

# Charges 2019



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# PORT OF LONDON AUTHORITY CHARGES 2019

## **Introduction**

This publication entitled “*Charges 2019*” comes into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 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 2018*” which will, on and after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019, 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**

Payment is due immediately (i.e. on production of invoice).

**Invoices** will be issued electronically by email as standard. Invoice queries must be addressed to [charges@pla.co.uk](mailto:charges@pla.co.uk) within 7 days from invoice date. We reserve the right to charge an administration charge per paper 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**

We reserve the right to apply an administration charge per invoice for payment by another method other than Direct Debit.

## **Interest and Debt Recovery**

Interest and debt recovery costs will be charged in accordance with any applicable contracts. Where no contract exists or it is silent on the subject of interest and debt recovery costs, we reserve the right to apply statutory interest of 8% above the Bank of England reference rate and a fixed amount for debt recovery costs to all debts more than 30 days overdue.

## **VAT**

Unless stated otherwise 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	£0.0146	£0.0292
	3,001 to 10,000 tonnes	£0.0157	£0.0314
	10,001 to 55,000 tonnes	£0.0167	£0.0334
	55,001 to 100,000 tonnes	£0.0179	£0.0358
	Over 100,000 tonnes	£0.0225	£0.0450

\*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	£0.0372
3,001 to 10,000 tonnes	£0.0883
10,001 to 55,000 tonnes	£0.1613
Over 55,000 tonnes	£0.2320

#### Class II

Ro-Ro vessels:

Up to 10,000 tonnes	£0.0117
10,001 to 25,000 tonnes	£0.0194
Over 25,000 tonnes	£0.0372

Cruise vessels: £0.0524

A minimum charge of £28.00 (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 10% discount on the vessel conservancy charge excluding the Estuary charge. The PLA reserves the right to amend this discount at any time.

#### **Part Cargo Rebates (not applicable to Estuary charge)**

Rebates ranging from 3% - 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

<b>1</b>	<b>Goods other than containers / trailers</b>	<b>Per Tonne</b>
a	Mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances, mineral waxes	£0.2498
b	All other goods	£0.1665
<b>2</b>	<b>Containers</b>	<b>Per Unit</b>
	Up to 20'	£1.93
	Up to 30'	£2.81
	Up to 40'	£3.23
	Up to 45'	£3.23
	Over 45'	Price on application
<b>3</b>	<b>Trailers</b>	<b>Per Unit</b>
		£2.58
<b>4</b>	<b>Overdue Manifest Fee</b>	<b>Per Manifest, Per Month</b>
	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.

<b>Description of Goods</b>	<b>Per Tonne</b>
1. Mineral Oils (excluding petroleum coke and similar products)	£0.0325
2. Animal / Vegetable Oils	£0.0162

## **Pilotage Charges**

### **Introduction**

The following information sets out the PLA charges for providing London bound vessels with the services of an authorised pilot, and the charges for obtaining pilotage exemption and local navigation certificates effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

The current Pilotage Directions are available on our website 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.

### **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)	0.0242	0.0207	0.0269	0.0364
B) Draught Charge Draught (m)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Up to 9.00	1206	963	1367	1922
9.01 - 10.00	1453	1137	1650	2328
10.01 - 11.00	1722	1326	1958	2774
11.01 - 12.00	2018	1525	2294	3262
12.01 - 13.00	2338	1741	2659	3791
13.01 - 14.00	2684	1968	3051	4358
14.01 - 15.00	3054	2210	3474	4976
15.01 - 16.00	3424	2452	3897	5594
16.01 - 17.00	3794	2694	4320	6212
17.01 - 18.00	4164	2936	4743	6830
Over 18.00	4534	3178	5166	7448

**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)	0.0198	0.0165	0.0224	0.0317
B) Draught Charge Draught (m)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Up to 5.00	402	342	455	657
5.01 - 6.00	528	444	592	864
6.01 - 7.00	670	555	752	1106
7.01 - 8.00	833	676	936	1381
8.01 - 9.00	1020	812	1137	1692
9.01 - 10.00	1226	953	1362	2040
10.01 - 11.00	1446	1109	1604	2420
11.01 - 12.00	1692	1274	1870	2838
12.01 - 13.00	1958	1452	2152	3284
13.01 - 14.00	2245	1639	2456	3763
14.01 - 15.00	2549	1837	2786	4288
15.01 - 16.00	2853	2035	3116	4813
16.01 - 17.00	3157	2233	3446	5338
17.01 - 18.00	3461	2431	3776	5863
Over 18.00	3765	2629	4106	6388

