities and moorings may be used. The Regulations also set out the circumstances under which payments are due to the PLA and establishes liability for those payments.

Payment Terms

The following terms for payment shall apply unless in individual cases the PLA agrees otherwise.

Invoices will be issued electronically by email and collected by Direct Debit as standard. Paper invoices will be subject to an administration charge of £5 per invoice.

Direct Debit Customers

Direct debit payments from customers will be due and collected no earlier than 10 working days from date of invoice.

All Other Customers

An administration charge of £7 per invoice will apply for payment by another method other than Direct Debit.

Credit approved customers: Payment due immediately (i.e. on production of invoice).

Other customers: Payment (cleared funds) due 2 working days in advance of the services for which the charges are being made.

Interest

Interest will be charged in accordance with any applicable contracts. Where no contract exists or it is silent on the subject of interest, then interest at the current Bank of England base rate plus 8% will be applied to all commercial and non commercial debts more than 30 days overdue.

VAT

All charges quoted in this schedule are subject to Value Added Tax at the appropriate rate.

Tonnage for Charges Purposes

The Gross Tonnage (GT) of a vessel is the gross tonnage as ascertained in accordance with the International Convention of Tonnage Measurement of Ships 1969. When the certificate has not been made available to the PLA Charges Office, the PLA reserve the right to use the GT as stated in the current Lloyd's Register of Ships.

If the GT is incorrect in the current Lloyd's Register of Ships or if a vessel is re-measured, charges will be levied on the revised tonnage from the date the PLA Charges Office is notified of the correct tonnage and if relevant when the revised certificate of measurement is produced to the PLA Charges Office.

The full Regulations can be found in the "Charges Terms and Conditions" from which this extract has been taken.

Conservancy Charges on Vessels

1 Estuary charge applicable to all vessel arrivals from outside PLA limits	Per GT	
	Non-LNG	LNG*
Up to 3,000 tonnes	£0.0137	£0.0274
3,001 to 10,000 tonnes	£0.0147	£0.0294
10,001 to 55,000 tonnes	£0.0157	£0.0314
55,001 to 100,000 tonnes	£0.0168	£0.0336
Over 100,000 tonnes	£0.0211	£0.0422

*LNG - Liquid Natural Gas carrier

2 Conservancy charge applicable to vessels discharging / loading within PLA limits

Class I

All vessels other than Class II

Up to 3,000 tonnes	£0.0349
3,001 to 10,000 tonnes	£0.0831
10,001 to 55,000 tonnes	£0.1517
Over 55,000 tonnes	£0.2182

Class II

Ro-Ro vessels:

Up to 10,000 tonnes	£0.0109
10,001 to 25,000 tonnes	£0.0182
Over 25,000 tonnes	£0.0349

Cruise vessels: £0.0492

A minimum charge of £26.00 (inclusive of the Estuary charge) applies to each chargeable voyage for vessels discharging / loading within PLA limits.

Vessels registered under the Environmental Ships Index (ESI) scheme with a score equal to or greater than 30 points will receive a 5% discount on the vessel conservancy charge excluding the Estuary charge.

Part Cargo Rebates (not applicable to Estuary charge)

Rebates ranging from 3% to 35% apply to container ships (as defined in Lloyd's Register of Ships) of over 10,000 GT, where the TEUs handled on a single voyage fall below 100% of the vessel's capacity.

Conservancy Charges on Cargo

Description of Goods

1	Goods other than containers / trailers	Per Tonne
a	Mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances, mineral waxes	£0.2373
b	All other goods	£0.1582
2	Containers	Per Unit
	Up to 20'	£1.84
	Over 20' and up to 30'	£2.67
	Over 30' and up to 40'	£3.07
	Over 40' and up to 45'	£3.07
	Over 45'	Price on application
3	Trailers	Per Unit
		£2.45
4	Overdue Manifest Fee	Per Manifest, Per Month
	Chargeable on all manifests not received within 72 hours of the vessel arriving or leaving PLA limits.	£100

Note: As an alternative, payment on container / trailer cargoes may be made at the tonnage rate for 'All other goods', based on the actual gross weight of cargo.

T.O.S.C.A Charges

Additional Conservancy Charge on specific oil.

Description of Goods

		Per Tonne
1	Mineral Oils (excluding petroleum coke and similar products)	£0.0315
2	Animal / vegetable oils	£0.0157

Pilotage Charges

Introduction

The following information sets out the PLA charges for providing the services of an authorised pilot, and the charges for obtaining pilotage exemption and local navigation certificates effective from the 1st January 2017.

A separate booklet containing the current pilotage directions is available from the *Pilotage Department, PLA, Royal Pier Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 2BG* and should be read in conjunction with this Schedule.

Basic Pilotage Charge (Schedule A)

The pilotage charge for ships using a PLA authorised pilot relates to the distance of the pilotage act between two areas within the Port. There are six defined areas below Gravesend Pilot Station:

- i) Sunk
- ii) N.E. Spit
- iii) Oil Terminals / London Gateway / Chapman Anchorages
- iv) Warp
- v) Medway
- vi) Gravesend Reach (Lower)

and four sectors above Gravesend Pilot Station:

Sector A - Gravesend Reach (Upper) to Crayford Ness

Sector B - Crayford Ness to Margaret Ness

Sector C - Margaret Ness to Deptford Creek

Sector D - Deptford Creek to Putney Bridge

The basic pilotage charge (Schedule A), comprises the sum of two elements ([A]+[B]):

[A] A rate based on the GT of the vessel

For the purposes of this schedule, the Gross Tonnage (GT) of a vessel is the gross tonnage ascertained in accordance with the International Convention of Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969.

- i) The charges for roll-on / roll-off vessels will be applied to 50% of the GT and charges for passenger vessels will be applied to 80% of the GT.

ii) In the case of a 'vessel' under tow, charges will be calculated on the combined GT of the tug and 'vessel'.

[B] A charge according to the deepest draught of the vessel (at any time during the pilotage act). The charge will be based on the greater of the actual ships draught or that provided on the confirmed order.

