

Marine Navigational Safety Policy

In compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC), Larne Port and Port of Cairnryan Ltd. (POCL) will discharge their statutory and general duties in relation to the safety of navigation within their areas of jurisdiction, and is committed to developing policies and procedures to satisfy the requirements of the PMSC.

Larne Port and POCL shall:

1. Formally identify and designate the Duty holder, whose members are individually and collectively accountable for compliance with the PMSC to ensure safe marine operations within the port's limits.
2. Appoint a 'Designated Person' with direct access to the duty holder to provide independent assurance about the operation of the marine safety management system.
3. Review regularly and be aware of their existing powers based on local and national legislation, seeking amendments to its legal powers if required in order to promote safe navigation.
4. Comply with the duties and powers under existing legislation as appropriate.
5. Ensure through risk assessment, that all marine risks, including those associated with any harbour works in the SHA area, are formally assessed and are eliminated or reduced as low as reasonably practicable in accordance with good practice.
6. Operate an effective Marine Safety Management System which has been developed after consultation, is based on a formalised Risk Assessment process, and refers to an appropriate and comprehensive approach to incident investigations.
7. Undertake, monitor, review and audit the port's risk assessments, as well as the port's Marine Safety Management System on a regular basis.
8. Appoint, develop and retain sufficient competent people, who are appropriately trained, qualified and experienced, in positions of responsibility for managing marine and navigational safety.
9. Publish a safety plan at least every 3 years showing how the standards in the PMSC will be met and illustrating how policies and procedures will be developed to satisfy the requirements of the Code, as well as annually providing a report assessing their performance against that plan.
10. Ensure the provision of necessary aids to navigation (buoys, beacons, lights) within port limits, and to comply with the directions from the applicable Lighthouse Authority, supplying it with information and returns as required
11. Raise, remove, destroy and mark a sunken vessel or other obstructions that are, or may become a danger to safe navigation within port limits.
12. Monitor and manage vessel traffic within port limits through the provision of a system which has been determined by formal risk assessment, that may include: a. A Vessel Traffic Service - Information Service(INS) and/or Traffic Organisation Service(TOS) b. A Local Port Service (LPS)
13. Promulgate navigational, tidal and other relevant information as appropriate to port users.
14. Provide a Pilotage service appropriate to the district and in accordance with the requirements of the Pilotage Act 1987.

15. Conduct and make available Hydrographic Surveys, conducted to International Hydrographic Office standards to ensure safe navigation within port limits and share the soundings with the UKHO.
16. Undertake maintenance dredging as appropriate.
17. Consult with port users and other relevant stakeholders in respect of navigational safety issues and proposed changes to navigational arrangements.
18. Prepare, plan and exercise for emergencies, developing and maintaining appropriate plans, that ensure effective management and co-ordination in respect of the SHA's response to emergency incidents, including oil spills, within its area of jurisdiction.
19. Ensure that providers of marine services and any vessels they utilise within the Port are compliant with national and local legislation, as well as industry good practices.
20. Robustly, rigorously and promptly investigate all marine accidents or incidents, reporting as required and taking any appropriate remedial action(s).

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



Signed as Duty Holder

Date: 20th August 2024

Grant Laversuch, Larne Port and POCL



Signed as Duty Holder

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