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**PORTS & MARINE FACILITY SAFETY CODE**  
**MARINE SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

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## MARINE POLICY - STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

Safety is our number one priority at Shoreham Port. We are committed to undertaking and regulating marine operations to safeguard all our users, the public, our harbour areas, and the environment.

Shoreham Port aims to run a safe, efficient, sustainable harbour operation for the benefit of all users and the wider community.

Shoreham Port is committed to the safety of navigation within the port as well as full compliance with all the legal requirements referred to in the Ports & Marine Facility Safety Code. We aim to meet these requirements in all our operations while seeking to meet the changing needs of all harbour users. See Annex 1 for the Port Marine & Facility Safety Code hierarchy flow chart outlining its integration into port operations.

Shoreham Port is committed to ensuring that all its employees, contractors and port users are well informed, engaged and aligned with the requirements of the Ports & Marine Facility Safety Code. Shoreham Port recognises that safe operations depend not only on technically sound equipment but on competent people and an active Safety Management culture. Shoreham Port is committed to the revalidation and maintenance of relevant qualifications, as well as the ongoing continuing professional development of our colleagues. Nothing in Shoreham Port takes precedence over safety and all who work or use the port have an obligation to contribute to port safety. Shoreham Port is fully committed to undertaking hazard identification and risk assessments and to record incidents. It will ensure that personnel are properly trained for emergencies and contingencies. It will provide a high quality and efficient pilotage service, and it will regulate the activities throughout the harbour ensuring that all national legislation, local byelaws and directions are complied with and enforced.

Shoreham Port welcomes the interest and participation of all stakeholders in maintaining and improving the awareness of safety within the port. To achieve this, we maintain communications with relevant stakeholders/Port Users Group to ensure access to all relevant information.

It is our goal to constantly improve the standard of safety and safety awareness in the port, and we keep this aim at the heart of our Masterplan and our values.



Chair Shoreham Port: Catherine May

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## REVISION RECORD

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08	Website	Electronic Copy

## DESIGNATED PERSON

In compliance with the Ports & Marine Facility Safety Code a Designated Person has been appointed.

See section 1.5.

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## MARINE SAFETY POLICY

This Marine safety policy adds to any existing safety policy required by the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and relates to Marine Operations and the requirements of the Ports & Marine Facility Safety Code.

The Harbour Authority is committed to:

- Manage its relevant assets safely and efficiently as per the management of Health & Safety Work Regulations 1999.
- Discharge its duties and powers in relation to marine operations
- Maintain relevant harbour equipment to agreed industry standards
- Recruit and train operational colleagues to nationally agreed competence levels
- Ensure that personnel are properly trained for emergencies and contingencies

In making these commitments, the Harbour Authority has appointed the **Harbour Master** to fulfil the role of marine operations safety officer.

This officer will be responsible for the following:

- Ensuring all risks are assessed and reduced to 'as low as reasonably practical' (ALARP)
- Reporting, investigating, and recording all accidents, and ensuring that lessons learnt are widely disseminated to appropriate persons and bodies
- Carrying out routine safety inspections on marine operations equipment and reassessing risks as appropriate
- To form and chair an appropriate marine safety committee or committees, liaise regularly with all those involved with marine operations, and to act appropriately to feedback
- To review this safety policy and recommend revisions to the Board at least every 3 years.

*Catherine May*

Chair Shoreham Port: Catherine May

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DUTY HOLDER**

The Board at Shoreham Port is the Duty Holder. The Board members shall have read and understood the Ports & Marine Facility Safety Code and shall strive to meet the standards required. They will ensure that the guidance given in the Guide to Good Practice for Port Marine Operations is heeded.

The Harbour Authority is accountable for managing operations in the Harbour safely and efficiently, and the Duty Holder is responsible for ensuring that it does so, as the Duty Holder is under a duty to ensure that the Harbour Authority fulfils its duties in compliance with the Ports & Marine Facility Safety Code and has an effective Marine Safety Management System for this purpose.

Although the Duty Holder is able to appoint professional people to operate the Harbour, they cannot assign accountability. Further, they may not abdicate accountability due to lack of particular skills.

*Catherine May*

Chair Shoreham Port: Catherine May

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## STATEMENT OF POLICY AND RESPONSIBILITY

Shoreham Port, being the Harbour Authority, will ensure that Shoreham Port is operated efficiently and safely so as to safeguard the port, its users, the public and the environment. It is committed to performing all its duties and responsibilities in a safe and efficient manner.

The Harbour Authority will:

- Comply with all legal requirements.
- Aim to meet the national requirements of the Ports & Marine Facility Safety Code
- Heed the Guide to Good Practice on Port Marine Operations, published by the Department for Transport

The Harbour Authority's functions will be conducted openly and transparently in the overall long-term interests of the port's stakeholders and beneficiaries.

In fulfilling its duties, the Harbour Authority is committed:

- To ensuring as far as reasonably practical the safety of all those who use and work in the harbour.
- To facilitating safe navigation in the harbour and its approaches and safeguarding the navigational access to and from the harbour.
- To providing and maintaining viable harbour facilities.
- To regulating the activities of all those who use the harbour and ensuring that the law is enforced whenever appropriate.
- To conserving the environment and maintaining approved pollution prevention and nature conservation measures.
- To formally review the Harbour Authority's plans, policies, and procedures at intervals of five years or less

This Statements of Policy and Responsibility was approved by the Board for and on behalf of the Harbour Authority on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

# HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT 2026

## Health and Safety (H&S) Policy 2026



Shoreham Port and its subsidiaries Sussex Port Forwarding and Shoreham Port Solutions are committed to embedding a proactive safety culture with everyone home safe and well every day. We recognise that our values, behaviours and actions enable us to positively influence our safety culture.

### In pursuit of this objective, we commit to:

- Reducing risk and eliminating hazards for our Colleagues and others who may be affected by providing:
  - The right information, training and tools to work safely
  - Adequate resources for managing and controlling safety
- Fulfilling our relevant obligations and other legal requirements.
- Defining clear expectations of any contractor or third party to enable them to work safely in the Port.

### The following principles guide the way we work:

- We consider the Health, Safety and Wellbeing of our Colleagues in everything that we do, placing this first in our Master Plan.
- We maintain a two-way dialogue with our Colleagues and other interested parties on matters affecting H&S.
- We assign clear responsibilities for the management of H&S throughout the organisation.

### In addition, we place specific emphasis on:

- A framework for monitoring our H&S performance objectives.
- Promoting and encouraging positive H&S behaviours.
- Adopting an open and transparent reporting culture.
- Learning from all events through review and seeking improvement and risk reduction.

Our Board and Senior Leadership Team collectively promote the implementation of this policy and monitor performance.

Each Director and their Line Managers will integrate the implementation of this policy with their normal management arrangements.

Details of the organisation and arrangements for implementing this policy are included in our Health and Safety Hub which is accessible via the Intranet.

This policy and the H&S management system will be reviewed annually as part of our commitment to continual improvement programme.

