

Code of Conduct for High-Speed RIB Operations

This Code of Conduct is designed to **promote safe, responsible, and respectful high-speed RIB operations** within the Port of London. It sets out clear expectations to protect all river users.

1. Maintain a Proper Lookout and Proceed at a Safe Speed

In accordance with COLREGs Rules 5 and 6, master's must maintain a proper lookout by sight, hearing, and all other available means. Vessels must proceed at a safe speed that allows time to assess risk and take effective action to avoid collision.

2. Stay in the Channel

High-speed operations in RIBs shall be conducted only within the authorised navigational channel.

3. Maintain Safe Distance from Hazards

Always keep a safe distance, no less than 25 meters, from piers, moorings, moored vessels, navigational structures, and other potential hazards.

4. Do Not Ride Vessel Wakes

Riding or cutting across vessels wake in close quarters and at high speed, solely for thrill-seeking purposes, is strictly prohibited due to the associated safety risks. The crossing of wakes for legitimate navigational purposes is permitted.

5. Be Courteous to Others

Vessels should operate in a way that keeps others safe and avoids unnecessary disruption. Vessels must avoid creating wash that could endanger other river users and keep a safe distance from marine animals to prevent interference with their natural behaviour.

Master's should avoid excessive noise near residential areas and be mindful of how their activities may affect people living along the waterway.

Further to this code, full regard must be given to all applicable rules and regulations, including the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGs), national legislation, and the Passenger Vessel Operations Code.