PNPF Levy

A levy of 7.5% will apply to all pilotage charges, including Pilotage Exemption Certificates, but excluding Boarding and Landing charges. This supplement will be ring fenced to part fund the PLA share of the liability for the deficit in the Pilots' National Pension Fund.

Minimum Charge

A minimum charge of £318 will apply to all services provided by a PLA Pilot. It is therefore applicable to all Schedule A charges as well as Shift charges and Baulk tide / cancellation charges under Schedule C.

Non-routine Towage Operation

A non-routine towage operation, (as defined in the latest PLA edition of "The Code of Practice for Craft Towage Operations on the Thames") will be charged at an hourly rate to reflect the additional time taken in such circumstances.

Boarding and Landing (Schedule B)

The PLA have contractual arrangements for the boarding and landing services provided at the N.E. Spit, the Sunk and the general area of the Warp and Southend. The appropriate charge is passed onto the shipowner / agent as a separate element on the PLA's pilotage invoice.

A separate charge for boarding and landing at Gravesend is applicable whether the vessel is underway, on buoys or at anchor.

Extra Charges (Schedule C)

Where appropriate, additional charges are applied as set out in the Schedule.

Tripping Charges (Schedule D)

Tripping charges are set out in the Schedule.

Exemption and Local Navigation (LNC) Certificates (Schedule E)

Applications for a new Certificate or an extended PEC or LNC must undergo an assessment act with a PLA pilot to verify navigational skill and local knowledge. Existing PEC holders should undergo an assessment every fifth year. The charges for assessments acts, fees for examination and the granting and renewal of certificates are set out in the schedule.

Liability

The PLA employs pilotage resources to provide a high level of service. However, there will be a limited number of occasions when, for operational reasons, a pilot is not immediately available. The provision of pilotage services is accordingly subject to availability, and the PLA does not accept any responsibility for delay, damage or economic loss attributable to the lack of a pilot in such circumstances. In the event that a pilot is not supplied due solely to the PLA's negligence, then the PLA's liability for any loss or damage directly attributable to the failure to provide a pilot is limited to the amount which would have been charged for their services.

Reviews

Dispute of charges arising from telephone orders, electronic or hard copy will be subject to verification, which may involve review of PLA's audio recordings. Where our records are deemed to be in support of the charges levied, an Administration charge may be made to reflect the time lost. Customers are recommended to note the date and time of conversations pertinent to notifications and orders, and as additional precaution, refer to PISCES afterward.

Schedule A

Schedule of Basic Pilotage Charges

**Basic Pilotage Charges for Acts between
SUNK and:**

Rate No.	Oil Terminals / Chap Anchor / London Gateway S1	Warp S2	Gravesend S3	Sector A S4
A) GT Charge (£/tonne)	0.0225	0.0192	0.0251	0.0339
B) Draught Charge Draught (m)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Up to 3.00	298	244	332	464
3.01 - 4.00	324	268	359	499
4.01 - 5.00	437	370	491	680
5.01 - 6.00	574	485	648	902
6.01 - 7.00	733	609	827	1156
7.01 - 8.00	916	749	1038	1453
8.01 - 9.00	1123	897	1274	1791
9.01 - 10.00	1354	1059	1537	2169
10.01 - 11.00	1604	1235	1824	2584
11.01 - 12.00	1880	1421	2137	3039
12.01 - 13.00	2179	1622	2477	3531
13.01 - 14.00	2500	1834	2843	4061
14.01 - 15.00	2845	2059	3237	4636
Over 15.00	2936	2114	3335	4780

Subject to the minimum charge.

**Basic Pilotage Charges for Acts between
N.E.SPIT and:**

Rate No.	Oil Terminals / Chap Anchor / London Gateway N1	Warp N2	Gravesend N3	Sector A N4
A) GT Charge (£/tonne)	0.0185	0.0154	0.0209	0.0295
B) Draught Charge Draught (m)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Up to 3.00	260	219	287	419
3.01 - 4.00	283	237	309	449
4.01 - 5.00	374	319	424	613
5.01 - 6.00	492	414	552	806
6.01 - 7.00	624	517	701	1030
7.01 - 8.00	776	630	872	1287
8.01 - 9.00	950	757	1059	1576
9.01 - 10.00	1142	888	1269	1901
10.01 - 11.00	1347	1033	1495	2255
11.01 - 12.00	1576	1187	1742	2644
12.01 - 13.00	1824	1353	2005	3059
13.01 - 14.00	2091	1527	2289	3507
14.01 - 15.00	2375	1711	2596	3995
Over 15.00	2448	1760	2671	4116

Subject to the minimum charge.

**Basic Pilotage Charges for Acts between
OIL TERMINALS / LONDON GATEWAY and:**

Rate No.	Garrison Pt. O1	Gravesend O2	Sector A O3
A) GT Charge (£/tonne)	0.0089	0.0043	0.0131
B) Draught Charge Draught (m)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Up to 3.00	110	60	192
3.01 - 4.00	122	66	206
4.01 - 5.00	155	99	288
5.01 - 6.00	195	128	382
6.01 - 7.00	238	156	485
7.01 - 8.00	287	191	606
8.01 - 9.00	336	225	742
9.01 - 10.00	395	265	897
10.01 - 11.00	455	305	1065
11.01 - 12.00	519	352	1254
12.01 - 13.00	588	396	1450
13.01 - 14.00	660	446	1664
14.01 - 15.00	736	496	1895
Over 15.00	759	544	1989

Subject to the minimum charge.

**Basic Pilotage Charges for Acts between
WARP and:**

Rate No.	Oil Terminals / Chap Anchor / London Gateway W1	Gravesend W2	Sector A W3	Sector B W4	Sector C W5
A) GT Charge (£/tonne)	0.0092	0.0089	0.0175	0.0266	0.0291
B) Draught Charge Draught (m)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Up to 3.00	78	106	238	290	330
3.01 - 4.00	85	121	261	326	364
4.01 - 5.00	117	172	361	470	525
5.01 - 6.00	154	225	479	630	728
6.01 - 7.00	192	285	614	819	977
7.01 - 8.00	251	368	807	1043	1287
8.01 - 9.00	300	436	985	1274	1625
9.01 - 10.00	353	514	1185	1527	2016
10.01 - 11.00	410	595	1398	1801	2441
11.01 - 12.00	469	680	1632	2092	2914
12.01 - 13.00	531	769	1884	2408	3434
13.01 - 14.00	600	864	2152	2744	3994
14.01 - 15.00	667	965	2445	3060	4440
Over 15.00	685	989	2518	3193	4753

Subject to the minimum charge.