Tom Willis  
Chief Executive Officer

Sara Bassett  
Safety, Operations and Logistics Director



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## **SHOREHAM PORT MASTERPLAN AND VALUES**

Each year we consult colleagues, customers, stakeholders and our board on the creation of a Masterplan. The purpose of the plan is to establish and communicate a set of objectives to guide management decision making during the year.

Our values are embedded in everything we do, the decisions we make and how we behave.

### **Masterplan 2026**

Purpose: Improving our Trust Port for everyone

1. Getting everyone home safe and well daily.
2. Progressing to 2m tonnes of annual cargo whilst remaining a port of choice for fishing, leisure, and specialist projects.
3. Growing profitable revenue to facilitate investment in quality jobs, digitalisation, infrastructure, and new services.
4. Expanding our thriving business community through further property development and acquisition.
5. Creating a community through engaging visitor experiences.
6. Enabling shared social value through long term partnerships with public bodies, charities, and the educational sector.
7. Living our values to shape our culture to be inclusive, modern, and high performing.
8. Delivering net zero (scopes 1 & 2) by 2035, expanding renewable generation and continuing to be a catalyst for decarbonisation across our ecosystem (scope 3).

# **1 INTRODUCTION**

## **1.1 Scope and Purpose**

Shoreham Port recognises it has a duty as Harbour Authority to take reasonable care, so long as the harbour is open for public use, to ensure that all who choose to navigate within its harbour limits may do so without danger to their lives or property. This includes an obligation to conserve and facilitate the safe use of the harbour, protect the environment and a duty of care against loss caused by the Authority's negligence.

Shoreham Port recognises its duties to serve this public interest through the powers conferred on it as a Harbour Authority. It recognises the need for it to ensure that it has the systems and procedures in place to ensure the safe and efficient use of the harbour by those who have a right to use its facilities. In line with this responsibility, Shoreham Port has in place a Marine Safety Management System which meets the requirements of the Ports & Marine Facility Safety Code and gives guidance to its personnel and enables a transparent and auditable system of safe operations.

This document lays out the Marine Safety Management System and the general philosophy and approach to managing marine operations in all of Shoreham Port in a safe manner.

This document is supported by a number of other documents and records, which make up the Marine Safety Management System, in particular:

- Policy Documents.
- Standard Operating Procedures and associated Standard Forms.
- Job Descriptions and Training Records.
- Documented Targets and Objectives.
- Safety Records and Incident Reports; and
- Shoreham Port Authority Risk Register for Marine Operations

## **1.2 Designation of Harbour Authority**

Shoreham Port is authorised under the Harbours Docks and Piers Act 1847, Harbour Act 1964, the Pilotage Act 1987 as amended, to exercise harbour jurisdiction and powers in relation to the harbour areas therein defined.

## **1.3 Duties and Responsibilities**

The duties and responsibilities as they relate to the management of port marine safety and the Ports & Marine Facility Safety Code are described below.

### **1.3.1 Shoreham Port as the Harbour Authority**

Shoreham Port is the Harbour Authority as defined by the Ports & Marine Facility Safety Code.

As the Harbour Authority, Shoreham Port recognises that under the requirements of the Ports & Marine Facility Safety Code, it is accountable for the discharge of its duties and powers as the designated Harbour Authority. The Board has the responsibility for ensuring that Shoreham Port's duties and powers as Harbour Authority are met and discharged. Board members are collectively and individually responsible for the proper exercise of its legal duties as a Harbour Authority. It follows that the Board will have an appropriate understanding of Shoreham Port's Marine Safety Management System.

Shoreham Port as the Harbour Authority has several powers, duties, and responsibilities, these include:

- Duty to ensure an effective Marine Safety Management System is in place as defined by the Ports & Marine Facility Safety Code. This duty embraces:
  - Development and maintenance of its harbour areas to meet the requirements of port users and safe operation of its harbour areas.
  - Development and implementation of appropriate policies, plans and procedures.
  - Ensuring that risk assessments and reviews of the marine safety management system are undertaken as required.
- Duty to adopt appropriate powers as required for effective enforcement of its statutory duties (Harbour Byelaws & directions).
- Responsibility for setting harbour dues at a level, which adequately funds the discharge of their duties.
- Powers to appoint a Harbour Master.
- Duty to provide marine services and facilities to meet its obligations as Harbour Authority.

Shoreham Port is also designated as Competent Harbour Authority under the Pilotage Act 1987. As such, Shoreham Port has several duties and responsibilities pertaining to the provision of a pilotage service:

- Provision of pilotage services to meet their obligations under the Pilotage Act 1987.
- Authorisation and discipline of pilots and issue of pilotage exemption certificates.

### 1.3.2 Members of the Board/Duty Holder

#### Chair

Catherine May

#### Deputy Chair

Louisa Cilenti

#### Members

Darran Messem

Richard Jennings

Abigail Dombey

Robert Boardman

Phil Buckley

Tom Willis

Sara Bassett

The Board has powers to appoint a harbour master, and to authorise pilots, and may properly entrust the operation of the harbour to such professional people; but they cannot assign their accountability. **Board members may not abdicate accountability on the grounds that they do not have the particular skills.** They retain strategic oversight and direction of all aspects of the harbour operation. They must ensure that powers are discharged but not exceeded.

### **1.3.3 Operational Staff**

Under the Ports & Marine Facility Safety Code, all persons involved in the management and execution of marine services should be qualified and trained to the appropriate national standard. Achieving marine port safety is a team operation and people in these roles must be competent and adequately trained.

Shoreham Port Authority holds a training matrix file of the training achievements of all marine personnel and a Competency Management Framework indicating the levels of qualifications required for each role within the department.

It is recommended that personnel keep a log of their hours and roles while on the water to demonstrate their experience to their qualifications held and ability to progress into other roles.

#### **Chief Executive**

Responsible to the Board for the operational and financial control of the port. To advise the Board on all matters related to its duties and powers. He will oversee the implementation of its policies and decisions and has overall executive responsibility for the safety of operations and staff.

#### **Harbour Master**

Operationally responsible for the safety of navigation in the harbour and exercising the Authority's operational powers with respect to the safety of all marine activities in the harbour and its approaches.

Recruitment and training.

Pollution prevention and control.

Security and compliance with the International Ship & Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code  
Control and regulation of Hazardous Cargo, Dangerous Vessels, and Wrecks

Emergency plans and emergency response.

Meeting the requirements as the Local Lighthouse Authority.

The management of dredging and the obtaining of the necessary permits.

The management of the Hydrographic section.

Custodian of the Marine Safety Management System.

#### **Deputy Harbour Master**

Responsible for the day-to-day management of the Shoreham Port's Pilotage Service and deputising for the Harbour Master in his absence. The Deputy Harbour Master is the Harbour Master's representative and has the Harbour Master's powers in their absence.

