

PEEL PORTS GROUP LIMITED

PORT OF GREAT YARMOUTH



Port Marine Safety Code
Marine Safety Plan
2021 – 2023
Annual Review 2023

1. **Introduction:** As part of its compliance with the requirements of the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC), Peel Ports Ltd publishes its Marine Safety Plan for the conduct of marine operations within the 7 Harbour Authorities within the group; Clydeport Operations Limited, Ardrossan Harbour Company Limited; Heysham Port Limited, The Manchester Ship Canal Company Limited, The Mersey Docks and Harbour Company Limited, Port of Sheerness Limited and the Great Yarmouth Port Authority Limited¹. The plan is published every three years and is reviewed annually by the individual Duty Holders. This is the 2023 review.

This Marine Safety plan commits Peel Ports Limited to undertaking the management and regulations of marine operations, within the scope of the individual authorities powers and authority, according to the appropriate Acts and the PMSC, in a way that safeguards the Port, users of the Port, including members of the public together with a duty to improve and conserve the waterways and the environment. Peel Ports Limited will, through the individual authorities, undertake its role and responsibilities to ensure, whenever possible, it provides efficient and effective services and the regulation of shipping and other vessels in support of all activities in the Ports. In managing the safety of navigation and the provision of services Peel Ports Limited always has the safety of life and vessels as its highest priority.

2. **Marine Policies:** Peel Ports Group Ltd has publishes several marine policies, applicable to all Statutory Harbour Authorities and Competent Harbour Authorities within the Group, in support of the management and regulation of marine operations across its ports, and the maintenance of the Groups Marine Safety Management System. These policies are reviewed regularly and approved by the Duty Holder of the individual Ports and are as follows:

- The Port Marine Safety Code Policy Statement (Approved and signed by the CEO)
- Health and Safety Policy
- Group Marine Navigational Safety Policy
- Group Marine Pilotage Policy
- Group Marine VTS/LPS Policy
- Group Marine Environmental Policy
- Group Marine Enforcement & Prosecution Policy
- Group Marine Training Policy

3. **Group Marine Safety Management System (MSMS):** A comprehensive overview of the structure, management and maintenance of the Group's MSMS and compliance with the PMSC in support of this plan is contained within the MSMS. External audits of compliance with the PMSC are

¹ Great Yarmouth Port Company Limited acts as agents on behalf of the Statutory Harbour Authority; Great Yarmouth Port Authority Limited.

undertaken at least every three years and are supported by a comprehensive internal and external audit programme.

4. **Standing Objectives:** The following standing objectives are to be met by each port, with support from Group as required, during the period. Any issues in meeting these targets are raised through at the Marine Management Team meeting in accordance with the MSMS.

	Service Provision / Activity Target	Target Details	Assessment
1.	Navigational Incidents	No major incidents, serious injuries or serious pollution as a result of a failure of the port's Marine Safety Management System and/or of associated PPGY safety service provision.	No major navigational incidents recorded
2.	Vessel Traffic Service / Local Port Service	Provide an effective Vessel Traffic Service or Local Port Service throughout the Ports based on risk assessment. Seek to ensure that the PMS system operates at 99.9% availability through a maintenance, procurement and installation strategy for LPS equipment, which will add to the reliability of individual elements of the LPS system or to its duplication.	Function operated by Group. Ensure VMS systems are updated and accurate – reporting.
3.	Pilotage including the authorisation of pilotage exemptions	Provide a pilotage service of suitable qualified and authorised pilots that is supported by appropriate recruitment and a continuation training programme. Provide a suitable pilotage exemption certificate system of approval and monitoring/enforcement. No major incidents resulting from pilotage errors.	Peer assessments ongoing for CPD. No major incidents recorded resulting from Pilot error.
4.	Conservancy and Hydrographic survey	Ensure the Port has an adequate schedule of hydrographic surveys and that these are undertaken and published in line with defined schedules. Review the long-term survey strategy to ensure it remains relevant and fit for purpose. Investigate all reported wreck and obstruction on notification. Issue navigation warnings and were appropriate arrange marking and removal at earliest opportunity commensurate with navigational/environmental risk. Through appropriate maintenance and response ensure AtoN availability meets Trinity House/NLB targets.	AtoN availability for Category 3 is 97.61%

5.	Emergency preparedness and response	Maintain a detailed and robust schedule of regular training and exercises for implementing emergency plans and oil spill procedures, to improve response capability. Exercises will be carried out with external stakeholders such as local authorities and the emergency services.	As part of Peel Ports GROUP Tier 2 Membership, Ambipar were instructed to conduct a spill preparedness and response Capability review which was completed 25/01/2023. MOM trained to MCA Level 5P
6.	Training	Maintain a cadre of appropriately trained and qualified personnel. Maintain a detailed and robust schedule of regular training and exercises. Fulfill the requirements of the Group Marine Training Matrix. Ensure Marine team personnel are appropriately qualified and trained for their role.	Reached out to Claire McKay 28/04/2023 to establish further training on Enforcement and Prosecution. Awaiting response. Training has been ongoing for all marine staff as per the Group Marine Training matrix
7.	Liaison and consultation with Port Users.	Convene routine meetings every 6 months with port users. Appropriate and open consultation, undertaken with waterways users and interested parties regarding proposed amendments to Byelaws, Directions and Codes of Practice. Engage with all Marina and Terminal operators within SHA to highlight MSMS and their responsibility under the PMSC.	Meetings have resumed following a year without. Meeting have been held as follows: 22/05/2023 Port User Group – Leisure. 26/05/2022 Port User Group - Commercial

5. **Specific SMART Objectives:** The following smart objectives will be managed as marine department requirements across the authorities. Any issues in meeting these targets are raised through at the Marine Management Team meeting in accordance with the MSMS.

	Policy Section	Objective	Target Date	Assessment
a.	Legislation & Bye Laws	To conduct a review of existing GYPA Navigation Byelaws to ensure they continue to be fit for purpose and to consider the implementation of General Directions if considered necessary to further enhance the management of marine safety for port users.		Underway. General Directions being written for approval through Management of Change.
b.	MSMS	Conduct Formal Risk Assessments for AtoN, Pilotage and Vessel Traffic services to establish level of provision.		Completed and entered in SAP EHS
c.	MSMS	Introduce a compliant risk assessment and incident investigation tool within the SAP model. Meet the		Introduced but some development work ongoing. SAP EHS

		Key Performance Targets of the MSMS. Ensure an effective data capture and analysis of all Marine incidents including near misses.		
d.	Incident Reporting and Management	Review incident reporting and management across the group including the revision of causal factors.		Complete and incorporated into new Incident Investigation module. 2 major incidents, serious injuries or serious pollution as a result of a failure of the Ports Marine Safety Management System. Captured in Power BI
e.	Pilot Launch Service.	To progress with a vessel upgrade strategy to safeguard the future of the launch service and to maintain safe and efficient boarding of pilots.		All GY Pilots have attended Pilot Ladder Training in Fleetwood.