

Navigational Safety Policy

The Board shall maintain an effective Marine Safety Management System in accordance with the requirements of the Port Marine Safety Code. It will keep its legal powers, byelaws and directions relating to navigation under review.

By means of formal assessment, the risks inherent in navigational activities, including recreational events, will be mitigated to 'as low as reasonably practicable'. Traffic within the harbour will be monitored and managed with a traffic management service appropriate to the extent of the activity as determined by risk assessment. Patrol resources appropriate to the activity in the harbour will be made available.

The Board will keep the pilotage requirement for the port under review and provide a service commensurate with its responsibilities under the Pilotage Act 1987.

In accordance with its conservancy obligations the Board will provide navigation aids to mark navigable channels in the harbour, undertake surveys where necessary to establish the depth of water available for navigation and remove sunken vessels or other obstructions which are or may become dangers to navigation.

The Board will promulgate navigational information to port users through Local Notices to Mariners, an annual Harbour Guide and other safety publications. It will consult with stakeholders in respect of significant changes in the management of navigational activity in the harbour.

Emergency plans will be maintained to enable the Board to provide a co-ordinated response to emergencies within the harbour.