



PORTLAND HARBOUR AUTHORITY'S **SAFETY PLAN FOR MARINE OPERATIONS**



This safety plan augments any existing safety policy required by the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 and relates to Marine Operations and the requirements of the Port Marine safety Code.

Portland Harbour Authority Limited as the Statutory Harbour Authority for Portland Harbour is committed to:

- Manage the relevant assets of the authority safely and efficiently.
- Discharge the duties and powers of the harbour authority in relation to marine operations.
- Maintain relevant harbour equipment to appropriate industry standards.
- Recruit and train operational staff to nationally agreed competence levels.
- Ensure that staff are properly trained for enforcement, emergencies and contingencies.

In making these commitments the harbour authority has appointed Captain M Shipley the Harbourmaster & Marine Manager and his deputies as the marine operations safety officers who will be responsible for the following:

- Ensuring all risks are assessed and reduced to As Low As Reasonably Practical
- Reporting, investigating and reporting all accidents and to ensure that lessons learnt are widely disseminated to appropriate persons and bodies.
- Carrying out routine safety inspections on marine operations equipment and reassessing risks as appropriate.
- To form and chair the marine operations safety committee and liaise regularly with all those involved with marine operations and to act accordingly on feedback.
- To review this safety policy and recommend revisions to the Board at least every 3 years.

Additionally:-

Portland Harbour Authority Limited is committed to discharging all of its statutory duties and to remaining open, accountable and fit for purpose. Its plan to manage the safety of marine operations is to comply with all of the requirements of the Port

Marine Safety Code and to follow the guidance in the Guide to Good Practice on Port Marine Operations.

In doing so it will, despite commercial pressures,

- Take reasonable care so that all who may choose to navigate in the harbour may do so without danger to their lives or property
- Conserve and promote the safe use of the harbour.
- Have regard to efficiency, economy and safety of marine operations.
- Take such action that is necessary or desirable for the maintenance, operation, improvement or conservancy of the harbour.

The Harbour Authority has a responsibility to protect the general public from dangers arising from marine activities within their port and to take every reasonable precaution to prevent acts or omissions that may cause personal injury to any persons within Portland Harbour.

The Harbour Authority will base its powers and policies on a formal assessment of hazards and risks and it will maintain a formal safety management system which will ensure that all risks are managed so that they are as low as reasonably practicable.

The Harbour Authority has appointed an independent Designated Person who will bi-annually audit the Harbour Authority's compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code and who will report directly to the Board. The Designated Person shall assess in his reports the Harbour Authority's performance against its plan of complying with all of the requirements of the Port Marine Safety Code and the accompanying Guide to Good Practice on Port Marine Operations.

The reports of the designated person will be published on the Harbour Authority's website.

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

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Chairman

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Date