

NOTICE TO MARINERS M6 of 2020

REPORTING VESSELS PERMISSION TO PROCEED

Following a number of safety observations reported to the PLA, Masters of Reporting Vessels are reminded of the requirements of General Direction 13 (4) Permission to Proceed; contained within General Directions for Navigation In The Port of London 2016, which states:

“Permission to Proceed”

The appropriate VTS centre is to be informed 10 minutes before the time at which the Reporting Vessel, which is berthed, moored or anchored within port limits, is to be navigated within the Thames. Permission to proceed must be requested and approved immediately before the vessel is navigated. If navigation has not commenced within 15 minutes of the initial advice, the appropriate VTS Centre is to be informed.”

In addition, Masters of Reporting Vessels are requested that whenever possible, they maintain a separation of approximately one bridge spacing from other Reporting Vessels when proceeding in the same direction between Tower Bridge and Wandsworth Bridge.

Both requirements are now of increased significance, to accommodate larger volumes of both freight and passenger traffic on the river, both safely and with respect to the needs of each other.

17 February 2020

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

BOB BAKER
CHIEF HARBOUR MASTER



EXPIRY DATE: 31st December 2020
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