**Basic Pilotage Charges for Acts
between MEDWAY and:**

Rate No.	Gravesend M1	Sector A M2
A) GT Charge (£/tonne)	0.0089	0.0175
B) Draught Charge Draught (m)	(£)	(£)
Up to 3.00	142	274
3.01 - 4.00	155	295
4.01 - 5.00	201	390
5.01 - 6.00	257	511
6.01 - 7.00	309	638
7.01 - 8.00	371	786
8.01 - 9.00	439	956
9.01 - 10.00	513	1145
10.01 - 11.00	591	1351
11.01 - 12.00	675	1577
12.01 - 13.00	762	1816
13.01 - 14.00	857	2075
14.01 - 15.00	954	2353
Over 15.00	980	2425

Subject to the minimum charge.

**Basic Pilotage Charges for Acts between
GRAVESEND REACH(LOWER) and:**

Rate No.	Sector A G1	Sector B G2	Sector C G3	Sector D G5
A) GT Charge (£/tonne)	0.0088	0.0177	0.0203	0.0256
B) Draught Charge Draught (m)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Up to 3.00	132	184	224	278
3.01 - 4.00	140	205	243	304
4.01 - 5.00	189	298	353	441
5.01 - 6.00	254	405	503	629
6.01 - 7.00	329	534	692	867
7.01 - 8.00	415	675	919	1151
8.01 - 9.00	517	838	1189	1488
9.01 - 10.00	632	1013	1502	1878
10.01 - 11.00	760	1206	1846	2310
11.01 - 12.00	902	1412	2234	2793
12.01 - 13.00	1054	1639	2665	3331
13.01 - 14.00	1218	1880	3130	3914
14.01 - 15.00	1399	2095	3475	4345
Over 15.00	1445	2204	3764	4707

Subject to the minimum charge.

Schedule B

Schedule of Boarding and Landing Charges

1. Out Stations

In addition to the basic pilotage charges, the following charges are payable by every vessel which boards or lands a PLA pilot, other personnel or goods by pilot boat at the following locations:

	Sunk
	North East Spit
	Warp
	Chapmans Anchorage
	Medway (Little Nore,
	Sheerness or Garrison Point)
Length overall of vessel	Per Person / Item
	£
Up to 100m	266
100.01 to 125m	316
125.01 to 150m	370
150.01 to 175m	425
175.01 to 200m	475
200.01 to 225m	530
225.01 to 250m	587
250.01 to 275m	633
275.01 to 300m	659
300.01 to 350m	740
350.01 to 400m	851
Above 400m	979

NB: In addition to the above charges an extra charge may be levied as a fuel related surcharge to take account of prevailing fuel costs.

2. Gravesend

Any act of pilotage which requires boarding or landing in Gravesend Reach, and for which a pilot boat is required, is liable to a fee of £72 plus any fuel surcharge currently in force.

3. Dover or Other Locations

Boarding or landing will be charged at cost to PLA, plus an arrangement fee, plus the additional captive time of the pilot. This includes the services of any contractor at locations other than those listed at 1.

Schedule C

Schedule of Extra Charges

ETA & ETD Surcharges

A surcharge of 25% will be applied for less than the confirmed notice as prescribed in the prevailing regulations to the Pilotage Directions. This will increase to 50% if less than 3 hours confirmed notice is given in any circumstance.

Variation to Confirmed Orders

The PLA will allocate pilots in response to a confirmed order. Allocation of the pilot to the agreed Pilot On Board (POB) time will be notified through the PISCES online ordering system.

Once the pilot has been allocated, changes may incur penalties in accordance with the published Detention and Baulk tide / Cancellation charges or loss of provision of service.

Detention (waiting / idle time)

If a pilot is detained on board or kept waiting ashore for any reason, a detention charge of £99 per pilot, per hour, or part thereof will be levied. This will apply to delays of up to and including three hours (except in the case of Dover boarding which will be two hours) in arrival, sailing, or passage, (after which point the pilot may be withdrawn by the PLA requiring a new order to be placed resulting in a Baulk tide charge). Should the pilot be carried outside the seaward limit of compulsory Pilotage, reasonable travel expenses will also be charged.

Baulk tide / Cancellations

A charge of 100% of the pilotage cost (subject to the minimum charge) will apply if a pilot attends the vessel and is not required, or is unable to conduct the vessel for reasons other than of the PLA's making, or a confirmed order is cancelled with less than 3 hours notice of a confirmed ETA / ETD. Any boarding or landing charge that may have been incurred as a result of the pilot's attendance will also be charged as per Schedule B.

Shift (Ships anchoring in the Port of London)

A fee of £123 or £196 per hour, or part thereof, (subject to the minimum charge) is payable when a pilot moves a ship of up to 100 metres or over 100 metres respectively in length overall from one berth or dock to another. This rate shall also apply to repositioning of vessels on the same berth or dock. Multiple movements, including project work will be quoted on application.

Project Rate

Where pilots are supplied frequently and regularly to move vessels engaged in project work, an hourly rate will be applied to reflect the exceptional pilot turnaround. As each project is unique, price is therefore upon application.

Ships Requiring Pilots to Join or Disembark at Continental or Other Ports

Shipowners / agents wishing a pilot to board a ship at a continental or distant UK port are liable for a minimum fee of £2,382 per voyage plus £99 per hour, or part thereof, for each hour in excess of 24 hours of time spent on board the ship outside the seaward limit of compulsory pilotage, plus reasonable travel expenses. Should travel arrangements be undertaken by the PLA at the request of and on behalf of the agent / operator, an admin charge will be made as well as costs for the flight and taxi fee to the appropriate UK airport. If for any reason the arrangement is changed or cancelled, the agent / operator will be liable to meet any out of pocket expenses incurred by the PLA.