#### **Assistant Harbour Master/Marine Works**

Responsible for the day-to-day management of the tasks associated with the Harbour Tug, associated Port vessels, Day Works team and maintenance within the Marine Department. Overseeing the Marine Dry Risk Assessments. The Assistant Harbour Master is the Harbour Master's representative and has the Harbour Master's powers in their absence.

#### **Assistant Harbour Master/ISPS/PMSC**

Responsible for assisting the Harbour Master with the compliance of the Port Marine Safety Code and the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code. Administering the day to day management of Shoreham Port's My Compliance marine register. The Assistant Harbour Master is the Harbour Master's representative and has the Harbour Master's powers in their absence.

**Duty Pilot**

Responsible for efficiently programming commercial vessel movements for the current and forthcoming tide. Safely navigating piloted vessels to and from their allocated berths and overseeing navigation issues on the commercial tide. The Duty Pilot is the Harbour Master's representative and has the Harbour Master's powers in their absence.

**Stand-by Pilot**

Responsible for assisting the Duty Pilot to meet the pilotage demands.

**Lockmaster**

Responsible for the safe and efficient management of all vessel movements through the port. Handle marine communications through Shoreham Harbour Radio and disseminate the relevant information to the correct stakeholders.

**Pilot Boat Coxswain**

Responsible for the safe and efficient operation of the Pilot Boats and the safe boarding and landing of pilots and marine personnel to and from commercial vessels.

**Deck Hand/Assistant Lockmaster**

Responsible as a deckhand for boarding and landing of pilots and personnel to and from vessels. Assists the Lockmaster in the safe and efficient management of marine operations, marine communications and vessel movements through the Prince Philip and Prince George locks.

**Tug Master**

Responsible for the day-to-day management of the marine services section of the marine department with special responsibility for, Bed Levelling, Towage, Workboats and Marine Maintenance.

**Marine Assistants**

To operate the work boats, carryout maintenance and general marine duties as directed around the port.

**Mooring Crew**

To attend the vessels berth and safely moor or unmoor the vessel for the start or end of the vessels passage plan.

**1.4 Consultation Policy**

The Ports & Marine Facility Safety Code emphasises the importance of consultation with all stakeholders. This includes all those who work in Shoreham Port, pilots, the Harbour Master and his navigation staff including Shoreham Harbour Radio, Lockmasters, towage providers and Tug Master's, berthing parties, masters and vessel officers with pilotage exemption certificates and all those that use the port both for commercial and leisure purposes as well as residents that reside close to the port.

**1.4.1 Consultation Process**

The Shoreham Port Marine Safety Management System has been developed through a process of risk assessment and consultation. Consultation is an ongoing process and stakeholders were involved in the development of the marine safety management system: In order to facilitate ongoing consultation, several user groups have been established; these groups meet on a six monthly/annual basis, and include:



safe use of the harbour by all vessels. This Marine Safety Management System does not replace or duplicate any other legal or administrative requirement, and it does not deal with matters that are regulated by the Health and Safety Executive. However, it is intended that where possible this Marine Safety Management System will dovetail with other safety, environmental, emergency and management systems in use. Port marine operations within these areas, to which this Marine Safety Management System applies, are summarised below.

- Vessels entering and leaving the port.
- Vessels moving within the port.
- The operation of all pilot vessels, tugs, launches, dredgers and other survey and support vessels.
- Leisure activities involving vessels and other craft including personal watercraft (PWC).

## **1.8 Shoreham Port Health and Safety Policy Statement**

Shoreham Port Authority (SPA) recognises and accepts its responsibilities as an employer for providing, so far as is reasonably practicable, a safe and healthy workplace and working environments for all its employees and other users of Authority premises. Moreover, as employers, the Authority must comply with the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, ACOP L148 Safety In Docks and all associated legislation.

### **1.8.1 Safe Place of Work**

Shoreham Port Authority (SPA) will ensure that high standards of workplace safety are not only established but also maintained. It will achieve this by co-operating with the Health and Safety Executive, Maritime Coastguard Agency and The Port Skills and Safety (Technical Services) Ltd in promoting and developing safety awareness, throughout the entire range of activities conducted within the port.

It will achieve a safe place of work by.

- The provision and maintenance of plant, equipment, and systems of work, which are safe.
- Making the arrangements for ensuring health, safety, and absence of risks in connection with the use of, handling, storage and transport of articles and substances.
- The provision of such information, instruction, training, and supervision as is necessary to ensure the health and safety at work of its employees.
- The maintenance of any workplace under its control in a condition that is safe and without foreseeable risks to health including fire prevention and the provision of means of access to and egress from such a workplace that are safe and without such risks.
- Provision of appropriate protective clothing and safety equipment and ensuring that it is utilised at all times.
- Ensuring that employees and all other persons working to the SPA's instructions are aware of their own statutory duties under section 7 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974. To take care of themselves and others who may be affected by their acts or omissions at work, not to abuse or misuse anything provided in the interest of safety and to cooperate with SPA so as to enable it to carry out its own responsibilities successfully.
- Conducting its undertaking in such a way as to ensure that persons not in its employment who may be affected by SPA's activities are not exposed to risks to their health and safety.

### **1.8.2 Monitoring Performance**

Monitoring and recording of accidents, incidents and ill health are reported within the business. These statistics will be discussed at Board Meetings and Safety Improvement Meetings. The production of measurable goals will be set, so that performance may be measured to aid reduction of such incident and business losses.

This statement is intended to establish a safe system for the prevention of accidents and injuries. Shoreham Port Authority is aware of the benefits to the business through managing health & safety and accepts the importance of having a supportive culture. Co-operation and commitment from everyone at all levels of the organisation, each of which are required to act responsibly in preventing injury to himself or others, and damage to the environment.

We support and encourage any feedback or improvement ideas to our Health and Safety policies and culture.

The allocation of duties for safety matters and the arrangements made to implement the policy are set out within the Health and Safety Manual and in the Port's Marine Safety Management System.

### **1.9 Shoreham Port as Competent Harbour Authority**

Shoreham Port is a Competent Harbour Authority and has a duty and the authority to provide pilotage services.

### **1.10 The Legislative Framework of Shoreham Port.**

General Directions are kept under regular review to ensure they remain fit for purpose in changing circumstances. Additional powers that may be required will be achieved through amendment of existing instruments or issue of new instruments as appropriate. By the same token, redundant or obsolete legal powers may be removed. A process of consultation is required for amendment and issue of new Byelaws and General Directions. Special Directions may be made at any time.

In addition to powers to make general byelaws, Shoreham Port also has powers under the Dangerous Substances in Harbour Areas, as amended, to make byelaws with respect to the control of dangerous substances.

The requirements of these statutory instruments are defined by ongoing risk assessments undertaken as part of the marine safety management system.

