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SAFETY PLAN.

Maryport Harbour Authority is committed to undertake and regulate marine operations in a way that safeguards the harbour, its users, the public and the environment and as such provides the following Safety Policy:

Maryport Harbour Authority Safety Policy Harbour Operations

Maryport Harbour Authority will comply with all legal requirements and aims to meet the national requirements of the Port Marine Safety Code and to heed the guidance in the 'A Guide To Good Practice On Port Marine Operations'.

At intervals not exceeding 3 years the Authority will formally review its plans, policies and procedures and publish a safety plan and an assessment of its safety performance against that plan.

The Authority will assess and review the training requirements and ensure all personnel who undertake tasks associated with marine operations are competent.

In fulfilling its duties the Authority is committed to the principles of safety management based on risk assessment techniques to:

- Ensure so far as reasonably practical, the safety of all those that use and work in the harbour by establishing safeguards against all identified risks.
- Operate to the requirements of its Marine Safety Management System
- Preserve the environment by preventing pollution.

- Promote the safety of navigation in the harbour and its approaches.
 - Safeguard the navigational access to and from the harbour.
 - Maintain plant, equipment and any vessels to the highest standards.
 - Be ready to respond to emergency situations.
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Policies and procedures will be developed to satisfy the requirements under the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC) by applying the following specific measurable (S.M.A.R.T) objectives:

- All aids to navigation (AtoN) will be maintained to international Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) availability standards and reported quarterly to the General Lighthouse Authority (GLA). Full compliance will be achieved by January 2011.
- MHA will confirm by independent audit that the harbour is operating in accordance with its Marine Safety Management System (MSMS) by March 2011.
- Any safety deficiencies identified within the audit will be actioned within 7-working days and corrective action agreed by the duty holder within 30-working days.
- The duty holder will publish an assessment of the harbour authorities performance set against this safety plan and the MSMS by March 2011.
- Maryport Harbour Authority (MHA) will be fully compliant with the PMSC by April 2011.
- The duty holder will confirm in writing to the MCA that MHA is complying with the PMSC by April 2011.
- All accidents and incidents or dangerous occurrences will be reported immediately to a supervisor / manager. Where required they will also be reported to the appropriate authority (e.g. the MAIB, HSE) and investigated to establish the root cause.
- Appropriate safety and personal protective equipment will be readily available and worn as required by all MHA employees.

- Maryport Harbour Authority shall continue to liaise with, and seek the input of all stakeholders through the Harbour Users Consultative Committee with the joint aim of providing and maintaining marine and maritime safety at Maryport Harbour.

Maryport Harbour Authority will provide the commercial means to maintain the safe provision of services and the efficient discharge of its duties through port charges and dues, and continued support from stakeholders, shareholders and funding bodies.

The Maryport Harbour Authority (MHA) may make Directions under Section 7 of the Pilotage Act 1987. *Compulsory Pilotage*.

The Harbour Master on an on-going and informal basis keeps the provision of Pilotage and other commercial services under review. At intervals not exceeding 1 year through a process of formal risk assessment the Harbour Master reviews any requirement for pilotage and hence the need for Pilotage Directions and reports the outcome of the review to the General Manager, Designated Person and MHA.

MHA makes the following statement through the promulgation of Special Direction No. 3 of 2009, dated 3rd December 2009.

The master of any vessel over 20 metres in length must obtain permission to navigate in the harbour from the harbour master.

The following vessels are exempt

- Registered fishing boats less than 47.5 metres in length.
- Naval and MOD vessels.

No pilotage directions or other commercial services are to be provided at this time.