Shipowners / agents requiring a pilot to remain on board a ship and proceed to a continental or distant UK port are liable for a detention charge of £99 per hour or part thereof; from the time that the pilot leaves the PLA district aboard the vessel to his arrival back at his base station. All repatriation and arrangement costs are to be met by the agent / operator.

Haven Pilot Charges

Any Large Vessel requiring a 'Haven Pilot' (regardless of destination) will be charged as follows:

Oil Tankers and Gas Carriers

200m LOA or more, or 11m Draught or more	1 Pilot	£1,079
225m LOA or more, and 12.5m Draught or more	2 Pilots	£1,696

Container Ships

320m LOA or more, or 13.5m Draught or more	2 Pilots	£1,696
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Sunk Surcharge

Ships with a pilotage draught of less than 7.5 metres requiring to board or land their pilots at the Sunk or Cork Pilot Stations, instead of at the N.E. Spit, will, unless operationally expedient be liable to a surcharge of 100% of the basic pilotage charge except when bound to or from ports in the Harwich Haven, Ipswich and Essex Rivers areas.

Administration Charges

When the PLA performs services which should, more properly, be transacted by the appointed Shipping Agent an administration charge of up to £190 will be raised. Activities which may attract such charges are, for example, those intended to avoid a delay to a vessel in circumstances when the Agent cannot be contacted. This charge also applies when movement, pilotage and PEC notifications are submitted that are not in the correct format or are incomplete, including CERS mandatory reporting data. A tug assessment will also attract this administration charge in addition to the basic applicable pilotage charge.

A lesser charge of £36 is applicable should minor intervention be required as a result of inaccurate booking data being submitted which necessitates telephone clarification.

Additional Services

Additional services, including hire of the Bridge Simulator are available on request from the pilotage department. Please contact the pilotage administration office to discuss individual requirements and receive quotations.

Schedule of Charges for PEC and LNC Assessment Acts and Fees for Exemption and LNC Certificates

PEC and LNC Assessment Acts see schedule A-C

(NB: For Licensed Watermen these rates are reduced by 50%.)

Boarding and landing charges at the rates set out in Schedule B are payable in addition as are the fees for certificates set out below.

Exemption and LNC Certificates

1	Issue of a certificate without examination for one or more areas of the Port	£148
2	Issue of a certificate by examination for one area of the Port	£380
3	Issue of a certificate by examination for two or more areas of the Port	£534
4	Renewal of a certificate for one or more areas of the Port	£148
5	Cancellation fee for the cancellation of an examination with less than 10 days notice	£380
6	Endorsement of existing certificate (eg. additional ships, areas etc.)	£59

Annual Port Dues

Annual Port Dues are payable on all vessels liable to pay dues, in use on the Thames each year with a pro-rata charge for vessels coming in to use on the Thames for the first time or permanently going out of use on the Thames during the year. The Thames Skills Academy levy of 20% will be payable in addition to the charges below.

	Per GT
Dumb / Motor / Motor Tank & Crane barges	£2.17
	Per Vessel
Dredgers	£434
Motor tugs	- up to 100gt £217 - over 100gt £434
Work boats	£44
Passenger vessels (day max):-	
12 or under passengers	£0
13 - 50 passengers	£434
51 - 100 passengers	£871
101 - 150 passengers	£1,305
151 - 200 passengers	£1,740
201 - 250 passengers	£1,740
251 - 300 passengers	£1,740
301 - 350 passengers	£1,740
Over 350 passengers	£1,740

The dues payable on a laid-up vessel after the expiry of a sixty day period of notice will be reduced by 50%, calculated pro rata on a daily basis. The 50% discount applies during the whole period that the vessel remains laid-up following expiry of the sixty days notice period. During the sixty day notice period the full dues will continue to be payable.

Vessels Trading Outside Port Limits

Vessels which trade outside port limits shall attract no charge for conservancy on vessels for which they become liable by trading out of the port limits, from the date each year on which the vessels first become subject to annual port dues, until such charges for the vessel have accumulated during that year to an amount equal to 100% of the annual port due.

Projects

Construction, Excavation and Demolition Waste (CE & DW)

Vessels moving CE & DW will be charged at a rate of £0.10 per tonne of cargo. This charge is applicable to all new major infrastructure projects.

An additional £0.10 per tonne of cargo will be charged on Tideway related construction, excavation and demolition waste as a levy for the benefit of the Thames Skills Academy. This charge can be reclaimed from Tideway.

Pilotage

Where pilots are supplied frequently and regularly to move vessels engaged in project work, an hourly rate will be applied to reflect the exceptional pilot turnaround. As each project is unique, price is therefore upon application.

Bunkering Supply Services

Bunkering services supplied within port limits are subject to all applicable tariff charges.

Bunkering services supplied outside port limits but within the PLA's VTS control zone will be subject to charges as agreed in advance upon application to the PLA's Finance Department.

Vessel Licensing Inspection Fees

The PLA is required by its Act of Parliament to regulate, through inspection, all commercial (Inland Waterways) vessels, which are not certificated under Merchant Shipping legislation or by another recognised navigational authority. These inspections and services attract associated charges, as identified below.

5-Year Inspection Cycle Charges

Most manned vessels regulated by the PLA will be inspected and licensed over a 5-year cycle. The cycle is split into 12 month periods, consisting of in and out of water inspections. Additionally workboats and passenger boats carrying twelve passengers or less may also be eligible for interim Owner Sign-offs for two out of the five inspections. See Table 1.

Interim Owner Sign-off Through Self Certification

The vessel Owner or Operator may choose to self-certificate at the Interim Owner Sign-offs. In this case the charge will be £83 for all vessels that qualify for self certification. If an Owner or Operator is unable or unwilling to qualify for self-certification the inspections will be undertaken by an authorised PLA Marine Surveyor. Such inspections will incur the same charge as the In-Water Inspection set out in Table 1.

