

NOTICE TO MARINERS



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Peel Ports London Medway Boatmasters Licence - Local Knowledge Endorsement

Notice is hereby given that: under the Merchant Shipping (Boatmasters' Qualifications, Crew and Hours of Work Regulations 2015), all Masters operating using a Boatmasters licence on the Medway, specifically the waters within a line from Garrison Point to Grain Tower thence west to shore-line and from the east limits of the Port of Sheerness to Rochester Bridge including the Swale as far as Shellness must have a Local Knowledge endorsement (LKE).

The Port of Sheerness Ltd have reviewed the process and below is the new process:

1. Download the LKE pack from Peel Ports Website (under Navigation & Pilot Information section):
<https://www.peelports.com/marine/our-ports/london-medway>
2. Ensure all requirements are met:
 - a. **First applications:** 80 qualifying days (Min. 8 hrs) service with the last day being no more than 5 years after first date.
 - b. **Revalidations:** 60 qualifying days (Min. 8 hrs) within preceding 5 years of application.
3. Complete application form and submit with supporting evidence as described on the form to Medway.MarineLicensing@peelports.com
4. A member of the marine team will contact you within 14 working days to organise a time to attend Sheerness for a oral exam.
5. After successful examination a certificate will be issued, for submission to MCA.

For full details regarding LKE and Boatmasters licence please refer to MSN 1856, available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/msn-1853-m-boatmasters-qualifications-crew-and-hours-of-work>

Further information may be obtained from Marine Operations Department, either via email: Medway.MarineLicensing@peelports.com or telephone 01795 596596.

**Marine Operations Department
Peel Ports London Medway**

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