**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)	0.0096	0.0046	0.0141
B) Draught Charge Draught (m)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Up to 5.00	166	106	308
5.01 - 6.00	210	138	410
6.01 - 7.00	256	168	522
7.01 - 8.00	308	205	650
8.01 - 9.00	361	242	797
9.01 - 10.00	423	285	963
10.01 - 11.00	488	328	1144
11.01 - 12.00	557	378	1346
12.01 - 13.00	631	425	1557
13.01 - 14.00	708	479	1786
14.01 - 15.00	790	532	2034
15.01 - 16.00	872	585	2282
16.01 - 17.00	954	638	2530
17.01 - 18.00	1036	691	2778
Over 18.00	1118	744	3026

**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)	0.0099	0.0096	0.0188	0.0286	0.0312
B) Draught Charge Draught (m)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Up to 5.00	125	185	387	505	564
5.01 - 6.00	165	242	514	677	782
6.01 - 7.00	207	306	660	879	1049
7.01 - 8.00	269	395	866	1120	1382
8.01 - 9.00	322	468	1058	1367	1744
9.01 - 10.00	379	552	1271	1639	2164
10.01 - 11.00	440	638	1501	1932	2620
11.01 - 12.00	504	730	1751	2245	3128
12.01 - 13.00	569	825	2022	2585	3685
13.01 - 14.00	644	927	2309	2945	4287
14.01 - 15.00	715	1036	2624	3285	4766
15.01 - 16.00	786	1145	2939	3625	5245
16.01 - 17.00	857	1254	3254	3965	5724
17.01 - 18.00	928	1363	3569	4305	6203
Over 18.00	999	1472	3884	4645	6682

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

Rate No.	Gravesend M1	Sector A M2
A) GT Charge (£/tonne)	0.0096	0.0188
B) Draught Charge Draught (m)	(£)	(£)
Up to 5.00	216	418
5.01 - 6.00	275	547
6.01 - 7.00	332	686
7.01 - 8.00	398	843
8.01 - 9.00	471	1026
9.01 - 10.00	551	1229
10.01 - 11.00	634	1450
11.01 - 12.00	725	1693
12.01 - 13.00	818	1950
13.01 - 14.00	920	2227
14.01 - 15.00	1024	2526
15.01 - 16.00	1128	2825
16.01 - 17.00	1232	3124
17.01 - 18.00	1336	3423
Over 18.00	1440	3722

**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)	0.0095	0.0190	0.0218	0.0274
B) Draught Charge Draught (m)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Up to 5.00	202	320	379	474
5.01 - 6.00	272	435	540	675
6.01 - 7.00	354	573	743	930
7.01 - 8.00	445	725	987	1235
8.01 - 9.00	555	899	1276	1597
9.01 - 10.00	678	1087	1612	2015
10.01 - 11.00	816	1294	1982	2479
11.01 - 12.00	968	1515	2398	2998
12.01 - 13.00	1132	1760	2860	3575
13.01 - 14.00	1307	2018	3360	4201
14.01 - 15.00	1502	2249	3730	4663
15.01 - 16.00	1697	2480	4100	5125
16.01 - 17.00	1892	2711	4470	5587
17.01 - 18.00	2087	2942	4840	6049
Over 18.00	2282	3173	5210	6511

## 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:

Length overall of vessel	North East Spit Warp Chapmans Anchorage Medway (Little Nore, Sheerness or Garrison Point)		Sunk
	Per Person / Item £	Per Person / Item £	Per Person / Item £
Up to 100m	285		304
100.01 to 125m	339		361
125.01 to 150m	397		422
150.01 to 175m	457		486
175.01 to 200m	510		543
200.01 to 225m	569		569
225.01 to 250m	630		630
250.01 to 275m	680		680
275.01 to 300m	740		740
300.01 to 350m	794		794
350.01 to 400m	913		913
Above 400m	1051		1051

**Note:** 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 £77 plus any fuel surcharge currently in force.



### **3. Dover**

Boarding or landing at Dover will be charged at £790 plus any fuel surcharge currently in force. This includes the services of the contractor.

### **4. 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 50% will be applied for less than the confirmed notice as prescribed in the Pilotage Directions.

