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1 Scope

To ensure that Peel Ports London Medway manages river events and recreational navigation within Peel Ports London Medway area of jurisdiction.

2 Introduction

Peel Ports London Medway (PPLM) uses the Medway Ports River Byelaws 1991 to implement regulatory framework to manage river events and recreational navigation.

Medway VTS, Radar, Group Hydrographic services, VHF communications, Tide Gauges, Aids to Navigation and Notice to Mariners provide risk control measures.

3 Definitions

River Event – A river event is defined as but not limited to:

- Yacht or boat race
- Procession of a large number of craft (Admirals Cruise)
- Waterborne display or festival
- Fireworks display
- Historical re-enactment.

4 Requirements


4.1 River Events

The organiser of any boat race, regatta, procession or any other similar event is required to give not less than 28 days' notice of such to Peel Ports London Medway. This requirement is stated in the Medway Ports River Byelaws 1991 (Byelaw 53)

Permission from the Medway Marine Management Team(MMMT) may be refused if the notice period is not adhered to or safety documentation is not provided.

Peel Ports London Medway needs to be satisfied that risk to the safety of navigation, or other port users has been effectively mitigated.

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4.2 Event Organisers are required to submit :

- Risk assessments.
- Provide names of event organisers and officials (Safety boats).
- Arrangements for controlling events, including contact telephone numbers, VHF channels and call signs.
- Numbers of participation vessels (estimated).
- Event location.
- Timetables and program of events.

Peel Ports London Medway supports guidance provided by the national governing body (Royal Yachting Association), representing the types or classes of craft participation in an event.

If necessary Peel Ports London Medway will issue a Notice to Mariners notifying river users of event dates and locations.

Medway VTS will have access to event information.

Event information data will be stored in

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4.3 Recreational Navigation

Representatives from the Medway & Swale Boating Association (MSBA) and larger marinas are invited to attend the port user group (Leisure Community) meetings.

4.4 Peel Ports London Medway use the Medway Ports River Byelaws 1991 to implement regulatory framework to manage river events and recreational navigation, this includes;

- Speed limitations in specific areas
- Navigation restrictions
- Establishment of zones for designated recreational activities

5 References

Medway Ports River Byelaws 1991