

PEEL PORTS GREAT YARMOUTH

SAFETY PLAN FOR MARINE OPERATIONS 2017-2020

1. INTRODUCTION

Peel Ports Great Yarmouth (PPGY) is part of the Peel Ports Group.

PPGY acts as agent to the Great Yarmouth Port Authority which is the Statutory and Competent Harbour Authority for the Port of Great Yarmouth.

The Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC), published in March 2000 by Department of Transport, and most recently revised in November 2016, has established an agreed national standard for port marine safety, and a measure by which harbour authorities can be held accountable for their legal powers and duties to run their harbours in a safe manner.

In compliance with the Code, Peel Ports Great Yarmouth publishes the following Marine Safety Plan for the period April 2017 to April 2020.

2. MARINE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

PPGY commits to undertake and regulate marine operations so as to safeguard the Port, its users, the public and the environment; to run a safe, efficient, cost effective, sustainable port operation for the benefit of all users; to fulfil its legal responsibilities whilst continuing to meet the changing needs of all harbour users; and to meet the national requirements of the PMSC.

In demonstration of these commitments PPGY has published the following policies:

- Port Marine Safety Code Group Policy
- Navigational Safety Policy
- Pilotage Policy
- LPS Policy
- Environment Policy
- Enforcement and Prosecution Policy
- Training Policy

All policies are included within Peel Ports Group Marine Safety Management System which is published on the Peel Ports Group website.

These policies are reviewed every three years.

3. MARINE SAFETY PLAN OBJECTIVES

In support of its marine policies and procedures, to meet the requirements of the PMSC, PPGY has set out the following objectives:

- To keep its powers and duties under review in order to ensure that it can effectively regulate and conserve safe navigation within the Port and its approaches
- To maintain the Marine Safety Management System (MSMS) on the basis of a comprehensive risk assessment
- To periodically review identified hazards and associated risks to marine operations to ensure they remain valid and that the controls identified to mitigate against risks are appropriate and effective in reducing risks to as low as reasonably practicable
- To implement the monitoring, inspection and review requirements set out in the MSMS
- To carry out three yearly audits of the MSMS by the Designated Person, to monitor performance against the required standard
- To correct deficiencies or implement safety enhancements identified through the audit or review process within proposed timescales
- To maintain comprehensive training and continuing professional development of marine department personnel, in particular those with navigational safety responsibilities
- To maintain and exercise emergency plans and procedures, including Oil Spill response plans
- To provide aids to navigation, which meet the requirements of the General Lighthouse Authority, in order to enhance safety of navigation
- To monitor and maintain its aids to navigation to ensure their performance standards meet the target requirements set by the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities
- To undertake hydrographic surveys in line with an adequate, defined schedule and publish the results of those surveys in a timely manner
- To liaise and consult with Port users, by all appropriate means, including a 12 monthly Port users consultative forum
- To formally review its plans, policies and procedures and publish a Safety Plan for Marine Operations at intervals not exceeding three years
- To assess and report on its performance against the plan on an annual basis.

4. ONGOING MANAGEMENT TARGETS FOR THE PERIOD OF THE PLAN

Standing Targets:

	Service Provision / Activity Target	Standing Target Details
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.
2.	Local Port Services/Port Marine Services – Operational capability and delivery	<p>1. Provide an effective Local Port Service Service (LPS) throughout the port, and shall be known as Port Marine Services (PMS)</p> <p>2. 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</p>
3.	Provision of a Pilotage service including the authorisation of Pilotage Exemptions	No major incidents resulting from Pilotage errors
4.	Conservancy and Hydrographic Survey	<p>Ensure that the Port and approaches have an adequate schedule of hydrographic surveys and that these are undertaken in line with the defined schedule and that the results are published within the target timescales.</p> <p>Specifically:</p> <p>Navigation Safety Surveys – Significant data to be promulgated within 24 hours; and Surveys to be completed within 3 days (or 5% of period) of target.</p> <p>Wreck & Obstruction Investigation -</p> <p>Investigate all reported wreck and obstructions. Issue navigation warnings, arrange marking as appropriate and removal at earliest opportunity if required, time dependant on severity / risk to navigation</p>
5.	Support for, approval and facilitation of Port events	Associated risks to be at ALARP prior to approval. Avoid unnecessary restrictions on vessel movements and disruption to commercial services and leisure activities
6.	Liaison and consultation with Port Users	Routine meetings every 12 months with Port users. Appropriate and open consultation undertaken with Port users and interested parties regarding proposed amendments to GYPA Byelaws, Directions and Codes of Practice

Period Targets:

	Service Provision / Activity Target	Period Target Details
1.	Navigational Risk Assessment and Incident Reporting	Fully integrate the existing PPGY risk assessment and incident reporting and investigation system into a Peel Ports Group system for a standardised approach and to enable better sharing of knowledge and experience of navigational risk assessments and incident investigations and actions between Peel Ports Group ports.
2.	Training	All PPGY marine staff and senior management to undertake Port Marine Safety Code E-Learning training to further knowledge and understanding of key marine safety responsibilities.
3	Training	To implement a Peel Ports Group training management system to standardise the minimum requirements for and the management of marine staff mandatory training
4	Byelaws	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.
5	Hydrographic Survey	To upgrade the provision of Hydrographic Survey provision from single beam survey to multi-beam survey at the IHO-S44 standard to enhance the quality of survey and provision of survey data to Port users.
6	Pilot Launch service	To progress with a vessel replacement and upgrade strategy to safeguard the future of the launch service and to maintain safe and efficient boarding of pilots.