

Port Marine Safety Code - General Policy

Langstone Harbour Board will provide a safe port within the limits of its jurisdiction, which is open to the public for the transportation of passengers and goods. The Board will ensure the safety of the Harbour by exercising its statutory conservancy functions to a high standard. It will regulate the use of the harbour by maintaining the necessary byelaws and ensuring that these and other statutory regulations are appropriately enforced. The Board will ensure such marine services as are required for the safe use of the Harbour are available and are maintained and operated to a high standard. The Board will ensure that current plans are available to deal with emergency situations and that the resources required to implement and exercise these plans are maintained.

LHB will plan, implement and maintain an active marine safety management system in accordance with the organisation's policy and procedures. LHB will ensure that these are fully supported with

- Such marine services as are required for the safe use of the harbour, available and maintained and operated to a high standard.
- Sufficient resources in terms of money, time, personnel, training and facilities.
- Harbour plans to deal with emergency situations, with the resources required to fully implement, maintain and exercise these plans.
- Powers used to protect the environment within the harbour and its surroundings. The choice of work methods will give special regard to any impact on the environment.

The Policy incorporates input from members of the Board, from officers, from staff and from harbour users as high standards of safety can only be achieved through dialogue and co-operation. Safety is a mutual objective for management, employees and harbour users.

Plans and reports shall be published. This will improve the transparency and accountability of the Langstone Harbour Board, as well as providing reassurance to the users of harbour facilities.

Langstone Harbour Board is committed;

- To ensure there is proper control of ship movements by regulating the safe arrival, departure and movement within the harbour of all vessels.
- To ensure that the best channels for navigation are determined, marked and monitored.
- To monitoring lights and marks used for navigation within their jurisdiction.
- To provide hydrographic surveys of the harbour when required for the maintenance of up-to-date charts (including diagrammatic charts of all mooring areas).
- To have an effective system for promulgating navigation warnings affecting the Harbour.
- To consider the effect of weather on harbour safety and promulgate warnings as required.
- To consider the effects on harbour safety of proposed changes in use or harbour works.
- To maintain up to date byelaws in consultation with port users and enforce them so as to regulate harbour use effectively.
- To enforce all relevant statutory Harbour legislation, Health and Safety regulations, the Merchant Shipping Act and Harbour byelaws in accordance with LHB enforcement policy and procedures.
- To license and control moorings and anchorages within Harbour limits.
- To provide suitable resources to deliver effective marine services such as the provision of harbour patrol craft.
- To operate the Harbour workshops, machinery, plant, equipment, Harbour vessels, mooring buoys, pontoons and boat storage compound efficiently and safely
- To ensure that suitable plans for emergency situations are maintained and regularly updated and exercised.
- To keep the duties and powers under review.

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