

# WHITSTABLE HARBOUR

## Marine Safety Plan 2016 - 2019

### Introduction

As part of its compliance with the requirements of the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC) Whitstable Harbour Board publishes the following Marine Safety Plan for marine operations in Whitstable Harbour and its approaches for the period 2016 to 2019.

#### 1. Marine Policies

- **Navigational Safety**
- **Enforcement and Prosecution**
- **Dredging**

In line with current policy, all the marine policies are reviewed every three years. They were last considered in 2016 and the next scheduled review is in 2019.

#### 2. Marine Procedures

This Marine Safety Plan commits the Harbour Board to undertaking the management and regulation of marine operations, within the scope of its powers and authority, in a way that safeguards the harbour, the users of the harbour including members of the public, and the environment.

#### 3. Ongoing Management Targets for the Period of the Plan

##### Standing Targets

Service Provision/Activity Target	Target
Navigational Incidents	No major incidents, serious injuries or serious pollution as a result of a failure of the Safety Management System.
Provision of a Pilotage Service including the authorization of Pilotage Exemptions.	Provide an on demand pilotage service for all vessels over 50m and issue PEC authorization
Hydrographic Surveys	Ensure that the harbour and its approaches have been adequately surveyed and that the results are openly available on request.
Provision of Aids to Navigation	Ensure that all aids to navigation are fully maintained and meet the requirements and availability targets of the General Lighthouse Authority.
Support for and approval and facilitation of Harbour events.	Associated risks to be at ALARP prior to approval. Avoid unnecessary restrictions to vessel movements and disruption to commercial services and activities.
Liaison and consultation with Harbour Users.	Routine meetings to be held at least every six months with the Harbour Users group and any interested parties regarding proposed amendments to harbour developments

##### Temporary Targets

Service Provision/Activity Target	Target
Redevelopment of South Quay	Harbour Board to approve redevelopment plans by September 2017
Improved access for passengers	Improvements to passenger embarkation facilities to be implemented by August 2017
Charted depths to be maintained in harbour basin and approaches	Annual maintenance dredging to be carried out in accordance with MMO licence