

NOTICE TO AGENTS, BERTH AND SHIP OPERATORS No. 13 of 2021

VESSEL DRAFT INFORMATION

This notice supersedes and replaces NABSO 07 of 2017

Recently there have been several occasions when information of a vessel's draft submitted to the PLA, via PISCES, has been incorrect or not updated in reasonable time.

This can have adverse effects on Safety of Navigation and situational awareness. For example, it may lead to an inappropriately qualified pilot attending for an act, or a vessel, being inaccurately assessed for passage planning purposes.

Please be reminded, that the voyage draught is critical data to the PLA when ordering a Pilot. In instances of where this information is incorrectly provided, or frequently changes, there is an increased likelihood of causing a delay in the pilot provision for these vessels.

Your attention to providing this information accurately is vital, and your co-operation is appreciated.

Please refer to [NABSO 12 of 2021](#) for guidance on calculating vessel drafts on the Thames.

**Lyn Kindlen-Funnell
Harbour Master**

08th December 2021

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

Owners, Agents and Charterers should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.

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