



Conservancy Policy

The Authority has a statutory duty, as well as a responsibility under the Port Marine Safety Code, to conserve, protect, regulate, maintain and improve the harbour; to achieve these aims the Authority will:

- undertake hydrographic surveys in accordance with the International Hydrographic Organisations guidelines as are necessary for safe and efficient navigation;
- provide the appropriate stakeholders with up to date, timely and accurate hydrographic and environmental information;
- provide continuous timely and accurate tidal and meteorological data;
- maintain close liaison with and provide relevant data to the United Kingdom Hydrographic office;
- as the local Lighthouse Authority, ensure the provision of necessary aids to navigation within its area of jurisdiction in accordance with the availability criteria laid down by the General Lighthouse Authority;
- ensure that a risk assessment is carried out on any wreck or other obstruction in its area of jurisdiction that may pose a hazard to navigation;
- ensure compliance with the MS (Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co Ordination Convention) regulations;
- ensure involvement and liaison with appropriate pollution groups; • maintain and operate appropriate craft to support and deliver the Authority's conservancy responsibilities;
- manage the allocation of moorings including those for the leisure community in line with current environmental advice, whilst ensuring safety of navigation; and
- maintain close liaison with and provide information to local leisure vessel groups.