#### **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 £210 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 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 the confirmed notice as prescribed in the Pilotage Directions. 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 £210 per hour, or part thereof, is payable when a pilot moves a ship 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 £3,744 per voyage plus £210 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 £210 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. All arrangements for hotel or transport for Pilots should reflect the Pilots status as a senior marine professional.

### **Large Vessel Charges**

Any Large Vessel requiring a specialist Pilot (regardless of destination) on the basis of size or length of voyage will be charged as follows:

#### **Oil Tankers and Gas Carriers**

200m LOA or more, or 11m Draught or more	1 Pilot	£1,158
225m LOA or more, and 12.5m Draught or more	2 Pilots	£1,820

#### **Container Ships**

Above 365m LOA	2 Pilots	£1,820
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### **Administration Charges**

When the PLA performs services which should, more properly, be transacted by the appointed Shipping Agent an administration charge of up to £205 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 £40 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

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	£152
2	Issue of a certificate by examination for one area of the Port	£391
3	Issue of a certificate by examination for two or more areas of the Port	£549
4	Renewal of a certificate for one or more areas of the Port	£152
5	Cancellation fee for the cancellation of an examination with less than 10 days notice	£391
6	Endorsement of existing certificate (eg. additional ships, areas etc.)	£61

## 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.

	<b>Per GT</b>
Dumb / Motor / Motor Tank / Crane Barges	£2.30
	<b>Per Vessel</b>
Dredgers	£462
Motor tugs	- up to 100gt £230 - over 100gt £462
Work boats	£46
Passenger vessels (day max):-	
12 or under passengers	£0
13 - 50 passengers	£462
51 - 100 passengers	£926
101 - 150 passengers	£1,387
151 - 200 passengers	£1,849
201 - 250 passengers	£1,849
251 - 300 passengers	£1,849
301 - 350 passengers	£1,849
Over 350 passengers	£1,849

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 £0.12 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.

## **Cruise Moorings**

London Cruise and Yacht (a partnership between MBNA Thames Clippers and the Port of Tilbury) hold the contract with the Port of London Authority to manage the London cruise moorings at Greenwich Ship Tier, Tower Bridge Upper and George Stairs Tier.

All services associated with the moorings (including mooring/unmooring, refuse, black water, grey water and fresh water) should be arranged through them. Please note that such services should be booked a minimum of 48 hours prior to the ships arrival and for any cancellations post this period a cancellation fee will apply. Occupants of these moorings are obligated to adhere to the Port of London Authority terms and conditions and Byelaws for the use of these facilities.

For bookings and further details please contact Russ Calver, Cruise Manager on: +44(0)1375 852360 or email: [Russ.Calver@potll.com](mailto:Russ.Calver@potll.com)

## Vessel Survey 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.

### **Manned Vessel Inspections - Table 1**

	In-Water Inspection	Interim Owner Sign-offs
	£	£
<b>Motor Tugs:</b>		
Up to 100gt	332	
Over 100gt	443	
<b>Workboat:</b>	256	89
<b>Passenger Boat:</b>	256	89

Note: All Powered Vessels require an Out of Water Inspection (charged separately) prior to an initial Certificate of Survey being issued, plus subsequent Out Of Water Inspections at the various intervals listed in Table 3.

### **Tonnage-based Vessel Inspections - Table 2**

#### **Annual charges**

Motor Barge: £2.53 per tonne

Motor Tank Barge: £2.85 per tonne

Oil Storage Barge: £1.46 per tonne

#### **Biennial charges**

Dumb Barge: £2.43 per tonne

A minimum charge of £225 will apply to all dumb vessels.

A minimum charge of £300 will apply to all motor barges.



### **Out of Water Hull Inspection Charges**

All PLA licensed vessels are required to have out of water hull inspections along with the corresponding in water inspections prior to an initial Certificate of Survey being issued, plus at subsequent intervals as set out below.

Hull inspections are charged at the standard Marine Surveyor hourly rate with a minimum charge of 2 hours.

### **Out of Water Hull Inspection Schedules – Table 3**

<b>Vessel Type</b>	<b>Period of Out of Water Inspections</b>
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

### **Remedial Inspection Charge**

Where there are a number of failings and items outstanding following the completion of an inspection or a remedial declaration has not been returned within three months, 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 Licensing Charge** (Byelaw 13 – Vessel Licensing Byelaws 2014)

Issue of Ship Towage Licence by the Harbourmaster: £300

**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 inspected as part of their annual PLA survey and will be subject to the charges detailed in Table 1.

