

NAVIGATIONAL SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

Lerwick Port Authority undertakes the management and provision of Harbour Operations and Port Services including (marine operations) pilotage, towage, port control and (shore operations) pollution response, mooring teams and quayside fendering, in-house maintenance of quays and buildings, to the Cruise, Leisure, Fishing, Energy, Renewables, Decommissioning, Ferries, and Cargo sectors, at the multi-user Port of Lerwick.

In compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code, Lerwick Port Authority will discharge its statutory and general duties in relation to the safety of navigation within its area of jurisdiction.

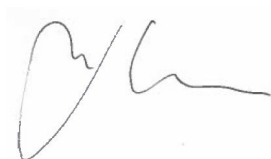
To achieve these commitments the Authority has implemented and maintains a health and safety management system which is used as the basis for continual improvement in navigational safety performance.

In discharging its duties, Lerwick Port Authority shall:

- Maintain an effective Marine Safety Management System based on a formalised assessment process, in consultation with port users, and with the aim of bringing risk levels to as low as reasonably practicable.
- Review regularly, the effectiveness of, and if necessary, seek amendments to, its legal powers, Byelaws and Directions in respect of navigational safety.
- Review regularly, the effectiveness of equipment, manning and procedures relating to marine services.
- Provide a Pilotage service appropriate to the district and in accordance with the Pilotage Act 1987.
- Conduct appropriate hydrographic surveys to ensure safe navigation in the area, and make the soundings available to the UKHO where appropriate.
- Ensure that companies conducting hydrographic surveys are appropriately trained and qualified.
- Undertake maintenance dredging as appropriate.
- Raise, remove, destroy and mark a sunken vessel or other obstructions that are, or may become a danger to safe navigation.
- Ensure the provision of necessary aids to navigation (buoys, beacons, lights) within its Statutory Harbour Area.
- Promulgate navigational, tidal and other relevant information as appropriate to port users.
- Provide effective management and co-ordinated response to emergency incidents within its area of jurisdiction.
- Consult with port users and other relevant stakeholders in respect of navigational safety issues and proposed changes to navigational arrangements.
- Ensure through risk assessment, that any harbour works in the area, take due regard of safety of navigation.
- Prepare, plan and exercise for emergencies through an Emergency Plan.
- Review the Safety Management System to ensure it is appropriate and effective, through an audit process.

The policy shall be updated on an annual basis and made available to interested parties on request.

20 December 2022



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Chair



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Chief Executive