

Group Marine Navigational Safety Policy

It is Peel Ports Group Policy that all Statutory Harbour Authority's within the Group shall:

- Maintain an effective Marine Safety Management System based on a continuing, formalised assessment and mitigation of risk in consultation with Port Users;
- Review regularly the effectiveness of, and if necessary seek amendments to, its legal powers, Byelaws and Directions in respect of navigational safety;
- Monitor and manage vessel traffic within Port limits through the provision of a system commensurate to the level of risk, this may include:
 - A local port service (LPS)
 - A vessel traffic service information service (VTS INS)
 - A vessel traffic service traffic organisation service (VTS TOS)
 - A vessel traffic service navigational assistance service (VTS NAS)
- Provide an appropriate level of pilotage services in accordance with the Pilotage Act;
- Make and publish hydrographic surveys;
- Undertake maintenance dredging as appropriate;
- Remove sunken vessels and other obstructions that are, or may become, an impediment to safe navigation;
- Ensure the provision of necessary aids to navigation within port limits and maintain a close liaison with the General Lighthouse Authority (GLA) in respect of the other aids which the GLA maintains within or adjacent to the Port;
- Promulgate navigational, tidal and other relevant information to all port and river users;
- Provide effective management and co-ordination in respect of the SHA's response to emergency incidents within its area of jurisdiction;
- Consult with port and river users and other relevant stakeholders in respect of navigational safety issues and proposed changes to navigational arrangements;
- Verify compliance with national operating standards of locally registered / licenced craft;
- Ensure, through risk assessment, that any harbour works take due regard of the safety of navigation.

This Policy will be reviewed again within the next 3 years.

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Date 1st January 2021

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Date 1st March 2018

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