



**Port of Tilbury (London) Ltd.
Notice to Mariners – No. 3 of 2018
Tow Configuration**

Masters are advised that when engaged in towing that the configuration of the tow must be safe and conform with the PLA Code of Practice for Craft Towing Operations on the Thames 2017.

<https://www.pla.co.uk/assets/crafttowingcode2017.pdf>

When vessels engaged in towing are requested to take additional towage under Notice to Mariners No16 of 2016, by the Duty Harbour Master - Port of Tilbury; the operator shall ensure that this is carried out in a safe manner and complies with the Code of Practice for Towage as above.

Additional towage may be requested when:-

- 1 Tug and Tows exceeding 80m in length.
- 2 Tug and Tow combined length exceeding 80m.
- 3 Over width exceeding 16m.
- 4 Abnormal cargoes / project cargoes.
- 5 High Winds 25 knots and over.
- 6 Lock works or works in the area of upper and lower arms.




Please provide copy of the operational risk assessment including details of the towing configuration and if necessary copy of the non-routine towage assessment in advance of arrival/departure, this will enable the DHM to make a fully informed decision as to what is required subject to weather conditions.

Further information will be available by contacting the Duty Harbour Master at Tilbury Lock Office on telephone 01375 852456 and “Tilbury Control” on VHF Channel 04.

30/01/2018

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Capt. Geoff Holland
Chief Harbour Master

 	<p>EXPIRY DATE: Not Applicable</p> <p>A full list of current Notice to Mariners can be found at:- http://www.tilbury-marine.co.uk/</p> <p>Telephone calls, VHF radio traffic, CCTV images may be recorded.</p>	
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