



# Pilotage Policy

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The Authority will endeavour to maintain the level of service required by the Haven Ports Pilotage Committee as safely, efficiently and economically as practicable and in particular will:

- recruit, employ, train, examine and authorise their employed pilotage staff to national competence levels in full compliance with the requirements of the Pilotage Act 1987, Port Marine Safety Code and National Occupational Standards;
- promote close working relationships between Pilots, VTS Officers, Launch Crews and allied services;
- promote the use of general passage plans in order to facilitate the preparation of specific plans by master and pilot;
- regularly review the requirements of the Pilotage Service, including the training needs of Pilots and Pilotage Exemption Certificate holders;
- ensure that Pilot launch crews are trained and certificated as per the requirements of the Small Commercial Vessel Code (MGN 280);
- ensure that the Pilot launch service is operated to the requirements of the Code of Practice for Boarding and Landing of Pilots by Pilot Boat;
- ensure that the Pilot launches operated by the Authority are surveyed and certificated in terms of the Merchant Shipping (Small Workboats and Pilot Boats) Regulations 1998 and the associated Small Commercial vessel Code (MGN 280).