Table 1

Manned Vessel Inspections

	In-Water Inspection	Interim Owner Sign-offs
	£	£
Motor Tugs		
Up to 50gt	284	
Over 50 to 100gt	307	
Over 100gt	410	
Salvage Vessel	367	
Powered Dredger	479	
Motor Boat for Hire	237	
Workboat		
Up to 15gt	189	83
Over 15gt	237	83
Passenger Boat	237	83

Note: All Out of Water Hull Inspections will be charged separately.

Tonnage-based Charges

Tonnage-based inspections are split into three categories: Powered vessels, Un-powered vessels and Oil Storage Barges (powered or un-powered). Oil Storage Barges and Powered vessel inspections are based over an annual inspection and licence period. Un-Powered vessel inspections are based over a biennial (every two years) licence period. Charges for these inspections are set out in Table 2.

Table 2

Tonnage-based Vessel Inspections

Annual charges

Motor Barge £2.34 per tonne

Motor Tank Barge: £2.64 per tonne

Oil Storage Barge: £1.35 per tonne

Biennial charges

Dumb Barge: £2.24 per tonne

A minimum charge of £205 will apply.

Out of Water Hull Inspection Charges

All PLA licenced vessels are required to have out of water hull inspections at the intervals set out in Table 3.

These inspections are charged at a rate of £64 per hour with a minimum charge of 2 hours. Travel time will also be charged at £64 per hour, however capped at a maximum of 4 hours within the tidal Thames corridor.

Table 3

Out of Water Hull Inspection Schedules

Vessel Type	Period of Out of Water Inspections
Powered Vessels of Timber Construction	3 years
Powered Vessels, other than those of Timber Construction	5 years
Dumb Barges, Crane Barges & Civil Engineering Barges	6 years
Collar Barges, Finger Pontoons & Mooring Barges	10 years

Note: The Un-powered category includes: dumb barges, civil engineering barges (crane or working platforms), dumb dredgers, collar & mooring barges.

Other Vessel Inspection Charges

The PLA also inspects some vessels that fall outside of both the 5-Year Inspection Cycle and Tonnage-based categories. Information relating to other vessel / inspection types is detailed below.

Skiffs, Rowing Boats and Kayaks

Biennial Inspection (every 2 years) and licence charge - £40 per vessel.

Remedial Inspection Charge

Where there are a number of failings and items outstanding following the completion of an inspection, a subsequent remedial inspection may be required in order to verify that the necessary work has been undertaken to the satisfaction of the PLA Marine Surveyor (or their representative) and that the vessel meets the required standard. The charges for remedial inspections are 100% of the original inspection charge.

Ship Towage Inspection Charge

Any vessel engaged in ship towage within the Port of London shall be subject to an annual inspection by a PLA Marine Surveyor prior to operating. This will consist of an inspection of the vessel's documents, towing arrangements and any associated towing equipment. The fee for such inspections will be £300 per vessel.

Note: Ship towage tugs licensed and inspected as a Tug by the PLA (rather than the Maritime & Coastguard Agency, another Flag State or other issuing authority recognised by the PLA) will be subject to the charges detailed in Table 1.

Certificate of Compliance Charge (Byelaw 16 - Thames Byelaws 2012)

A Certificate of Compliance will only be issued inline with Byelaw 16 of the Thames Byelaws 2012. Owners or Operators, who choose to apply for an exemption from the mandatory speed limit in specific areas of the River in central London, may apply in writing for an inspection inline with Byelaw 16. The annual charge for inspection and issue of a Certificate of Compliance is £157.

Temporary Licence Charge

Vessels that do not hold certification as required by the Port of London Act 1968 (as amended) wishing to engage in short-term commercial activity within the Port of London, may, at the discretion

of the PLA's Marine Surveyor, be granted a Temporary Licence to work and navigate for a limited period detailed on the Licence.

Temporary Licences issued by the PLA will be valid for no more than fourteen days. Vessel owners wishing to operate for fifteen days or more shall be licensed under the standard 5-year cycle, or tonnage inspection process detailed in Tables 1 & 2.

The vessel inspection and any necessary remedial inspection(s) will be charged at the standard PLA Marine Surveyor hourly rate. A minimum charge of 2 hours per inspection, plus 1 hour to cover the associated administrative costs, will apply.

Marine Surveyors - Hourly Rate

An hourly rate of £92 will be levied for the provision of all other surveys, inspections and additional administrative time whereby the defects identified during an inspection are so extensive that they require comprehensive reports to be written. This charge will also apply to heel and freeboard tests or any other such assessment if not undertaken at the time of the compliance or renewal inspections.

Advisory and consultancy work undertaken by PLA Marine Surveyors which does not fall within the scope of the above survey schedules will also be charged at the same rate per hour or part thereof. The hourly rate will apply to all travel, inspection, administration and report writing time associated with the service provided. Travel and subsistence expenses will also be charged separately (at cost) for such inspection and survey services provided outside Kent, Essex and the Metropolitan area.

Overseas visits will be levied at a rate of £106 per hour.

Marine Services

Based at Denton Wharf in Gravesend Reach, Marine Services operate a fleet of vessels providing mooring installation and maintenance, salvage capability, diving services and oil pollution response. The facilities at Denton Wharf can be used for load out, lift out of vessels and for short term storage. Throughout the river moorings are available for hire on a long or short term basis. Rates and quotations for work are available from the Marine Services office at Denton Wharf.

Services required to remove obstructions such as trees from private land to prevent them from becoming navigation hazards, will be charged to the property owner.

Ship Moorings

The following charges apply to vessels using ship moorings for any purpose including discharging and / or loading cargo; embarking or disembarking passengers; laying-up for repairs, bunkering or sale; or for holding exhibitions. The minimum charge payable is as for a vessel of 2,500 GT.

If the GT of a vessel is not known, PLA will base its charges on either the GT of a comparable vessel, rounded up to the nearest 100 tonnes, or the application of the Formula, issued by the Department for Transport.

A fee will be charged for any adjustment required to PLA moorings including Greenwich Ship Tier and St Georges Stairs Tier.

