

FEEDBACK ON THE INFORMAL CONSULTATION ON Regulations to the Pilotage Directions

	Date	Consultee	Organisation	Summary of Feedback	PLA Response
1	27.04.17	Paul Relf	PLA - Pilotage Support Officer	Will the endorsement stipulate the number of tugs? Do we anticipate challenges should the number of tugs required exceed the level at which the Holder was assessed?	<p>Thank you for responding to our consultation.</p> <p>We won't be stipulating the number of tugs for the ship towage tug endorsement or assessment. We believe that the important factor is the communication protocol with the tug and that at least 1 tug would provide this</p>
2	11.05.17	Hywel Pugh	PLA Pilot	<p>Item 1. New class B Pec, a good idea but I am not sure we have the skill set or the resources to conduct assessments and examination, very few Pilots have small tug towage skills, in a past Life I was a very experienced Rig mover semi's and jack ups, but small tugs in a tide way is a completely different ball game.</p> <p>Item 2 and 3 Fully agree.</p> <p>Point to note, we currently do not have a system for familiarising new tug crews that appear on a adoc basis to conduct Ship Towage example is the Yorkshireman appearing today to assist in the arrival of the large tanker tomorrow at Shell S, I believe in years gone by if a new Crew appeared on the Medway a Experienced medway master/Mate would chaperone the new crew?</p>	<p>Thank you for responding to our consultation.</p> <p>The Class B PEC is intended to be an assessment on Local Knowledge rather than on towage skills. The Boatmasters' Licence and associated endorsements would cover towage knowledge.</p> <p>Thank you for your comment regarding tug crew familiarisation - this will be taken forward at the next Berthing Operations Working Group.</p>
3	01.05.17	Richard Flynn	PLA - Pilotage Resources Manager	<p>Reg 1.1 and 1.2 "...The PEC holder will only be permitted to berth at berths for which he/she has been examined and assessed."</p> <p>Reg 1.4 "e) In response to this notification the PLA will send to the applicant a PEC Information Pack, which will include his/her tripping number. The tripping number must be recorded against qualifying trips."</p> <p>"i) A minimum of 50% of the qualifying trips for a PEC (A) shall be undertaken whilst understudying an authorised PLA Pilot."</p> <p>"s) A practical examination will be conducted by a Pilot, on board a vessel of the size and type appropriate to the application throughout the PEC area(s) for which the applicant has achieved a pass in the theory examination(s). This will usually take place on an inward passage only. For PEC (A)s this will take place on an inward passage only..."</p> <p>"p) 4. Signed copy of operation agreement.</p> <p>Add: "Only qualifying trips up to a year prior to the theory exam can be accepted."</p> <p>Reg 1.8 "b) Applications for additional vessels / berths will be considered on a case by case basis."</p>	<p>Thank you for responding to our consultation.</p> <p>We will make those suggested changes and ensure similar clarification is made through the rest of the document.</p>