Byelaws and Directions currently in force include:

Pilotage Directions Version 5

Pilotage Rules Version 5

Pilot Exemption Certificate Rules Version 5

General Directions 2021

Shoreham Harbour Revision Order 2021

By virtue of sec. 83 of the Harbours, Docks and Piers Clauses Act

For regulating the use of the harbour, dock, or pier:

For regulating the exercise of the several powers vested in the harbour master:

For regulating the admission of vessels into or near the harbour, dock, or pier, and their removal out of and from the same, and for the good order and government of such vessels whilst within the harbour or dock, or at or near the pier:

For regulating the shipping and unshipping, landing, warehousing, stowing, depositing, and removing of all goods within the limits of the harbour, dock, or pier, and the premises of the undertakers:

For regulating the use of fires and lights within the harbour, dock, or pier, and the premises belonging thereto, and within any vessel being within the harbour or dock, or at or near the pier, or within the prescribed limits (if any):

For preventing damage or injury to any vessel or goods within the harbour or dock, or at or near the pier, or on the premises of the undertakers:

For regulating the use of the cranes, weighing machines, weights and measures belonging to the undertakers, and the duties and conduct of all weighers and meters employed by them:

For regulating the duties and conduct of the porters and carriers employed on the premises of the undertakers and fixing the rates to be paid to them for carrying any goods, articles, or things from or to the same:

By virtue of sec. 72 of the Shoreham Harbour Act 1926

For preventing any part of any basin dock wharf quay warehouse street or other works or buildings specially appropriated or leased by the Trustees to or for any particular purpose trade or business being used for any purpose so as to prevent or interfere with its use for the purpose for which it is so appropriated or leased:

For preventing and moving obstructions or impediments within the harbour and at the piers quays wharves and works and the roads and accesses thereto respectively:

For preventing and regulating the removal of boulders sand or shingle from the harbour so as to secure that such removal does not injuriously affect the harbour or works or navigation thereof:

For regulating the use of and the moving of carriages, wagons, trucks and animals and the moving of goods along the wharves and quays belonging to the Trustees and upon any overhead communications rails sidings and turn-tables of the Trustees:

For regulation the conduct of the owner's masters and crews of vessels propelled by mechanical power and the rate of speed at which such vessels may proceed within the harbour and for requiring such vessels to stop or slow their engines at such times and places as the Trustees may require:

For regulating the taking on board landing or putting out passengers:

For regulating the towing of vessels within the harbour and the size and number of vessels to be towed at one time in one train or by one or more tugboats the speed at which tugboats shall proceed whether towing or not the order and manner in which the towage shall be given and the duties and conduct of all persons employed in or upon the tugboats:

For regulating the conduct and behaviour of boatmen, lumpers, hoblors, jobbers, stevadores and others employed at or resorting to the harbour and the quays wharves and works of the Trustees whether in the employment of the Trustees or not:

For regulation the ballasting of vessels within the harbour or the order and manner in which they shall be supplied with ballast and the discharging removing or disposal of ballast:

For preventing the placing on the wharves quays and works of the Trustees or in or on any part of the harbour of any goods as the Trustees think fit to be permitted to be placed there and for providing for the removal of any such goods by the Trustees:

For regulating the moving whether on water or on land and the storing of and if the Trustees deem fit for preventing the bringing into the harbour explosives or other goods which the Trustees deem dangerous within the harbour:

For regulating the use of any overhead communications and works connected therewith:

By virtue of sec. 35 of the Shoreham Harbour Act 1949

For preventing nuisance and interference with the management repair and maintenance of the harbour and of the beach and foreshore for the time being belonging to the Trustees and any breakwaters piers groynes or other works constructed thereon.

By virtue of sec. 14 of the Shoreham Harbour Act 1962

For prescribing the lights and signals to be exhibited or made by vessels while being used navigated or moored within the harbour:

For prescribing the lights and signals to be exhibited or made by wreck-marking obstructions within the harbour:

For prescribing the lights and signals to be exhibited or made by vessels aground within the harbour:

For prescribing steering and sailing rules for the regulation of vessels used or navigated within the harbour:

By virtue of sec. 30 of the Shoreham Port Authority Revision Order 1978

For regulating the navigation of vessels with due care and attention and so as to avoid danger or injury to persons or property:

For preventing vessels becoming adrift in the Port:

For regulating the speed and the safe driving of vehicles within the Port:

For regulating the conduct of all persons (not being members of the Police force or the Fire service or officers or servants of the Crown or a Local Authority whilst in the exercise of their duties) employed at or resorting to the piers, quays, wharves, road, locks or property of the Port or to the waters thereof.

The British Port Association has produced a regulatory map that gives an indication for the regulations for,

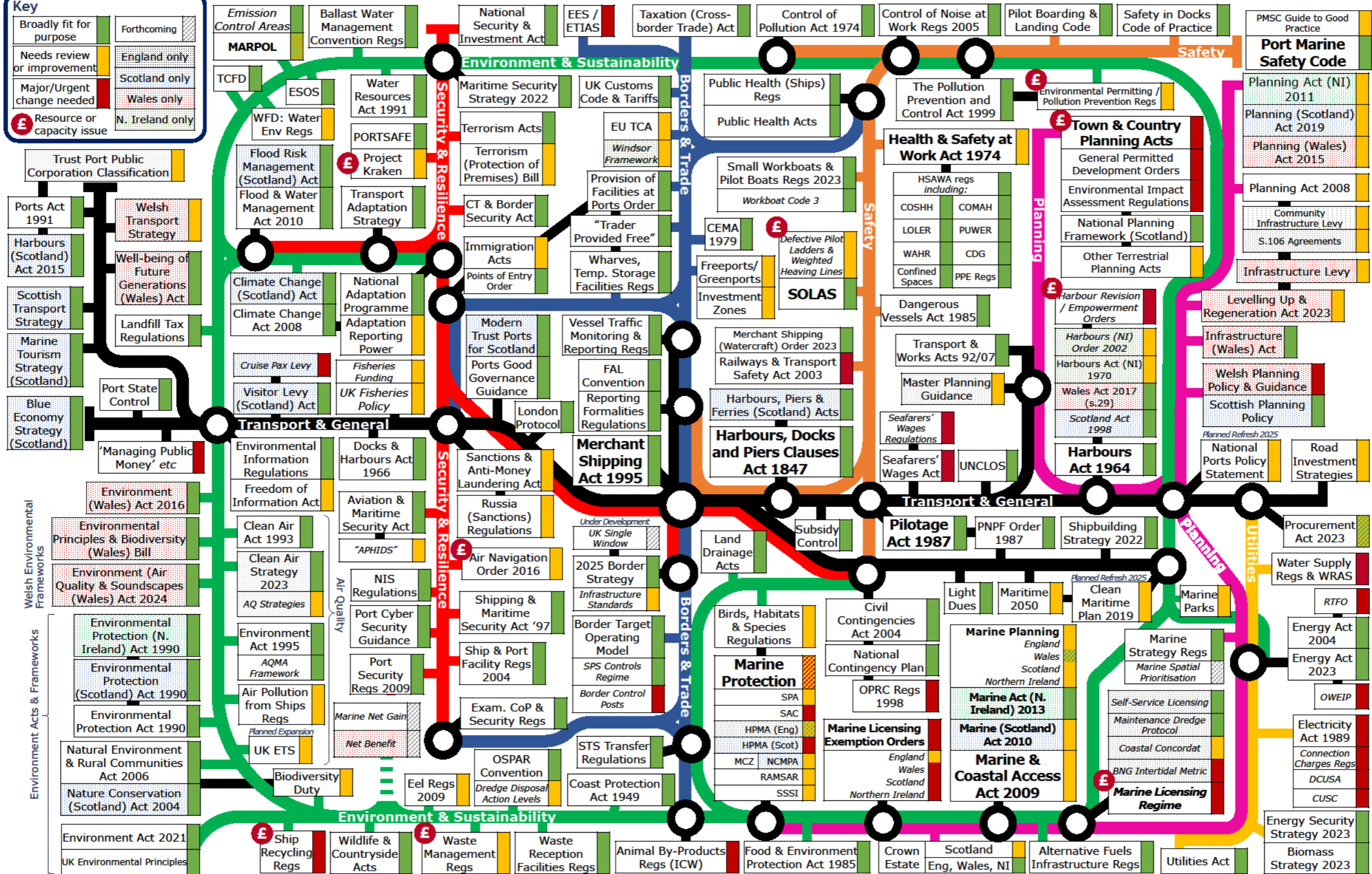
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# Port Regulatory Health Ratings