Mooring facilities require payment (cleared funds) of a non-refundable 20% deposit to secure the booking. The remaining 80% of the mooring fee will become due when the mooring is taken up.

All Ship Moorings	Per GT
For the first 24 hours or part thereof	£0.321
For each subsequent period of 12 hours or part thereof	£0.128

Use of Landside Facilities

This charge will be in addition to other charges in this Schedule.

	Per 3 Day Period
Tower Pier passenger / baggage hall	£2,205
Floating Cruise Terminal	£2,205

Short Stay Moorings

The following charges are for short-term use of:

- a) Bankside Mooring (length of stay strictly limited to periods of up to two hours)
- b) Mill Stairs Mooring (length of stay strictly limited to periods of up to two hours)
- c) Folly House
- d) Woolwich Barge Roads
- e) Barking Barge Roads
- f) Broadness Barge Roads Lower
- g) Denton Swing Mooring No. 2

[NB: Other miscellaneous moorings are available on a short or long term basis.]

A charge of £83 per day or part thereof will apply for each vessel using any of the above moorings on a short term basis. If the period of use is for a longer term or is extended the charge may be varied.

Non-commercial Craft Moorings (non residential)

Location	Size of Mooring (feet)	Monthly Charge Per Mooring
Lovell's Buoys, Twickenham	Up to 50'	£89
Chitty's pontoons, Richmond	Up to 30'	£83
Corporation Piles, Richmond	Up to 40'	£103
Kew Midstream Moorings	Up to 35'	£79
Chiswick Yatch Moorings	Up to 25'	£64
Putney Yatch Moorings	Up to 35'	£93
Cadogan Buoys, Chelsea	Up to 25'	£56
Cadogan Barge Moorings	Up to 35'	£89
	36' to 80'	£154
	81' to 100'	£175
	101' to 120'	£207
Erith Deepwater Moorings	Up to 30'	£63
(usual min. depth 10')	Up to 50'	£107

Temporary overnight (2200 to 1000 hrs) stay at any of the above mid-stream moorings, £26 per night.

Payment for the casual use of any mooring must be made in advance.

Moorings for a Special Purpose or Event

Charges for moorings laid for a special purpose or event are subject to negotiation.

Charges for the hiring of gear, tackle, buoys, anchors and other equipment is by individual quotation.

Dummy Pontoon Hire Charges	Per Pontoon
For the first week or part thereof, per ship	£550
For each subsequent week or part thereof, per ship	£275

A charge for the towage pontoons to the location required by the hirer may, in certain circumstances, be made in addition to the hire charge. This charge for towage will be quoted on request.

Other Services

Harbour Services

Charges may be made when the PLA hires out buoys, sinkers, lights, flags and other equipment to mark temporary works or structures for river events.

Charges will be made for the supply of Harbour Service Launches, when they are required, for attendance at special operations or river events. These charges will reflect the costs incurred by the PLA for providing the Harbour Service Launches and are obtainable from the Harbour Master.

Event Support

A charge may be made for any PLA support required for the staging of a public event on or by the river, based upon the nature and extent of the PLA input required. Organisers of such events are recommended to discuss the level and basis for charging with the Finance Department at an early stage in the planning process.

Notices to Mariners

When the nature of a river work or event necessitates the issue of a Notice to Mariners, this will be produced and circulated by the PLA at a cost to the applicant / event organiser at a standard rate, irrespective of the area of River affected.

Area Covered

Upper River	£600
Middle River	£600
Lower River & Estuary	£600
Two Adjacent Areas or Port-wide	£730

There is a minimum notice period of at least 4 weeks in such circumstances. Applicants should note that a 50% surcharge will be applied to these charges when less than the minimum period of notice is given to the PLA.

Regulatory Publications

The PLA produces a suite of regulatory publications, which includes the Thames Byelaws, General Directions for Navigation and Permanent Notices to Mariners in both electronic and hard copy format. Electronic versions of these publications are available to download free of charge from the PLA's website www.pla.co.uk under Navigational Safety / Regulations and Guidance.

Hard copy regulatory publications are available from the PLA at a small charge, as detailed below plus postage costs.

Enquiries should be made via SafetyManagement@pla.co.uk or 01474 562269.

Publication	Individual Price	BML Candidate Pack	PEC Candidate Pack
		£9.00	£13.00
Thames Byelaws	£4.75	Yes	Yes
General Directions	£4.00	Yes	Yes
Permanent Notices to Mariners	£4.00	Yes	Yes
Pilotage Directions	£4.00	No	Yes
Dangerous Substances in Bulk Byelaws	£4.00	No	Yes
Port of London Vessel Licensing Byelaws	£4.00	No	No

The PLA's marine Codes of Practice and guidance documents are provided free of charge for orders of less than 10 copies, however we reserve the right to charge for orders in excess of this quantity plus postage costs.

Provision of Information

A reasonable charge will be made for the provision of information, searches, copying of charts, maps, statistical information and the like. Rates can be obtained on application from the relevant department.

Foreshore Permits

It is an offence to dig on the foreshore without a permit. For further details of how to obtain a foreshore permit contact 01474 562339 or foreshorepermits@pla.co.uk. The charge and types of permits available are as follows:

Permit Type

Daily	£32
Standard (3 year permit)	£75
Junior (Age 12 to 17 years. 3 year permit)	£37
Mudlark (Applicants must first hold a Standard Licence)	£80

Filming and Photography Charges

Standard rate £290 per hour or part thereof.

The hourly filming and photography rate set out above is for activity which does not raise any additional safety or regulatory issues.

More complex filming activity that involves higher regulatory and safety oversight, including low level flying by any type of aircraft (fixed wing, rotary, manned or unmanned), lighting effects, controlled navigation or river closure will be charged at a higher level of filming licence fee based on the bands set out below under 'Commercial and Promotional Events'.

Such charges will be levied for the "use" of the location irrespective of whether it is river based (where the film crew are afloat and either filming action on the River or filming land based action from the River) or land based (where the film crew are land based but filming action on the River).

There is no charge for non-commercial still photography.

