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Harbour Master: Dale Clark

Marine Safety Plan (2021-2023) Review

Introduction

In January 2021, St. Mary's Harbour Authority (SMHA) released its Marine Safety Plan (MSP) covering the period 2021-2023. This review covers the targets set out in that plan over the year 2023. A new plan with revised targets will be set for 2024-2026. The targets are split into two sections.

1. Ongoing targets for the duration of the plan and beyond.
2. Specific targets to achieve within the timeline of the plan.

Ongoing Targets for SMHA

Marine Safety Management Plan (MSMS)

Ongoing review on the MSMS Documentation with a continuous aim to refine content for ease of use and understanding and maintain compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code.

In October 2023, Captain Tim Charlesworth (Designated Person) conducted an audit and offered assurance of continued compliance with the Code via the certificate of compliance. SMHAs documentation is reviewed annually with updates logged in the MSMS amendment diary.

Pilotage

Provide a pilotage service of well-trained, qualified, and authorised pilots that is supported by the authorisation of pilotage exemptions to similar standards, resulting in no serious incidents caused by errors made by SMHA Pilots.

In 2023 Lizzie Sloane qualified as a Restricted Pilot after completion of the training requirements set out in the pilotage procedures. This takes the number of qualified pilots to four (3 unrestricted and one restricted). There was one incident report raised in 2023 relating to the disembarkation of a pilot.

Emergency Preparedness & Response

Establish and maintain a schedule of regular training and exercises for implementing emergency plans and oil spill procedures.

Run and/or attend exercises with external stakeholders such as local authorities and the emergency services.

In 2023 SMHA achieved Tier 2 Responder status after successfully completing an audit and inspection from the International Spill Accreditation Scheme (ISAS). Regular oil spill training was undertaken with new harbour staff also undergoing training at mainland establishments. The harbour continues to carry out regular drills and training with all harbour staff for fire, oil spill and security. Training dates are logged on Harbour Assist and training requirements are reviewed at the start of each year.

Environmental

Continue to research and use environmentally aware practises associated with harbour operations to reduce our environmental impacts.

In 2023 SMHA commissioned Above & Below Imagery to take aerial photographs of the harbour to assist in the monitoring of seagrass within the harbour. This programme will continue each year with information being shared with Natural England.

The electric outboard was used throughout the summer season allowing SMHA staff to advertise the operation of an environmentally friendly engine and help to reduce our carbon footprint. SMHA continue to use seawater to clean the off-island quays using a pressure washer with a sea suction hose. Rainwater, collected in 1000ltr IBCs, is used on St. Mary's quay for step cleaning and general cleaning around the quay and seawater used on off-island quays.

Training

Provide harbour employees with the necessary training to undertake their roles and responsibilities.

SMHA continue to ensure staff are trained to carry out their roles in accordance with the training policy. Two new staff joined in 2023 and underwent numerous training courses including oil spill, powerboat, VHF, and other industry required courses as well as online training. An annual review is undertaken of staff qualifications where training requirements are identified, and a record held on the Duchy's H&S section on SharePoint.

Specific Targets for SMHA 2021-2023

Obtain an approved MCA Oil Spill Response Plan.

SMHA has worked closely with the MCA throughout 2023, updating and developing the plan to the MCAs satisfaction. As a final step, consultation with official bodies (NE, Natural England, MMO etc.) was undertaken. The result of the consultation resulted in some very minor amendments however, at the time of writing this review, the MCA were awaiting a reply from Natural England who had replied with queries which related to areas outside of SMHAs jurisdiction. SMHA and the MCA have liaised and there is no further work to do to the plan other than await acceptance from Natural England which we hope to have in January 2024.

Achieve MSRD compliance – through annual external audit.

DfT visited SMHA in May 2023 to undertake a Port Facility Security inspection. A copy of this audit was sent to HExCo members and highlighted the harbours continuing compliance with the Ship and Port Facility (Security) Regulations 2004 (as amended). Five items were marked as In

Conformity but Improvement Desirable (ICI). Four have been completed and one final area has been actioned for Sam Gould to undertake a PFSO course in January 2024.

The Port Facility Security Plan (PFSP) certificate remains valid and is due for renewal in October 2024.

Three drills and one tabletop exercise were undertaken in 2023 along with three Port Security Committee meeting held.

No major incidents, serious injuries, or serious pollution within the harbour.

There were 7 reports in 2023 – three Near Miss reports and four Incident reports. Two of the incident reports were due to pollution from other vessels and were highlighted to the MCA.

Implementation of additional transit lights for entry into the harbour.

Unfortunately, there has been no progress with this item in 2023.

Regular stakeholder and public consultation – at least 3 H.U.G. & N.A.P. meetings per year.

Four H.U.G. meetings took place in 2023. Regular updates to harbour customers has been sent through email (using Harbour Assist) and also on social media outlets.

Reduce mooring equipment failures within the harbour to zero.

There were no mooring failures in 2023.

Receive 100% returns from private mooring holders regarding equipment and inspection details.

In 2023 all private mooring inspection reports were received.

Established Management Activities

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

- Weekly harbour staff meetings
- Monthly Senior Harbour Management Monthly meetings
- Annual Harbour Executive Committee meetings
- Annual submission of reports to the Secretary & Keeper of Records
- Regular Harbour Users Group meetings for stakeholders
- Navigational Advisory Panel meetings as required
- 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 MSMS, its functions and procedures

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