

## NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 17 of 2021

### NAVIGATIONAL NEAR MISS & INCIDENTS NEW WAY OF REPORTING

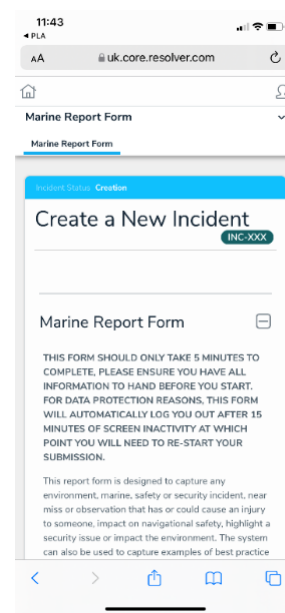
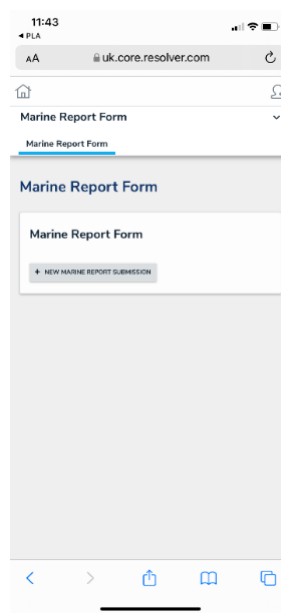
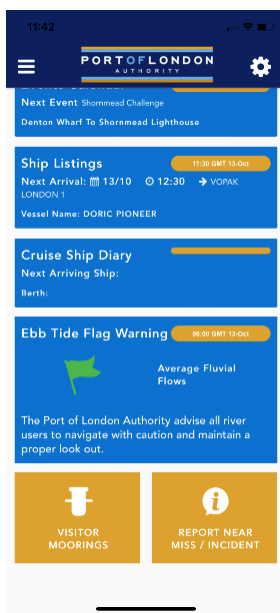
A new way of reporting Navigational Near Misses and Incidents has been developed and is now publicly available to all River Users through our website or the PLA Tidal Thames app on your smartphone.

To report a Near Miss or Incident via our website, go to [pla.co.uk](http://pla.co.uk) and click on Near Miss & Incident Reporting on the home page.

To report a Near Miss or Incident via the PLA Tidal Thames app, scroll down on the main page or hit the menu button (three horizontal lines on the top left) and select 'Report Near Miss / Incident'. You will then be redirected to an external site as shown below.



When you are ready to submit your report, click on the '+ New Marine Report Submission' button. You will then receive instructions on creating a new report. This report should only take about 5 minutes to complete and is vital to maintaining and improving safety for all users on the Thames.



You can also click [here](#) to submit an incident report, this link will take you directly to our reporting site.

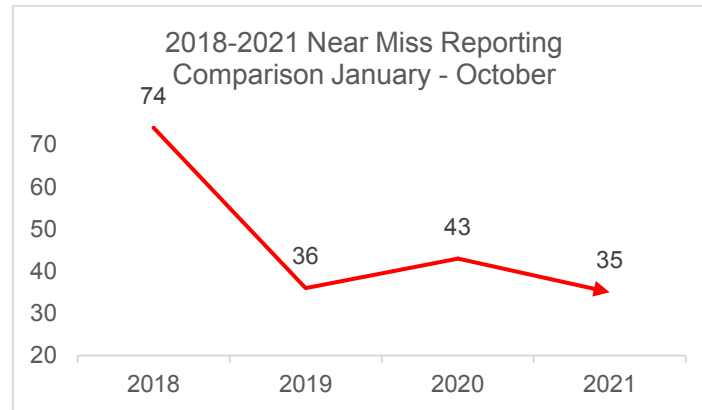
**Remember:** For Life-threatening emergencies on the river: **Call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.**

For urgent navigational or environmental issues requiring an immediate response, contact **London VTS** using the appropriate VHF channel for the area you are in.

## NEAR MISS REPORTING – WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Recording when accidents or incidents are narrowly avoided on the river helps prevent the risk of actual harm or injury. They also help foster a 24/7 safety culture on the river.

Unfortunately, our analysis shows that since 2018, reporting of near misses on the river has declined by 47 per cent.



It's a trend that, in the interests of all river users, the PLA is determined to reverse.

Aside from protecting human life, near miss reporting also saves money - medical expenses, compensation payments, time lost due to injury, as well as the cost of investigation and replacing equipment.

Used effectively, near miss reporting has a direct bearing on how we control hazards – leading to a reduction in incidents.



This triangle shows the clear relationship between near misses and incidents.

Preventing occurrences at the bottom of the triangle will reduce overall numbers at the top.

This begins with the reporting of near misses – a proactive rather than reactive approach towards incident prevention.

Therefore, if you are involved or are a witness to a near miss or incident, please report this as soon as possible by submitting a report via our website or the PLA Tidal Thames App which can be downloaded [here](#).

**Near Miss reporting is vital to improving safety for everyone on the river!**

**Cathryn Spain**  
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**15 October 2021**

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EXPIRY DATE: 15 October 2022

TO RECEIVE FUTURE NOTICES TO MARINERS BY E-MAIL,  
PLEASE REGISTER VIA OUR WEBSITE [www.pla.co.uk](http://www.pla.co.uk)

Telephone calls, VHF radio traffic, CCTV and radar traffic images may be recorded in the VTS Centres at Gravesend and Woolwich

All Current Notices to Mariners can be found here - <http://www.pla.co.uk/Safety/Regulations-and-Guidance/Notices-to-Mariners/Notices-to-Mariners>