

ANCHORAGE**CHOICE OF FAIRWAYS AND ANCHORAGES**

1. Unless special circumstances exist, NO VESSEL must use a fairway in the approaches to the Thames, or anchorage, unless the fairway or anchorage is most suitable for her draft or size.

2. If a vessel intends to use a fairway or anchorage which is not the most suitable for her, she must immediately inform London VTS.

PROHIBITED WAITING

1. No vessel shall at any time wait in the Thames except:

- a) At a mooring allocated to the vessel by London VTS, or
- b) In a designated anchorage area.

2. No vessel shall wait in a designated anchorage area for longer than the specified period.

PROHIBITED ANCHORING

No vessel shall at any time anchor in a fairway except:

- 1. In an emergency
- 2. For the purpose of manoeuvring
- 3. When anchoring in a designated anchorage area

ARRIVAL, DEPARTURE AND MOVEMENT REPORTING

Details required for arrival, departure and movements should be passed using the following designators:

DESIGNATOR

INFORMATION REQUIRED

- A** * Vessel's name, nationality, call sign and MMSI number
- B** * Gross Tonnage (GT)
- C** * Length overall (metres)
- D** * Draught (metres) and list, if any
- E1** or Last port, and intended approach channel
- E2** or Next port, and intended departure channel
- E3** If changing berth (shifting): location of new berth
- F** If an anchorage is required
- G** * If a pilot is required
- H1** or * ETA and name of the required pilot boarding station
- H2** or * ETD from berth and name of the required pilot landing station
- H3** * If changing berth (shifting): ETD from present berth
- I** If navigating under a Pilotage Exemption Certificate (PEC), then the holder(s), who will have conduct of the vessel within the London Pilotage District, shall give his/her name(s) and the number(s) of his/her PEC Certificate
- J** * Name of berth in Port of London
- K** Details of any damage the vessel may have sustained or if she is unable to proceed or manoeuvre in the normal manner. Vessels carrying dangerous cargoes or marine pollutants should refer to MSN 1741.
- L** Cargo status (i.e. in ballast, loaded, cargo remaining onboard (cargo ROB). etc.)
- M** Details of any hazardous or pollutant commodities on board
- N** * Manoeuvring and sea speed

Note: Items asterisked are mandatory reports for pilotage requests.