

PEEL PORTS GROUP

Port of Liverpool



Port Marine Safety Code
Marine Safety Plan
2018 - 2020

1. Introduction

As part of its compliance with the requirements of the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC), The Mersey Docks and Harbour Company Limited (MDHC) publishes the following Marine Safety Plan for marine operations within the Port of Liverpool.

This Marine Safety plan commits MDHC to undertaking the management and regulations of marine operations, within the scope of its 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. MDHC will 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 Port. In managing the safety of navigation and the provision of services MDHC always has the safety of life and vessels as its highest priority.

2. Marine Policies

MDHC has published a number of 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 approved by the Duty Holder for the Port of Liverpool 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 MDHC's compliance with the PMSC in support of this plan is contained within the MSMS. External audits of MDHC's compliance with the PMSC are undertaken at least every three years and are supported by a comprehensive internal audit programme.

4. Objectives to fulfil the Marine Safety Management Plan

The following standing objectives are to meet by each port 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
a.	Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review all Port Byelaws.
b.	Marine Safety Management System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet the Key Performance Targets of the MSMS. No major incidents, serious injuries or serious pollution as a result of a failure of the Ports Marine Safety Management System. Conduct a programme of Formal Safety Assessments across all ports. Ensure an effective data capture and analysis of all Marine incidents including near misses.
c.	Vessel Traffic Service / Local Port Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide an effective Vessel Traffic Service or Local Port Service throughout the Ports based on risk assessment. Ensure the VTS/LPS system operates at 99.9% availability.
d.	Pilotage including the authorisation of pilotage exemptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
e.	Conservancy and hydrographic survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 where appropriate arrange marking and removal at earliest opportunity commensurate with navigational/environmental risk.
f.	Emergency preparedness and response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
g.	Enforcement and prosecution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain a cadre of appropriately trained and qualified personnel. Maintain a detailed and robust schedule of regular training and exercises.
h.	Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fulfil the requirements of the Group Marine Training Matrix. Ensure Marine team personnel are appropriately qualified and trained for their role.
i.	Liaison and consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.