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### **St Mary's Harbour Marine Safety Plan**



## **Introduction**

The Duchy of Cornwall is the Statutory Harbour Authority (SHA) for St Mary's and the Competent Harbour Authority (CHA) for the Isles of Scilly Pilotage District.

The Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC) has established an agreed national standard for port marine safety and a measure by which harbour authorities can be held accountable for their legal powers and duties to run their harbours in a safe manner. In compliance with the PMSC the SHA publishes the following Marine Safety Plan for the period January 2015 to January 2018

## **Marine Policies**

The Duchy of Cornwall has produced the following policies:

- General Policy Statement
- Navigational Safety Policy
- Pilotage Policy
- Consultation Policy
- Enforcement and Prosecution Policy
- Training Policy

All policies are included within the Navigational Safety Management System (SMS)

## **Procedures**

Operational procedures are developed and maintained by the SHA following the policies as required. Procedural guidelines are reviewed regularly in line with the conditions of the SMS.

## **Management of Marine Operations**

This Marine Safety Plan commits the SHA to undertaking the management and regulation of marine operations, within the scope of its powers and authority, in a way that safeguards the port, users of the port (including members of the public), and the environment.

The SHA will undertake its role and responsibilities to ensure that, whenever possible, it provides efficient and effective services and the regulation of shipping and other vessels in support of all activities in the harbour; in particular commercial vessel movements, to facilitate the safe and prompt transit of vessels through the port.

In ensuring the continued provision of services, especially during times of disruption, the SHA will always keep the safety of its personnel, harbour users and vessels as a priority. At times this may mean that services and therefore vessel movements or activities are subject to delay. However, the safety of life and of navigation remains a priority for SHA.

## **Established Management Activities**

A number of key functions underpin the operation and maintenance of the SMS in addition to the fundamental services provided by the DoC. The following processes ensure the maintenance of an effective harbour authority and assists in the compliance of the PMSC:

- Weekly harbour staff meeting
- Monthly Senior Harbour Management Monthly meeting (SHMMM)

- Annual Harbour Executive Committee meetings (HEXCo)
- Regular Harbour Users Group (HUG) meetings for stakeholders
- Regular Navigational Advisory Panel (NAP) meetings
- Investigation of all reported incidents within areas of jurisdiction within one month to ascertain the cause and reduce the likelihood of recurrence
- Regular internal and external audits of the SMS, its functions and procedures

### **Targets**

- PMSC compliance
- MTSD compliance
- No major incidents, serious injuries or serious pollution
- Continue with bathymetric survey program (established 2012)
- No mooring equipment failure
- Regular stakeholder and public consultation (HUG, NAP, PF)
- Investigation of all reported navigational incidents
- Recognition and reduction of recurring incidents
- Carry out functions as Local Lighthouse Authority (LLA)
- Maintain trained and qualified persons to carry out navigational operations
- Maintain and review Oil Spill Plan (OSP)
- Maintain and review Port Waste Management Plan (PWMP)
- Issue Local Notice to Mariners (LNtM) relating to navigational safety