

FEEDBACK ON THE INFORMAL PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR CODE OF PRACTICE FOR CRAFT TOWAGE OPERATIONS ON THE THAMES 2014

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	Consultee	Organisation	Summary of Feedback
1.	Chris Livett	Bennett's Barges	<p>I would request better clarity as to who has overall control; who has final say. It is apparent that there is still a certain amount of confusion between the Pilots role, Tug Master and Tow Master. I would recommend a statement such as; "the Tow Master has outright responsibility for the safe navigation of the tow".</p> <p>It may also be advisable to include the completion of a Pre-Tow Survey (see example attached).</p> <p>May I also comment on the previous NAP recommendation that regular review meetings be held with industry in relation to this issue. I am not aware of any such meetings being convened. I would also like to bring to your attention the suggestion of Pilots and Tug Masters engaging in dual training regimes. Is this to be taken forward?</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>We have reiterated in the Code, the question of responsibility when a pilot has the conduct of a tug and tow. We have also included your sample Pre-tow Checklist at Annex, as another example.</p> <p>The PLA chairs a Berthing Operations Working Group to cover ship berthing and unberthing operations, and is open to the suggestion of a Craft Towage Operations Working Group. Associated training of pilots and tug masters could be covered at this forum. We will take this initiative forward in the New Year.</p>

No Comments: Nil