



# UPDATES TO THE GENERAL DIRECTIONS FOR NAVIGATION IN THE PORT OF LONDON

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. This public consultation is to seek views on proposals for several modifications to the General Directions for Navigation in the Port of London (General Directions).
- 1.2. The consultation applies to all areas within the jurisdiction of the Port of London Authority and to a variety of river users navigating and operating on the Thames.
- 1.3. We would like feedback on the proposed changes, including any concerns regarding potential impact on safety or on operations, which may make the changes difficult to implement. We would also welcome any comments in support of the proposed changes.

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Issue Date:  
**08/08/2024**

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**CLOSING DATE: 13/09/2024**

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## 2. The Consultation Process

### Affected Parties

- 2.1. This consultation is directed towards river users and will be of particular interest to those who are involved in any commercial activities.

### Consultation Duration

- 2.2. This consultation is now open and will last for 36 days. **It will close on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

### Conclusion

- 2.3. The information you submit may be made available to other parties. If you do not consent to this, you must clearly request that your response be treated as confidential. Any confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system in e-mail responses will not be treated as such a request. If you make such a request, you will not receive a personal response.
- 2.4. We appreciate all responses to our consultations and we may contact you to reply directly to your feedback, however we do not respond to everyone. Replies are provided when required – such as a request for more information.

## 3. Responses to this Consultation

- 3.1. Responses to the consultation should be sent so that they are received no later than the closing date detailed in 2.2.
- 3.2. Responses may be submitted in the following **two** methods:
  - A. By post:

Marine Compliance Department  
Port of London Authority  
London River House, Royal Pier Road,  
Gravesend, Kent  
DA12 2BG
  - B. By email:

[cn@pla.co.uk](mailto:cn@pla.co.uk)  
(Please include the Consultation Notice number in the subject line (C02-24).

## 4. Proposal

- 4.1. Navigational safety is our highest priority. Therefore, in line with the requirements of the Port Marine Safety Code, we frequently propose changes to our regulations to ensure they remain relevant, effective and robust.
- 4.2. Various amendments are proposed as part of this three-year review of the General Directions and, whilst it is not practicable to detail them all, we provide two copies which will assist you in reviewing the proposed changes; a [marked copy](#) showing the location and basic details of the proposals and a [clean version](#) of the proposed new General Directions. The current revision of the General Directions is available on our [website](#).