HD 516 – PORT OF TYNE PORT MARINE SAFETY CODE POLICY

ORGANISATIONAL GOALS AND POLICY

Every harbour authority is accountable for managing marine operations within its port safely and efficiently. The aim of the Port Marine Safety Code is that all ports in the United Kingdom should, within their jurisdiction, apply nationally agreed standards for the safety of marine operations. These national standards are represented by the Code itself.

This aim should be achieved through the implementation of a safety management system based on a formal risk assessment. The purpose of this assessment is to ensure that all risks within the marine operation are identified and reduced to a level that is tolerable and as low as reasonably practicable.

The Port of Tyne is fully committed to providing a safe environment for any person within our harbour limits. A Marine Safety Management System has been formulated in such as to embrace all of the concepts and standards of both the Port Marine Safety Code and the Guide to Good Practice (GTGP), as well as associated Management systems of 9001, 14001, 18001 and International Standards for Pilot Organisations. The system has been introduced following a formal risk assessment with the findings of that assessment informing the system.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of the Port of Tyne is dedicated to the continued development of a modern and highly efficient port facility that seeks to provide value to all of its stakeholders. In fulfilling this aim the Board is committed to the maintenance of the appropriate levels of safety and environmental protection in all areas of its operation. It is the belief of the Board that this commitment is best achieved through the implementation of the Port of Tyne Marine Safety Management System.

The Board is committed to:

- the continued development of a culture of safety within all spheres of operation of the Port of Tyne
- the provision of adequate resources to enable the effective operation of the system's policies and procedures
- the provision of adequate resources to allow the Marine Services department to manage commercial pressures and to carry out their duties effectively and safely
- the provision of high quality training programmes
- the promotion of safety as one of the important responsibilities of all employees

The Board of the Port of Tyne Authority is collectively known as the 'Duty Holder' and is responsible as defined in the Port Marine Safety Code.

The role of the 'Designated Person' is carried out by an independent individual, meeting the recommended criteria in the GTGP, and who reports to the Duty Holder through the Audit committee.

The SMS and Marine Risk assessment are externally audited by a 3rd party every year in line with the recommendations of the PMSC, ISPO, 9001, 14001 and 18001. Further details are listed in section 5 of HD 500-Safety Plan

This policy will be implemented, maintained and made available upon request.

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