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

Issue and renewal of a Certificate of Compliance by the Harbourmaster: £170

**Note:** Applications for the first issue of a Certificate of Compliance to a vessel not previously assessed will require an inspection by the Marine Surveyors which will be subject to the hourly rate and travel charges detailed below, with a minimum charge of one hour.

**Human-Powered Vessel Self-Declaration Scheme**

Processing of Human-Powered Vessel Self-Declaration by the Harbourmaster: £72

**Note:** A separate charge applies for the issue of a fleet licence through the Vessel Licensing team.

**Marine Surveyors Hourly Rate**

An hourly rate of £100 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.

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.

Overseas visits will be levied at a rate of £126 per hour.

**Travel Time**

Travel time will be charged at £70 per hour for all surveys away from Denton Wharf, this will be capped at a maximum of 4 hours within the tidal Thames corridor, outside of this area there is no maximum. Any extra costs, such as parking, ferries or flights, will be passed on to the customer.

## Other Services

### **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. Marine equipment is available for hire including gear, tackle, buoys, anchors, sinkers, lights and flags.

Throughout the river, moorings are available for hire on a long or short term basis.

For rates and quotations for work please contact the Marine Services office on: +44(0)1474 562444

### **Harbour Services**

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 PLA 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 16 days 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 at the discretion of the Harbour Master.

### **Regulatory Publications**

All PLA regulatory publications, such as the Thames Byelaws and General Directions for Navigation in the Port of London as well as a variety of Codes of Practice and guidance documents are available to download free of charge from the PLA website.

### **Foreshore Permits**

It is an offence to dig on the foreshore without a permit. For further details of how to obtain a foreshore permit please contact on: +44(0)1474 562332 or [foreshore.permits@pla.co.uk](mailto:foreshore.permits@pla.co.uk). Payment must be provided when the application is made.

<u>Permit Type</u>	Including VAT
Daily	£35
Standard (3 year permit)	£80
Junior (Age 12 to 14 years. 3 year permit)	£25
Junior (Age 15 to 17 years. 3 year permit)	£50
Mudlark (Applicants must hold a Standard Licence)	£85
Replacement permit card	£5

### **Filming and Photography**

All filming and all commercial still photography on the tidal Thames requires a filming licence. Charges will vary. The charge for filming and photography which does not raise additional safety or regulatory issues will be at a standard hourly rate.

More complex filming that involves higher regulatory or safety issues, e.g. 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 rate. Charges are levied for the “use” of the location, whether it is river based (i.e. film crew afloat and filming action on the River or land based action) or land based (where film crew are filming action on the River).

There is no charge for non-commercial still photography.

## **External advertising on passenger vessels**

The use of banners etc. or other advertising on passenger boats is charged based on a standard regulatory charge and per square metre. Where an operator receives revenue from a third party for use of the passenger boat with external “commercial advertising” a percentage of the gross revenue received will be levied.

Exemptions:

- No charge for “corporate” banners displayed land-side of a vessel as a means of identification for passengers during embarkation. These must be removed prior to departure. Failure to do so will incur charges.
- No charge for house flags not exceeding 1m x 1m. (Flags larger are deemed a banner and charged accordingly).
- No charge for advertising inside a passenger boat.

## **Commercial and Promotional Events**

The tidal Thames is occasionally used for events e.g. raising public awareness to commercial product launches etc. All events must be discussed and agreed with the PLA. This ensures they can be safely integrated into this very busy waterway for passengers and freight. Anyone arranging such an event must get in touch at the earliest opportunity and at least six weeks before the date of the event being considered. Fee discussions for activities lasting less than one day typically fall under these categories:

- Major product launches / high profile events / displays / pyrotechnics etc. for blue chip / major companies or clients / movie promotion.
- Lower key / smaller scale activities / displays / pyrotechnics (including those in less ‘high profile’ areas away from heart of the Capital).
- Non-commercial PR events by lobby / pressure groups with no commercial branding or commercial linkage.

Fees are by agreement with the PLA Corporate Affairs team on: +44(0)1474 562366 or email: [martin.garside@pla.co.uk](mailto:martin.garside@pla.co.uk)

## **Richmond Lock**

**All** non commercial vessels regardless of size, draught or displacement will be charged £8.00 to use Richmond Lock.

**All** commercial vessels determined as those vessels holding a certificate to operate commercially, whether they are engaged in commercial activity at the time of transit or not, will be charged £15.00 to use Richmond Lock. For frequent operators an annual lock pass may be obtained at £775 per named vessel, per year payable either in full or quarterly as part of a vessel Annual Port Due.

