



Marine Safety Plan

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Marine Service Availability
Maintain performance service availability targets for VTS, Pilot service and local Aids to Navigation.

Marine Apprenticeship
Work with local partners to recruit, train and develop experienced and competent marine personnel of the future.

Leisure Vessel Safety
Engagement visits with every local yacht club or marina, working in partnership to improve safety.

Survey Data Performance
Innovate data collection and analysis methods to improve knowledge and understanding of the navigable depth.

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Marine Operational Safety
Work with harbour users to maximise learnings from incidents and near misses.

Future Fuels
Develop contingency plans and response capability for safe management of future fuel incidents.

To deliver safe, efficient and sustainable marine operations

Pilot Ladder Safety
Roll out the new pilot ladder training course to all required employees to achieve full completion rate.

Promote PMSC compliance
Work with local marine facilities in the area to champion PMSC compliance.

Weather and Tidal Data
Increase real time weather and tide data availability by adding 3 new data collection nodes.

Master – Pilot Exchange
Review, update and roll out new electronic MPX forms to enhance pilot-bridge team communication.

Commitment to the Port Marine Safety Code

Harwich Haven Authority ('the Authority') is committed to manage and regulate marine operations, within the scope of its power and authority, in accordance with the Port Marine Safety Code.

Legal Duties and Powers

The Harwich Harbour (& Harwich Haven) Acts and Orders describe the Authority's duties and powers to ensure the "conservancy, protection, regulation, maintenance and improvement of the Harbour and approaches". The jurisdiction includes the River Stour, the lower part of the River Orwell, Harwich Harbour and an area to seaward extending to 12 nautical miles from the harbour entrance covering 150 square miles.

Legal duties and powers are reviewed on an annual basis and were last reviewed January 2024 (at the time of writing).

Policies and Procedures

Marine policies and procedures are developed, reviewed and audited to satisfy the requirements of the Code.

The prioritisation of marine and navigational safety is clearly stated in the Authority's Marine Safety Policy and this principal is embedded in the supporting documents and manuals of the Marine Safety Management System.