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St Mary's Harbour Marine Safety Plan 2026-2029



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Introduction

St. Mary's Harbour was established in 1890 under the Pier and Harbour Order Confirmation (No.4) Act 1890. The Duke of Cornwall is the owner of the port infrastructure and as such, is also the Statutory Harbour Authority (SHA) for St. Mary's Harbour. This also makes St. Mary's Harbour the Local Lighthouse Authority (LLA) with respect to aids to navigation by virtue of Section 193 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995.

The Ports & Marine Facilities Safety Code (PMSC) is published by the Department for Transport and sets out a national standard for port marine safety. The Code applies to all Harbour Authorities and other organisations such as marine facilities, berth owners and terminals operators in the UK.

As part of its compliance with the requirements of the PMSC, the Harbour Executive Committee (HEXCo) from St. Mary's Harbour Authority (SMHA) publishes this safety plan for marine operations which covers a period of three years. This 'Marine Safety Plan' (MSP) is one component of a comprehensive (strategic level) Marine Safety Management System (MSMS) and serves to support the continuing improvement of marine safety performance.

This Marine Safety Plan commits SMHA to undertaking the proper management and regulation of marine operations within the scope of its powers and authority, and in line with its stated marine policies.

Marine Policies

HEXCo have a number of policies in support of the management and regulation of marine operations. These strategic policies are embedded in the MSMS and are approved by the Duty Holder under the PMSC.

These are:

- Navigational Safety Policy
- Marine Training Policy
- Pilotage Policy
- Conservancy and Environmental Policy
- Enforcement and Prosecution Policy
- Lone Working Policy

The Management of Marine Operations

A comprehensive overview of the SMHA structure, management and documentation is maintained in the MSMS which supports the delivery of this Plan. External audits of the MSMS are undertaken on an annual basis by the Designated Person. HExCo is committed to ensuring a positive safety culture and to enhancing its risk-based MSMS.

Risk assessments identify marine hazards and identify control measures to mitigate those risks to an acceptable level of ALARP (As Low As Reasonably Practicable). HExCo has a responsibility to provide vessel traffic management and, as far as its powers allow, to facilitate the safe transit of vessels using St. Mary's Harbour.

HExCo, in its role as Duty Holder for St. Mary's Harbour and the Off Island Marine Facilities, strives to ensure that commercial pressures do not undermine the safe provision of services and the efficient discharge of its duties.

Plan Period

This plan covers a three-year period of January 2026 to January 2029 and will be reviewed annually to monitor objectives.

Management Objectives

HExCo has split its objectives into two sets, the first addresses 'Standing Objectives' the second set addresses 'Period Objectives'.

Standing Objectives

The objectives support the ongoing improvement plan for SMHA. This plan is owned by the SMHA Duty Holder and aims to address high level improvement targets which will benefit the harbour, the measure of which act as KPI's and fulfils the requirement of the PMSC for the Duty Holder to maintain a 'Marine Safety Plan'.

Number	Provision / Activity	Objective	Measure
1	Duty Holder	Duty Holders to have received training on their role and responsibility under the Code in the last three years.	100% of Duty Holders trained
		Duty Holders to have undertaken an operational tour of SMHA in the last three years	100% of Duty Holders undertaken an awareness tour
2	Designated Person	Report by the Designated Person to the Duty Holder at least once per year.	Annual

3	Legislation	Review legal duties and powers at least once every three years.	Three years
4	Duties and Powers	MAIB Reportable Incidents: make all reports to the MAIB within 24 hrs, with investigation followed up. Incidents and near miss reports: Log all reported near misses and incidents within SMHA using SMHA format.	24 hrs initial report, investigation sent at incident close Reviewed at weekly staff meetings under H&S and recorded in monthly report.
5	Risk Assessment	All Marine Risk Assessments to be in-date.	100% in-date
6	MSMS	Review of all SMHA Policies on a three-yearly basis.	Three years
		The Marine Safety Management System will be reviewed annually (or following any significant industry changes).	Annual
7	Review and Audit	External Audit completed annually.	Annual
8	Competence	Ensure staff with marine safety responsibilities are trained to undertake their duties.	100% of mandatory training completed
9	Plan	Publish a three yearly 'Marine Safety Plan' (this plan).	Published and in-date
		Publish an assessment of the organisation's performance against the last plan.	Three years
10	Conservancy	Aids to Navigation: Three-year performance meets or exceed IALA performance threshold.	Cat 2 = 99.0% Cat 3 = 97.0%

Period Objectives

Specific improvements are identified within the plan period and laid out in the table below

Number	Provision / Activity	Objective	Measure
1	Stakeholder engagement and consultation	Regular stakeholder and public consultation – minimum of 3 H.U.G. meetings per year, minimum of 1 NAP per year and as required	Annual
2	MSMS	No major incidents, serious injuries, or serious pollution within the harbour	Annual

3	MSMS	Zero mooring equipment failures of harbour equipment.	Through incident reporting and annual review
4	Mooring Maintenance	Receive 100% returns from private mooring holders regarding equipment and inspection details	Annual
5	Emergency Preparedness	Retain Tier 2 status	ISAS external audit