

Newport Harbour Commissioners

Port Marine Safety Code

Marine Safety Plan 2018 - 2021

Introduction

As part of its compliance with the requirements of the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC), Newport Harbour Commissioners (NHC) publishes this Marine Safety Plan for marine operations in Newport Harbour every three years.

NHC has contracted out the provision (but not the duty) of Harbour Master and Pilotage services in their area of jurisdiction. The agreements with Associated British Ports (ABP) provides for all day to day marine management and pilotage provision to be undertaken by ABP. The Harbourmaster provides a monthly report to the NHC Board and is in regular contact with the NHC Chairman, Secretary and Clerk.

1. Marine Procedures and Guidelines

Procedures and guidance documentation for marine navigation and operations are produced, developed and maintained by ABP following consultation with the NHC Board

2. Marine Policies

A comprehensive Policy and Strategy document is published by the Board and is available to stakeholders on the NHC website.

The Marine Safety Management System (MSMS) is produced and managed by ABP under the terms of the harbour master agreement, the NHC MSMS is closely harmonised with the ABP MSMS in order to provide continuity throughout the wider Newport harbour area. NHC Board members are collectively and individually the Duty Holder under the Port Marine Safety Code. The MSMS is an inclusive document covering all aspects of marine safety management and is itself a plan against which KPI performance can be assessed.

3. Management of Marine Operations

This Marine Safety Plan commits NHC to undertake the Statutory Harbour Authority responsibility of marine operations, within the scope of its powers and authority, in a way that safeguards the port, users of the port, including members of the public and the environment.

NHC will undertake its role and responsibilities to ensure the provision of efficient and effective services and the regulation of shipping and other vessels in support of all activities in the harbour; in particular commercial vessel movements, to facilitate the safe and prompt transit of vessels through the port. NHC does not own any landside estate or landside operations, all ship working is undertaken at private jetties and docks.

4. Port Marine Risk Assessment

Through its agreements with ABP, NHC port marine risks are assessed utilising ABP's bespoke marine database 'MarNis' The MarNis system forms the basis of NHC's port marine risk assessment, post incident review, periodic review and reporting system. Ongoing analysis of historic incidents within the harbour indicate that in general the evidence from the incident data is that the port is operating in a safe manner.

The MarNis database provides the mechanism for continuous risk assessment. The key performance indicators used within the port and approaches are:-
Collisions/Allision, Groundings, Fire/Explosions, Sinkings,Capsize, Oil Pollution, Impacts.

5. Ongoing Management Targets for the Period of the Plan

ACTIVITY	TARGET
Navigation	No major marine incidents, injury or pollution resulting from a failure of the MSMS.
Pilotage	Maintain adequate pilot numbers and a robust roster based on average demand, to ensure that vessels are not unduly delayed.
Conservency and Hydrography	Maintain appropriate hydrographic survey regime. Ensure timely attendance to navigation aids through the provisions of contracts with Trinity House.
Emergency Plans	Maintain, review and exercise emergency plans.
Liaison with stakeholders	Twice yearly Advisory Body (Stakeholder) meetings to be held and attended by the Chairman and Harbourmaster.
Training	All duty holders to receive training on the application of their responsibilities under the Port Marine Safety Code.
Designated Person	Designated Person appointed to undertake annual PMSC compliance audits and to provide guidance to the Board on compliance and other port related matters.

The Board

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