Regulation is important to protect people, businesses and the environment. When designed and implemented well, good regulation can shape markets for the better and support innovation, investment, prosperity and sustainable growth. We have mapped some of the most important pieces of legislation and regulation that affect ports and rated their suitability to the industry.

**Key**

Broadly fit for purpose	Forthcoming
Needs review or improvement	England only
Major/Urgent change needed	Scotland only
Resource or capacity issue	Wales only
	N. Ireland only



### **1.11 The Ability to Enforce the law.**

Ashfords LLP carried out a review in 2018 of the local harbour legislations applying to Shoreham Harbour, being a Statutory and Competent Harbour.

Shoreham Port Revision Order 2021 came into force on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to address some of the idiosyncrasies of land sold and brought by the Port Authority.

The ability of the Harbour Master to give Special Directions and General Directions under limited circumstances and for the Harbour Authority to give General Directions in broader circumstances are very useful management tools yet the penalty provisions need to be brought up to date to provide worthwhile sanctions.

The Ports & Marine Facility Safety Code requires that all Harbour Authorities review their local legislation, and this report fulfils that function.

### **1.12 Interface with Other Documents**

This Marine Safety Management System interfaces with several other documents, in particular with safety management systems operated by stakeholders and it will dovetail where port marine operations overlap and where Shoreham Port has a responsibility as duty holder.

This Marine Safety Management System also interfaces with several Emergency Plans in particular:

- Shoreham Port Oil Spill Contingency Plan.
- Shoreham Port Emergency Plans.
- The International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code.
- Vessel safety management systems produced under the International Safety Management (ISM) Code.

### **1.13 Document Review and Control Procedures**

This Marine Safety Management System, the associated Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Standard Forms (SF) are controlled documents ensuring that the contents are accurate, current, and valid and that the most recent information is available to the relevant personnel.

The Marine Safety Management System and its supporting policies and documentation will be reviewed every 3 years or when there is a major change in operations, whichever is the soonest.

### **1.14 Performance Monitoring:**

The performance of Marine Operations will be measured by a combination of both proactive and reactive measures.

These measures are:

Proactive – Periodic Audits, Reviews, Safety Inspections, Safety Committee Meetings

Reactive – Accident/Incident/Near Miss Reporting, Accident/Incident Investigation, Informal Reporting and Observations

### **1.15 Audits:**

Annual audits and Management Review will be carried out by the Harbour Master, Deputy Harbour Masters, Assistant Harbour Masters, Marine Operations Manager, and external auditors.

The standards for the audit process will be implemented by the Harbour Master in conjunction with guidelines set out in the Ports & Marine Facility Safety Code. Shoreham Port's workplace audit teams will carry out audits as per the yearly schedule and will not carry out audits within their own area of direct responsibility; this will ensure the audit process is totally unbiased.

#### **1.16 Review of Powers:**

The authority conducts periodic reviews of all legislation, as well as byelaws, general directions and the Marine Safety Management System to ensure powers conferred through such legislation are relevant and sufficient in order to effectively discharge their duties as required by the Ports & Marine Facility Safety Code and update where necessary.

## **2 RISK MANAGEMENT**

### **2.1 Risk Assessments**

All risks associated with Marine Operations are assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Ports & Marine Facility Safety Code and are recorded in the:

Shoreham Port Authority Risk Register for Marine Operations.

The Risk Assessments are completed by personnel with the relevant experience for the operation being assessed and are reviewed annually or following an incident noting:

- Are there any audit finding that require a review.
- Have any hazards changed.
- Have any situations changed.
- Do any references need updating or changing.
- Are there any new processes in place.
- Do all statements and instructions make sense and are they clear and easy to understand.

### **2.2 Accident, Incident and Defect reporting**

Shoreham Port has in place an Accident and Incident reporting system. All accidents, incidents, hazardous occurrences, vessel defects or notable events must be reported.

These reports are logged and thereafter followed up by appropriate personnel.

Following an investigation, all remedial actions identified or recommended, including any requirements for additional training or amendments to the Marine Safety Management System, policies or procedures, will be kept under review and monitored. Only after all corrective actions are achieved can the incident report be closed out.

Reporting of incidents is actively encouraged in order to meet Shoreham Port's objective of continuously improving safety.

Any incident involving a pilot or person holding a pilotage exemption certificate will have a specific investigation undertaken by a Shoreham Pilot, the Harbour Master and where appropriate the Designated Person.

A 'Safety Circular Memo' will be produced and circulated to appropriate personnel following any significant incident where the incident investigation recommends new safety initiatives.

Accident analysis and the effectiveness of any precautions will form part of the audits of the Marine Safety Management System.

Some accidents due to the nature or circumstances will require further statutory reporting to external bodies or Government agencies.

### **2.3 Informal / Formal Briefings**

In order to encourage a culture of individual participation in safety issues, the custom of undertaking informal briefings (Toolbox talks) before engaging in any operation is promoted.

Depending on the frequency of operations, these talks may be daily, weekly or ad-hoc. Formal discussions on the Marine Safety Management System and safety issues will be regularly organised and recorded.

The Chief Executive and the Harbour Master have an "open door policy" and welcome any member of staff or stakeholders to discuss with them issues of safety. The Designated Person is also available to discuss issues of safety that remain of concern.

## **3. CONSERVANCY**

### **3.1 Introduction:**

Shoreham Port has a duty under the Ports & Marine Facility Safety Code to:

- Conserve the harbour so that it is fit to use as a port and a duty of reasonable care to see that the harbour is in a fit condition for a vessel to use it; and to
- Provide users with adequate information about conditions in the harbour.