### **Notes:**

- 1) Return passages on the **same day** will not be charged an additional £8.00.
- 2) No charges will be levied on vessels which use the boat rollers.
- 3) No charges will be levied on trading barges or tugs towing them.

## **Drying Out Facilities**

Strand-on-the-Green Grid: £45 per 24 hours or part thereof.

Isleworth Drawdock

Full length: £45 per 24 hours or part thereof.

Half-length: £25 per 24 hours or part thereof.

## **Hydrographic Services**

The PLA Hydrographic Service provides a wide range of services to river users including charts, tidal data and digital sounding data.

Further details can be found on our website at:  
[www.pla.co.uk/hydrohomepage](http://www.pla.co.uk/hydrohomepage)

## **Licence Charges**

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 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.

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

Please include the appropriate fee with all applications to avoid undue delays. Applications will not be validated until payment has been received.

### **Vessel Licensing**

Application for a vessel licence (accompanied by an appropriate up-to-date survey certificate) is £75 plus VAT.

### **River Works Licences**

River Works Licence fees will be increased by 3.3% in line with October RPI unless otherwise stated within the licence.

#### **River Works Licence Applications**

All proposals: per 10m <sup>2</sup> (or part)	£250
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#### **Other Applications**

Temporary works, minor non material variations, discharge of conditions, retentions and assignments	£190
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Request for confirmation that conditions attached to a River Works Licence have been complied with.	£75
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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.

## Dredging Licence Applications

### 1. Maintenance Dredging

Quantity to be dredged (m <sup>3</sup> )	Standard fee	Designated area supplement (<5km from SPA/SAC or <2km from SSSI/MCZ)	3 year licence Supplement
Up to 10,000	£650	£400	£390
10,001 - 125,000	£1,630	£810	£810
Over 125,000	£3,275	£810	£810

### 2. Capital Dredging

Quantity to be dredged (m <sup>3</sup> )	Standard fee	Designated area supplement (<5km from SPA/SAC or <2km from SSSI/MCZ)	
Up to 20,000		£910	£450
20,001 - 99,999		£1,830	£890
100,000 - 200,000		£3,490	£1,290
Over 200,000		£8,660	£1,770

### 3. Other Applications

Variations and de minimus dredge: £450

### Discretionary Charging

Urgent applications 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.

### 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:



<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Written Advice</b>	<b>Meeting with PLA Officers</b>
Any development with an estimated construction cost of less than £500,000	£90	£165 per hr
<b>Commercial Development:</b>		
(a) Construction value £500,000 - £1m	£125	£200 per hr
(b) Construction value £1m - £5m	£165	£240 per hr
(c) Construction value in excess of £5m	£200	£280 per hr
Promotion of any commercial event, stunt or procession	£165	£165 per hr

### **Property Related Search Fees**

Completion of PLA Standard Questionnaire	£100 per site
Additional information	by arrangement
Copies of plans, search and production costs (minimum charge £20 per plan)	£45 per hr

The fee will be payable regardless of whether the area of search is located on PLA land or other land ownerships.

### **Duplicate Licence**

A copy of a Licence already issued will be provided upon payment of a £45 fee.

### **Determination of River Works Licence Considerations (Surveyor fee)**

<b>Value of Assessment</b>	<b>Fee</b>
First £500	30%
Next £1,500	20%
Next £5,000	10%
Remainder	5%
A minimum charge of £100 + 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 £440 excluding VAT per linear metre, per annum. To be reviewed 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019.

### **End of Garden Mooring**

£70.63 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)**

£40 per day plus VAT.

### **Over Sailing Rights (Temporary River Works Licence Rate)**

£20 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

	<b>£</b>
First 2m tonnes	0.0360
Next 3m tonnes	0.0245
Next 3m tonnes	0.0188
Remainder	0.0180

### **Rate B**

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

	<b>£</b>
First 500,000 tonnes	0.0453
Next 500,000 tonnes	0.0376
Next 1,000,000 tonnes	0.0295
Remainder	0.0220

## **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.

### **Application for lease or licence of PLA premises**

Yearly rent not exceeding £10,000	£2,000
Yearly rent over £10,000	£2,500

**Application for licence to install and use equipment at PLA mast sites** (including variation to an existing installation)

£2,000

### **Application for temporary use of PLA premises**

For a period of time involving works	£550
Casual use of a one-off event	£200

## **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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