

NOTICE TO AGENTS, BERTH AND SHIP OPERATORS No.8 of 2021

CODE OF PRACTICE FOR SHIP TOWAGE OPERATIONS ON THE THAMES

Following a scheduled review, the Port of London Authority (PLA) has updated the Code of Practice for Ship Towage Operations on the Thames.

This publication supersedes the Code of Practice for Ship Towage Operations on the Thames 2015 (as amended) and any remaining copies should be withdrawn.

The Code has undergone significant changes, including the removal of sections which are covered in other publications or local procedures. The updated Code should be read in full, but the main changes include:

Part 1

- Former section 2, removal of content relating to mooring parties, onboard preparations, and connection/disconnection of towing gear;
- Former section 5, towage operations removed;
- Former section 9, local towage operations amended and moved to Part 2
- Former section 10, common hand signals, removed.

Part 2

- Section 1, (former section 2) lists of berths which adhere to the Code and which accept tug assessments updated, section on local towage operations included;
- Section 3, (former section 5) river berths tables updated, Northfleet and London Gateway windage diagrams added, London Gateway tables updated to include vessels of 60m beam or above.

This code of practice is available to download to your computer, smart phone and/or tablet, as a PDF from our website at: <https://www.pla.co.uk/Safety/Regulations-and-Guidance/Code-of-Practice-for-Ship-Towage-Operations-on-the-Thames>

If you require a hard copy of the Code, it can be printed from the download or directly via the website.

All PLA Byelaws, Directions and Codes of Practice are available in electronic form on the PLA website at <https://www.pla.co.uk/Safety/Regulations-and-Guidance/Regulations-and-Guidance>

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