Commercial and Promotional Events

The tidal Thames is periodically used for a range of events from raising public awareness to commercial product launches. All events have to be discussed and agreed with the PLA. This ensures they can be safely integrated into the day to day business on the UK's busiest inland waterway for passengers and freight. Anyone looking to arrange such an event must get in touch with us at the earliest opportunity and at least six weeks before the date of the event being considered.

Fees for events on the river are by agreement with the PLA Corporate Affairs team. Fee discussions for activities lasting less than one day are around a series of three bands set out below.

Major product launches / high profile PR events etc for blue chip / major companies or clients / movie promotion: range £10k to £30k

Lower key / smaller scale PR activities (including those in less 'high profile' areas away from heart of the Capital): range £5k to £15k

Non-commercial PR events by lobby / pressure groups with no commercial branding or commercial linkage etc: range £500 to £5k

Contact Martin Garside in the Corporate Affairs team on: 01474 562366 or email: martin.garside@pla.co.uk

Banner or Poster (or pair of identical posters or banners) displayed externally on passenger vessels on passenger charter:

Regulatory charge per 10 hour day or part thereof £100

Commercial royalty charge (in addition to regulatory charge) per sq.m. or part thereof / per hour (minimum charge period 3 hours) £10

Exemptions

No charge will be made for "corporate" banners displayed land-side of a vessel as a means of identification for passengers during the time of embarkation. Such banners must be removed prior to departure from the pier. Failure to do so will incur the charges described in the Schedule.

No charge will be made for house flags not exceeding 1m x 1m. Those in excess of this size will be deemed a banner and charged accordingly.

Third Party Revenue

Where an operator receives revenue from a third party for the use of the vessel as a moving advertising medium by incorporating "commercial advertising" into the overall livery, a charge of 10% of the gross revenue received will be levied.

Where an operator provides advertising facilities affixed to the external sides of the vessel for the purpose of carrying third party advertising, a charge of 10% of the gross revenue received will be levied.

No charge will be made for any third party internal advertising.

Richmond Lock

All vessels regardless of size, draught or displacement will be charged £7.50 to use Richmond Lock.

The charge will be increased to £11 when paying by invoice.

Notes:

- 1) Return passages on the **same day** will not be charged an additional £7.50.
- 2) No charges will be levied on vessels which use the boat rollers (recently refitted and safe for use by small vessels).
- 3) No charges will be levied on trading barges or tugs towing them.

Drying Out Facilities

The PLA has two drying out facilities in the upper district; Strand-on-the-Green Grid and Isleworth Drawdock.

Strand-on-the-Green Grid is a timber grid suitable for smaller vessels, but without road access. The grid is limited to vessels of 25m length, 9m beam and a displacement of 200 tonnes. All vessels, regardless of size, draught or displacement, will be charged £20 per 24 hours or part thereof to use Strand-on-the-Green Grid.

Isleworth Drawdock is available as either a full length or half-length berth (suitable for vessels up to 18m in length). Vessels using one half of Isleworth Drawdock will be charged £20 per 24 hours or part thereof. Vessels wishing to use either the full length of the drawdock or who moor across the centre line dividing the berths will be charged £40 per 24 hours or part thereof.

Hydrographic Services

Charts

PLA published charts from Teddington to the former seaward limit off Shoeburyness.

From Teddington to Putney [Charts 301-325] the charts are issued as two separate colour chart Folios:

Folio No.1 covering Teddington to Putney, 12 charts; 301-312 cost £50 per folio excluding postage.

Folio No.2 from Wandsworth to Gallions Reach (Margaretness) 13 charts; 313-325 cost £50 per folio excluding postage.

The PLA will continue to publish the larger scale A0 charts from Margaretness to Southend (Charts 326-387).

More details at www.pla.co.uk/Safety/Hydrographic

Individual charts cost £10 including p&p for A2 size and £20 for A0 size including p&p for mainland UK and are available from the PLA's Hydrographic Service.

Archive Charts are also available.

Digital Sounding Data

Digital survey data can be provided in various formats to be used in customers own systems, prices vary depending on requirements and data coverage. The PLA Hydrographic Service also undertakes Hydrographic surveys for a charge which reflects the costs it incurs in undertaking the survey.

Tidal Data

The PLA maintains seven tidal stations along the Thames between Richmond and Walton-on-the-Naze and Margate. Listings of the times and heights of observed high and low water levels, for any one of the PLA's tidal stations for any calendar month (or part thereof) are available at £45.

Tidal predictions giving the predicted height of tide at every hour during the year, published separately for London Bridge, North Woolwich, Tilbury, Coryton, Southend, Margate and Walton-on-the-Naze are available for sale, priced £5.

The current PLA '*Handbook of Tide Tables and Port Information*' is priced at £3.00 per copy.

Contact Details

Port of London Authority, Hydrographic Service, London River House, Royal Pier Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 2BG.

Tel: 01474 562200 www.pla.co.uk/hydrohomepage

Licence Charges

Professional Fees

The Port of London Act 1968 (as amended) authorises the making of charges for services provided including the processing and determination of Licence applications and other professional activities. The appropriate fee should be included with applications to avoid undue delays. A duplicate of a Licence already issued will be provided upon payment of a £40 fee.

The levels of fees are set out below and are subject to Value Added Tax at the appropriate rate:

River Works Licence Applications

1. Unit Based Fees

Single structures (inc. individual moorings, outfalls, safety chains, pipelines)	£180
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Multiple Structures (inc. vessels and associated mooring, works to river wall)	£340
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2. Area Based Fees

Pontoon and Brows per 10m ² (or part), subject to a maximum fee of £8,000	£180
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All other proposals: per 10m ² (or part), subject to a maximum fee of £17,800	£340
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3. Temporary Works

Temporary works Applications requiring technical assessment	£180
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Repeat applications, variations or applications requiring no technical assessment	£70
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In addition to the application processing fee a charge will be made for the period of time that the works are in place. This charge will be made in accordance with the charges for use of PLA premises.