In order to meet these duties and responsibilities, Shoreham Port has the following in place:

- Survey and maintenance dredging programme.
- Inspection and maintenance programme for Aids to Navigation.
- Programme of review for navigational aid requirements.
- Maintenance of proper hydrographic and hydrological records.
- Publication of information through Admiralty Charts and Notices to Mariners.
- Pilotage service for vessels requiring compulsory pilotage.

There is a duty to conserve a harbour so that it is reasonably fit for use as a port, and a duty of reasonable care to see that a harbour is in a fit condition for a vessel to use.

All operational procedures are set out in the relevant Standard Operating Procedures.

### **3.2 Hydrography:**

Two automatic tide gauges feed constant information of the tide to Shoreham Harbour Radio. A number of tide boards are also available. The Marine Services section maintains and verifies the accuracy of these devices and tide boards.

Records of all tidal readings are forwarded to the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO).

A full and effective hydrographic survey programme has been established by the Port Hydrographer.

### **3.3 Promulgation of Survey and Navigation Information:**

The Harbour Master shall ensure that all relevant parties/stakeholders are kept informed as soon as possible of any changes in the hydrographic status of the port or where changes within the harbour limits may impact on safe navigation using suitable warnings.

These warnings may in the first instance be broadcast over the appropriate VHF channel as an Information Broadcast and subsequently by the issuing of a Local Notice to Mariners.

Navigational information including (but not limited to) water depth, navigational hazards, harbour work, navigational lights and marks are published in a range of publications including Admiralty charts, relevant sailing and in Notices to Mariners.

The UK Hydrographic Office is notified of any permanent or temporary change in navigational marks and hazards for appropriate publication.

### **3.4 Navigational warnings**

If Shoreham Port becomes aware of any navigational hazard that is not presented on marine charts or other published navigational information, it will, having verified any reports received, publish a suitable warning via a Local Notice to Mariners and during Information Broadcasts over the VHF radio, channel 14. Such navigational warnings may include (but not be limited to):

- Adverse weather conditions.
- Shipping movements.
- Changes in charted water depths.
- Damaged or malfunctioning Aids to Navigation.
- New or amended Aids to Navigation.
- Wrecks or abandoned vessels.
- New or temporary exclusion areas.
- Works in harbour areas; and
- Miscellaneous safety warnings.

If the navigational hazard is not of a temporary nature, changes to nautical charts and published information will be made if considered necessary by the UK Hydrographic Office

### **3.5 Dredging**

The works are the dredging and disposal of approx. 40,000 to 80,000m<sup>3</sup> of material per annum.

Maintenance dredging campaigns are anticipated to be undertaken at least 3 times per annum during the months of April, October and December but subject to hydrographic surveys.

The Harbour Master is to ensure that all necessary permits, licences and other such authorisations that are required for the execution of the works are in place.

Regular localised dredging (bed levelling) is also performed.

The Harbour Master will raise any requirement for capital dredging.

The Port undertakes hydrographic surveys pre- and post-dredging campaigns to assess the quantity of material to be removed/has been removed.

### **3.6 Not Always Afloat But Safe Aground (NAABSA) Berths**

Shoreham Port Authority operates a tidal berth, the Outer Lay By Terminal/Adur Wharf which we class as a NAABSA berth.

A private berth provider operates two tidal berths in the East Arm, Penney's Wharf and Turberville Wharf

It is for the berth provider to classify their own berths as NAABSA berths and inform the master of the vessel prior entry, so that the master can update the vessels passage plan accordingly.

Shoreham Port bed levels all tidal berths on a monthly basis and surveys the operational tidal berths quarterly, the surveys are made available to the berth operator.

Even though Shoreham Port does not classify a private berth as NAABSA, we do monitor the bathymetric surveys and liaise with the berth provider of any seabed changes.

### **3.7 Wrecks and Salvage**

Shoreham Port has powers under Section 252 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 to mark or remove wreck or abandoned vessels, which in their opinion is, or is likely to become, an obstruction or danger to navigation. This power is exercised by use of a risk assessment procedure with the aim of reducing the risk to ALARP. In the event of a vessel becoming a wreck, the Harbour Authority will exercise its wreck marking and removal powers where a risk assessment indicates the wreck is likely to present an obstruction or a danger to navigation.

### **3.8 Regulating Harbour Works**

Any works to be carried out within or neighbouring the harbour limits are planned in consultation with the Harbour Master and Engineering Director to ensure navigational safety is not compromised. Shoreham Port uses its powers to licence these works.

Generic Marine tasks are covered by Standard Operating Procedures and Safe Codes of Practice.

Works on the quayside require method statements and risk assessments, with works over the water being notified to the Harbour Master prior to the works commencing.

Contractors working ashore within the Port's jurisdiction adhere to Shoreham Port Contractors Handbook.

## **4 MANAGEMENT OF NAVIGATION**

### **4.1 Introduction**

There is a general right of navigation in tidal waters, subject to payment of proper tolls and dues, and to the provisions of any laws regulating the operation of the harbour which impose special restrictions on the otherwise general freedom of navigation. A harbour has the powers to regulate the entry and movement of vessels within ports to ensure safety of navigation.

The general principles in relation to the management of navigation are:

a) Ports have rules in byelaws and directions which every user must obey as a condition of his or her right to use the harbour.

b) Harbour authorities have a duty to make proper use of powers to make byelaws, and to give directions (including pilotage directions) to regulate all vessel movements in their waters.

c) These powers should be exercised in support of the policies and procedures developed in the Authority's Marine Safety Management System and should be used to manage the navigation of vessels.

d) Harbour authorities should have clear policies on the enforcement of directions and should monitor compliance.

e) Powers of direction should be used to require the use of port passage plans in appropriate cases – whether vessels are piloted or not.

The requirement for regulation of navigation has been identified through a process of ongoing risk assessment and consultation. Navigational control measures identified are implemented through a variety of mechanisms including byelaws, directions, and Admiralty publications. Specific navigational management measures in place may include:

- Published navigation lights and marks.
- General directions and byelaws.
- Recommended navigation channels.
- Shoreham Harbour Radio.
- Information Broadcasts.
- Pre-arrival notices of vessels that trade to sea.
- Special directions.
- Port Passage Planning.
- Requirement for compulsory pilotage.
- Towage.

The Harbour Master has the overall responsibility for the operational aspects of managing navigation within Shoreham Port and for exercising the Authority's powers with regard to the safety of navigation.

#### **4.2 Local Port Service/Shoreham Harbour Radio**

The regulation of navigation and vessel traffic movements throughout Shoreham Port is monitored and managed by Shoreham Harbour Radio which provides a Local Port Information Service.

The Duty Pilot is responsible for the effective management of Shoreham Harbour Radio throughout the commercial tide.

The Duty Pilot is responsible for programming shipping movements on the tide and navigational issues over the commercial tide.

The Lockmaster and Assistants are responsible for marine communications through Shoreham Harbour Radio and to ensure that all vessel movements take place safely and with due regard to the minimum of delay.

Guidance and instruction for the operational aspects of Shoreham Harbour Radio are addressed in Standard Operating Procedures.

