

Marine Navigational Safety Policy – Larne Port

In compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC), Larne Port 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 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 eliminated or reduced as low as reasonably practicable in accordance with good practice.
6. Operate an effective Marine Safety Management System developed after consultation, based on a formalized risk assessment process and referring to an appropriate and comprehensive approach to incident investigations.
7. Undertake, monitor, review and audit the port's risk assessments, as well as the Marine Safety Management System, on a regular basis.
8. Appoint, develop and retain sufficient competent people, appropriately trained, qualified and experienced, in positions of responsibility for managing marine and navigational safety.
9. Publish a safety plan at least every three 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, and annually provide a report assessing performance against that plan.
10. Ensure the provision of necessary aids to navigation (buoys, beacons, lights) within port limits and comply with directions from the applicable Lighthouse Authority.
11. Raise, remove, destroy and mark a sunken vessel or other obstruction that is, or may become, a danger to safe navigation within port limits.
12. Monitor and manage vessel traffic within port limits through a system determined by formal risk assessment which may include: Vessel Traffic Service – Information Service (INS) and/or Traffic Organisation Service (TOS) b. 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 in accordance with 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 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 to ensure effective management and coordination in respect of emergency incidents, including oil spills, within its area of jurisdiction.
19. Ensure that providers of marine services and any vessels they utilize within the port comply with national and local legislation as well as industry good practice.
20. Robustly, rigorously and promptly investigate all marine accidents or incidents, reporting as required and taking appropriate remedial actions.

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

Signed as Duty Holder



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