

Port Marine Safety Code Policy Statement

1. Introduction

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 UK ports should, within their jurisdiction, apply nationally agreed standards for the safety of marine operations.

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 as low as reasonably practicable.

2. Policy Statement

The Port of Tyne is fully committed to providing a safe environment for any person within the limits of the port.

A Marine Safety Management System has been formulated to embrace all of the concepts and standards of the Port Marine Safety Code and the Guide to Good Practice (GTGP), and the management systems of 9001, 14001, 45001 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.

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 Board 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.

The Board is committed to:

- The continued development of a culture of safety within all areas 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 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.

3. Review

The Maritime Director & Harbour Master is responsible for reviewing this policy and recommending any changes to the Board. This policy will be reviewed at least every three years to ensure that it is effective or following a change in applicable legislation.



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