During a commercial tide, 3 personnel will be on the lock island to see a commercial vessel into the Prince Philip lock and 2 personnel for a commercial vessel to depart the Prince Philip Lock.

CCTV, VHF, and telephone conversations are all recorded and can be used in any investigation into incidents in the harbour.

#### **4.3 Enforcement**

It is Board policy to enforce all legislation that applies to the harbour including byelaws and directions. However, the principal requirement after an incident is to determine the cause of the incident so that precautions can be taken to prevent a re-occurrence. It is recognised that an investigation to determine cause may prejudice a criminal investigation. The Harbour Authority will adopt procedures to manage this dichotomy.

The instigation of prosecutions in serious or repeated breaches of the legislation will be in accordance with the Enforcement Handbook and in consultation with the Police, Maritime Coastguard Agency, Environment Agency, and any other agencies with enforcement powers.

The Harbour Master maintains regular harbour patrols to assist in the effective regulation of marine conduct and the enforcement of appropriate local legislation.

#### **4.4 Communications**

The management of navigation depends upon effective two-way communication between port personnel and vessels using the harbour.

The methods used in communicating with waterborne users are signal lights, shapes, loudhailer, telephones (fixed and mobile), fax, VHF radio, email and one to one.

#### **4.5 Passage Planning**

The object of port passage planning, and guidance is to ensure that:

All vessels arriving at or departing from the port should prepare a port passage plan, ensuring that the vessel's under-keel clearance requirements are met for a safe transit. Guidance for leisure vessels can be found in Section 3.3.1 of MGN 489.

- All parties should know the relevant details of a particular passage plan in advance.
- There is a clear, shared understanding of potential hazards, margins of safety and the vessels characteristics.
- Intention and required actions are agreed for the conduct of the port passage, including use of tugs and their availability, and any significant deviation should it become necessary.

The format of the passage plan is left to the discretion of the Master/PEC holder, but attention is drawn to the International Chamber of Shipping's Bridge Procedures Guide.

For all vessels requiring a pilot, the pilot will take a passage plan onboard to review with the vessel master as part of their Pilot/Master information exchange procedure.

#### **4.6 Master/Pilot Information Exchange**

The exchange is recorded on a form which must be completed by the pilot engaged to provide pilotage advice to the master of the vessel transiting the port. It ensures that both parties are aware of the plan for the act of pilotage. It records the details discussed as part of the passage plan, recording for both the vessel and pilot all relevant information with regard to the proposed act of pilotage.

Both the Master and the Pilot must sign the form prior to the commencement of the act of pilotage.

#### **4.7 Harbour Patrols**

The Harbour Master maintains regular harbour patrols to assist in the effective regulation and enforcement of navigational safety policy.

Harbour patrols play an important role in the management of navigation within port limits.

The objectives of a harbour patrol service are to:

- a) Maintain a visual presence and represent the Harbour Master
- b) Monitor aids to navigation
- c) Monitor adherence to the port byelaws and directions
- d) Collect evidence following an incident
- e) Act as forward control during port emergencies
- f) Monitor craft within the port
- h) Conduct the surveillance of licensed works and moorings.

#### **4.8 Recreational Navigation**

General/special directions provide the main formal statutory mechanism for managing recreational navigation, see General Directions 2021.

The Authority may need to consult with organisers of recreational events within harbour limits about the need for risk assessments.

In not objecting to an event taking place within the harbour's jurisdiction, the Harbour Master needs to be satisfied that the risks associated with the event have been managed to As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP). The Harbour Master also needs to ensure that the event organiser has consulted with and have met the requirements of the MCA, RNLi, Emergency Services, and the Local Authority.

Recreational navigation within Shoreham Port includes a wide range of differing activities and craft types including power boats, cabin cruisers, yachts, sailing dinghies, rowing sculls, canoes, fishing boats, personal watercraft, and stand-up paddleboards.

The co-operation of recreational users is best assured by comprehensive consultation and dialogue. To this end Shoreham Port will make available to all users published material of relevance to the safety of navigation including byelaws/directions, notices to mariners, details of facilities, advice to port emergency arrangements.

## **5. PILOTAGE**

The Harbour Master has the overall responsibility for the operational aspects of managing pilotage within Shoreham Port. However, the ultimate responsibility and accountability lies with the Board (Duty Holder) to ensure that all necessary systems are in place to support this process.

The requirement for pilotage within Shoreham Port has been determined by using a risk assessment, which forms the basis for preparing the Pilotage Directions. These are to be reviewed every 3 years.

Prior to issuing new pilotage directions the Authority will consult with vessel owners that use the port and those who conduct operations within the port including towage companies, pilots, and pilot cutter coxswains.

Pilots are ultimately responsible to the Harbour Master however during the act of pilotage they are also responsible to the Master/Owner of the vessel being piloted.

Pilots are appointed and authorised by the Board as the competent Harbour Authority.

Details of pilotage/pilot cutter procedures can be found in the Standard Operating Procedures.

Details of the application of compulsory pilotage for Shoreham Port are defined in the Shoreham Port Authority Revision Order (Pilotage) 1988.

Shoreham Port has strict procedures for the issue, renewal and management of Pilotage Exemption Certificates (PEC's). A current list of PEC holders is kept. Details for the granting of PEC's are defined in the Shoreham Port Authority Pilotage Directions 2022 and Exemption Certificate Rules 2022.

The Pilotage service is provided by 4 fulltime employed pilots.

Pilots training consists of a period of eight to twelve weeks in which a minimum of 100 pilotage acts are undertaken and their skills have been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the overseeing authorised pilots. This is to include all areas of the port, night, and day, in various tidal and weather conditions. This will culminate in an oral examination before class two authorisation is granted. The training will be based on the Competence Standards for Marine Pilots as annexed to the PMSC.

Progression to class first will be decided by the Harbour Master and Shoreham Pilots.

Professional development training will be made available using recognised training mediums.

Shoreham Port has a policy in place for the removal of a Pilots or Pilot Exemption Certificate holder's authorisation.

## **6. MARINE SERVICES**

### **6.1 Introduction:**

For the purposes of this Marine Safety Management System the term "marine services" is taken to mean the full range of support activities which assist the Harbour Authority to maintain the safety of navigation, protect the environment and to manage the hydrography of the port and includes:

- Regulation of port craft
- Towage
- Workboats and berthing operations
- Salvage
- Diving operations
- Dredgers

This general principle will ensure that:

- a) The formal assessment identifies the need for, and potential benefits for safety management of harbour craft
- b) Harbour vessels or craft that are used in the harbour are fit for purpose and that the crew are appropriately trained and qualified for the tasks they are likely to perform
- c) Byelaws and the power to give directions are available for these purposes

The Harbour Master has the overall responsibility for the operational aspects of managing marine services within Shoreham Port. However, the ultimate responsibility and accountability lies with the Board (Duty Holder) to ensure that all necessary systems are in place to support this process.

