



PORTLAND HARBOUR AUTHORITY'S **NAVIGATIONAL SAFETY POLICY**



Safety and environmental protection is of paramount importance to Portland Harbour Authority whose key aim is to ensure a safe and speedy passage of all commercial and naval shipping from sea to port and back to sea again.

The Port Marine Safety Code requires Portland Harbour Authority to publicise a policy statement for Navigational Safety which incorporates not just the basic principles for Navigational Safety but also includes policies on: Pilotage; Marine Conservancy; Environment; and Enforcement and Prosecution for the areas of jurisdiction. To this end, it is Board policy that Portland Harbour Authority shall:

- Maintain an effective navigational Safety Management System (SMS) based on a formalised risk assessment process. Risks will be judged against objective criteria to ensure they are kept “as low as reasonably practicable” (ALARP). The SMS will be kept under a continuous review;
- Review regularly the effectiveness of, and if necessary seek amendments to, its legal powers, in respect of navigational safety;
- As required by the Pilotage Act 1987, provide the required level of pilotage service; and
- Consult with port users and other relevant stakeholders on navigational safety issues and proposed changes to procedures, guidelines, Byelaws and Directions;
- Within port limits monitor and manage vessel traffic through the provision of a 24 hour Local Port Services (LPS), monitor, on a continuous basis:
 - Designated VHF channels;
 - Automatic Identification System (AIS);
 - Meteorological; and CCTV.
 - Regularly review the performance of the LPS system and seek improvements through technical enhancement, development and training of staff together with effective management;
 - Maintain standards for training and certification of marine personnel in line with IALA recommendation V-103 for LPS;
 - Record all relevant, VHF and telephone communications to aid incident investigation and enforcement;
 - Through appropriate systems maintain comprehensive and detailed records of all commercial vessel movements within the port;
 - Promulgate effectively navigational, tidal, hydrographic and other relevant information to all port users, where appropriate such information will be provided on a commercial basis;
 - Prepare, publish and regularly exercise emergency response plans to ensure effective management of any marine related incident within its area of jurisdiction;

- Conduct appropriate hydrographic surveys to ensure safe and efficient navigation within the areas of jurisdiction;
- Ensure that accurate hydrographic data is promulgated and made available to the UK Hydrographic Office;
- Ensure that personnel conducting hydrographic surveys are appropriately trained and qualified;
- Undertake maintenance dredging as appropriate to ensure safe and efficient navigation within the areas of jurisdiction;
- Provide the necessary aids to navigation within port limits, to include navigation buoys, beacons and lighthouses. Such aids to be maintained and operated in accordance with the requirements of the Trinity House Lighthouse Board; and
- Conduct regular audits of all marine navigational operations to ensure the continued effectiveness of such operations.

This statement is approved by the Board of the Harbour Authority and will be reviewed within the next 3 years.

[Signed on original]

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Chairman

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