

Folkestone Harbour Advisory Board **Marine Safety Plan 2019-2021**

Folkestone Harbour Advisory Board (FHAB), Duty Holder, is the body, established by the port Owners, Folkestone Harbour Company (FHC), and entrusted with the role of implementing and ensuring compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC).

Marine Safety Plan (MSP) 2019-2021

1. Scope and Impact

Folkestone Harbour Authority (FHA) place safety and security management at the core of our activities, ensuring a safe environment for all those who work in or visit the Port of Folkestone. In compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC), as the Competent Harbour Authority (CHA) and Duty Holder for the port, we publish the following Marine Safety Plan for all operations within the area for which the port is responsible for the three year period 2019-2021.

The impact of the MSP is to ensure safe and effective management and regulation of all marine operations within the FHA area and to continuously develop and improve our safety and environmental management culture and performance.

It is within its powers and authorities to ensure that it safeguards the port infrastructure, users of the port, including members of the public, and the marine environment.

2. Safety Plan Elements

Communication, consultation and feedback is a fundamental requirement in ensuring the safety and navigational requirements are understood and continually reviewed. The following processes are undertaken to ensure the maintenance of our Safety Management System in support of compliance with the requirements of the PMSC.

- Daily Liaison between the Harbour Manager and staff
- Three monthly reports by the Harbour Manger to the FHA Board
- Annual audit and report by the Port Designated Person (Independent Consultant)
- FHA Board Meeting every three months
- Harbour User meetings every six months

3. Performance Objectives

- Continual review of all policies as appropriate and proportionate
- Publish all policies and safety plan on company web site.
- Proactively engage with and address any day to day problems, such as ‘tombstoning’ from harbour walls and inappropriate incursions into harbour waters of Personal Watercraft.
- Liaise and engage with police where appropriate
- Weekly check and logging of all aids to navigation in addition to daily visual checks for malfunction.
- Audits (H&S, DP, Trinity House and MCA) as required by legislation.
- Continual Personal Development of all members of staff, including ongoing and updating of training requirements
- Annual hydrographic survey of the harbour waters, including residuals year on year.
- Publication of hydrographic data on website.