## **6.2 Regulation of Port Craft:**

Shoreham Port owns, manages, and maintains two pilot cutters, two harbour tugs, one hydrographic survey vessel, two general purpose workboat and one patrol craft.

Inspections, together with a comprehensive reporting and maintenance regime ensure the vessels remain fit for purpose.

The Harbour Master is to ensure that all vessels which are operated by the port are compliant with the requirements of the Small Commercial Vessel and Pilot Boat (SCV) Code and are operated in accordance with any conditions specified in the vessel's workboat certification.

## **6.3 Towage:**

The requirements/procedures for the use of tugs in port operations are set out in the Standard Operating Procedures

Utilisation of the harbour tugs is at the master's request or the Harbour Master's/Pilot's discretion and is always subject to the availability of the tug and crew and to the signing of the UK Standard Conditions for Towage and Other Services as amended.

Under normal circumstances 6 hours' notice is required for the harbour tug.

If for whatever reason tug assistance is unavailable at Shoreham Port, all relevant stakeholders are to be informed as soon as possible.

## **6.4 Diving Operations:**

Shoreham Port has implemented a Diving Permit to Work system to ensure that there is a high level of awareness of diving operations throughout the port.

The only Divers with standing permission to dive in the Port area are the Port's own diving team.

Other diving teams and companies may only dive with a specific permit.

For diving in the vicinity of a vessel which requires immobilisation or in tidal waters, a specific Risk Assessments must be completed when applying for the Diving Permit

## **6.5 Mooring Service:**

Linespersons provide a necessary service in taking and letting go the mooring ropes of vessels using the port.

The mooring and unmooring of vessels are potentially a hazardous operation. Suitably trained and experienced Linesmen should be employed to undertake the operation. The

Master and Pilot must have confidence in the mooring gangs as part of completing their passage plans.

Suitably trained and experienced Linespersons should normally be employed to undertake the operation. Selfmooring should only be attempted following formal risk assessment by the Master and Berth Operator, as required by the Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations 1999. This risk assessment should take into account the size of the vessel in relation to the berth and/or mooring buoys, the potential dangers to personnel and the weather and tidal conditions. In all cases the potential risks to personnel should have been reviewed so as to ensure their safety. It must be stressed that the Master of a vessel who authorises self-mooring, remains personally responsible for the safety of his crew. Where members of the crew are so employed, it is the responsibility of the Master to ensure that all risks have been fully assessed and that the crew is provided with appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Where Linespersons are hired to provide mooring assistance, by the vessels agent or Master, it is the responsibility of the contracted organization as their Employer to ensure that appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), is provided and that all other equipment is fit for purpose, training and continuing professional development (CPD) requirements as well as providing adequate insurance cover for their personnel.

It is the duty of a Berth Operator (under Health & Safety at Work legislation) to maintain a safe work area, clear of potential hazards.

## **7 AIDS TO NAVIGATION**

### **7.1 Trinity House**

As a General Lighthouse Authority under the Merchant Shipping Act 1995, Trinity House has the responsibility for general superintendence and management of all lighthouses, buoys or beacons. They have a duty to inspect all lighthouses, buoys, beacons and other Aids to Navigation belonging to or under the management of a Local Lighthouse Authority (LLA) and may give directions to a LLA.

### **7.2 Local Lighthouse Authority**

Shoreham Port has the power and responsibility to install and maintain navigational marks and lights within its Harbour Authority area or on harbour land.

Shoreham Port as the LLA may not erect, remove, or change any navigational mark or light without the consent of Trinity House. All approved installations or changes are notified to users and the UK Hydrographic Office through issue of a Local Notice to Mariners prior to any installation or change being made.

### **7.3 Inspection and maintenance**

All navigational marks and lights within the Local Lighthouse Authority are listed. These Aids to Navigation are established and maintained in accordance with the availability criteria laid down by the General Lighthouse Authority (Trinity House). In order to meet these criteria, a rolling-programme of inspection is undertaken.

The Harbour Master maintains records of availability. Trinity House's record system PANAR will be maintained, and defects recorded using this system.

### **7.4 Review of Aids to Navigation**

Risk assessment and ongoing consultation have determined the requirement for Aids to Navigation in Shoreham Port. The effectiveness and need for new or amended Aids to

Navigation is reviewed annually at the Pilotage Committee meeting or following a recommendation from an incident.

## **8. NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS (NOS)/TRAINING/CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)**

Shoreham Port Authority recognises that training, adherence to NOS and CPD are essential elements within the Marine Safety Management System.

Further to current NOS where personnel perform tasks such as towage operations, diving, surveying and dredging the appropriate standards will be used as a basis for ensuring competency.

It is Shoreham Port Authority policy to assess the fitness of all persons appointed to positions with responsibility for marine safety and the authority understands the importance of having a proper separation between marine safety and the commercial functions within the port.

The Harbour Master has the overall responsibility for ensuring the operational competency of marine personnel within Shoreham Port. However, the ultimate responsibility and accountability lies with the Board (Duty Holder) to ensure that all necessary systems are in place to support this process.

The competence assurance process is linked directly to considered personnel selection and recruitment procedures, relevant job descriptions and appropriate pre-determined recruitment selection criteria.

The process comprises four stages namely pre job, induction training, supervision/on the job training and competence.

The principles of competence assurance should also be followed when recommending authorisation of a Pilot Exemption Certificate.

To ensure that all staff remain abreast of any developments and to prevent any decline in the level of competence and skills of either management or staff relevant training and instruction shall be repeated periodically as appropriate.

All training and instruction provided to employees will be duly recorded and kept in a secure training matrix file.

## **9. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE**

The Ports & Marine Facility Safety Code states that the Marine Safety Management System should include preparations for emergencies and that these should be identified as far as practicable from the formal risk assessment. It also states that these should be published and exercised.

Shoreham Port has established emergency response plans and procedures to address specific emergency incidents; it is also a CAT II provider under the Civil Contingency Act.

Training exercises and drills are programmed on a regular basis (as per exercise/drill matrix) to familiarise and update staff on emergency procedures and to exercise individual response actions and communication structures. Appropriate staff training and emergency exercise records are maintained.

# ANNEX A. PORT MARINE & FACILITY SAFETY CODE HIERARCHY FLOW CHART

## 1. National Framework

- Port Marine & Facility Safety Code
- Guide to Good Practice

## 2. Local Implementation

- Shoreham Marine Safety Management System

## 3. Operational Documents

- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- Safe Codes of Practice (SCOPs)
- Risk Assessments
- My Compliance

## 4. Governance & Oversight

### Internal Meetings

Local Port Service Meeting  
Monthly Marine Operations Meeting  
Monthly Leisure Meeting  
Monthly Security Meeting  
Quarterly Marine Safety Meeting  
All Colleague Conversations  
Monthly Marine and Shore Health & Safety Meeting  
Board/Duty Holder Meetings

### External Meetings

Annual Leisure Safety Group Meeting  
Port Users Group Meeting  
Local Authority Liaison Committee  
Annual Public Meeting  
Industry Meetings