The PLA reserves the right to review these fees and charges following any delegation of powers to the Authority to determine applications under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

Pre-Application Advice

As part of its statutory duty the PLA will offer free initial advice and guidance to all who are considering works / developments in, over, under the river. Thereafter, a charge will be made on the following basis:

Proposal	Advice £	PLA Officers £
Any Private development or a Commercial development with an estimated construction cost of less than £500,000	80	155 per hr
Commercial Development:		
(a) Construction value £500,000 - £1m	115	190 per hr
(b) Construction value £1m - £5m	155	230 per hr
(c) Construction value in excess of £5m	190	265 per hr
Promotion of any commercial event, stunt or procession	155	155 per hr

Discretionary Charging

A charge will not normally be made for the resubmission of a licence application following minor modification to design, however a charge may be made at the discretion of the Licensing Officer. Revised applications received after a period of six months will be classed as new applications. Urgent applications, including urgent applications for temporary works and for dredging licences, will be dealt with by means of an expedited process at the discretion of the relevant Officer and subject to the payment of an additional administration fee of £1,000.

Retentions, Assignments and Variations

A charge of £70 will be made for considering and processing applications to retain or assign an existing licence. The same fee will apply to an application for a simple variation to an existing licence. Where however a detailed review of the variation requested is necessary then a charge of £180 will be made.

Dredging Licence Applications

A charge may be made for planning and application advice.

Charges for processing applications for licences:

1. Maintenance Dredging

Quantity to be dredged (m ³)	Standard fee	Designated area supplement (<5km from SPA/SAC or <2km from SSSI)	3 year licence Supplement
Up to 10,000	£380	£380	£380
10,001 - 75,999	£760	£380	£380
76,000 - 125,000	£1,530	£760	£760
Over 125,000	£3,080	£760	£760

2. Capital Dredging

Quantity to be dredged (m ³)	Standard fee	Designated area supplement (<5km from SPA/SAC or <2km from SSSI)
Up to 20,000	£855	£425
20,001 - 99,999	£1,715	£840
100,000 - 200,000	£3,280	£1,220
Over 200,000	£8,145	£1,660

The normal processing time for applications for either a maintenance or capital dredging licence is three months.

A charge of £380 will be made for considering and processing applications for variations to an existing dredging licence. The same fee will apply to an application for a de minimis dredge.

The PLA reserves the right to review these fees and charges following any delegation of powers to the Authority to determine applications under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

To avoid delays in processing applications, please submit the appropriate fee. A Licence will not be issued until payment has been received.

Property Related Search Fees

Completion of PLA Standard Questionnaire	£90 per site
Additional information	by arrangement
Copies of plans, search and production costs (minimum charge £15.00 per plan)	£40 per hour

Searches must be submitted in good time as the PLA may be unable to provide urgent or by return replies. The standard response time is 20 working days.

Contact the Licensing Department on 01474 562354 for clarification on calculating the fee or confirmation that an application is exempt.

Determination of River Works Licence Considerations (Surveyor fee)

Value of Assessment	Fee
First £500	30%
Next £1,500	20%
Next £5,000	10%
Next £10,000	5%
Next £25,000	3%
Remainder	2%

A minimum charge of £75 + VAT applies.

Notes:

- 1) In the event of the appointment by the PLA of external surveyors, engineers or other experts, fees based on the full cost of the experts' services will be chargeable including any VAT not recoverable by the PLA. Upon request an estimate of the fees will be given to the applicant in advance.
- 2) An indicative River Works Licence assessment will be quoted upon request but it shall not be binding on the PLA nor will it imply that a River Works Licence will be issued by the PLA.

Houseboats

The London wide notional gross mooring fee is £403 excluding VAT per linear metre per annum. To be reviewed 1st August 2017.

End of Garden Mooring

£62.80 per linear metre. To be reviewed on an annual basis.

Telecommunications

A fee will be levied to recover costs incurred attending sites, including accompanied site visits. Such fees will be made available upon application to the Estates Department.

Scaffolding (Temporary River Works Licence Rate)

£30 per day plus VAT.

Over Sailing Rights (Temporary River Works Licence Rate)

£15 per day plus VAT.

All other Temporary River Works Licence Fees are available on application.

Throughput Occupation Charges

(Port of London Act 1968 (S67) Cargo Handling)

Rate A

Oil and Oil Storage

	£
First 2m tonnes	0.0339
Next 3m tonnes	0.0231
Next 3m tonnes	0.0176
Remainder	0.0169

Rate B

Non-oil cargoes (Forest Products, Grain, Metals, Edible Oil, Sugar, Vehicles, Coal, Aggregates, Cement, Containerised & General Cargo)

	£
First 500,000 tonnes	0.0426
Next 500,000 tonnes	0.0354
Next 1,000,000 tonnes	0.0277
Remainder	0.0207

Use of PLA Premises

The following fees are for processing an application for the use of PLA premises. All legal fees and costs are additional.

	Fee £
Application for lease or licence of PLA premises:	
Yearly rent not exceeding £5,000	1,175
Yearly rent between £5,000 and £10,000	1,550
Yearly rent between £10,000 and £15,000	1,930
Yearly rent between £15,000 and £20,000	2,300
Yearly rent over £20,000	3,050

	Fee £
Application for licence to install and use equipment at PLA mast sites:	
Up to 5 No. antennae plus equipment cabin (if applicable)	1,020
Between 5 and 10 No. antennae plus equipment cabin (if applicable)	1,400
Over 10 No. antennae plus equipment cabin (if applicable)	1,700
Variation to existing installation	1,550

Application for temporary use of PLA premises:	
For a period of time involving works	500
For a period of time not involving works (Excluding engineering involvement: £200)	275
Casual use of a one-off event (Excluding engineering involvement: £75)	150

Notes:

- 1) In the event of the appointment by the PLA of external surveyors, engineers or other experts, fees based on the full cost of the experts' services will be chargeable including any VAT not recoverable by the PLA. Upon request an approximation of the fees will be given to the applicant in advance.
- 2) Fees exclude any rent or consideration due under the determination.

Supply of Electricity

If the PLA arranges electrical installations in tenants' premises, a tariff rate will be charged.

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