

## Marine Safety Policy Statement

### 1. Introduction

The Port of Tyne Authority is fully committed to providing a safe environment for all port users within the limits of the port. The Port of Tyne aims to maintain a culture of excellence in order to comply fully with the requirements of the Port Marine Safety Code.

A Marine Safety Management System has been formulated to embrace all of the concepts and standards of both the Port Marine Safety Code and the Guide to Good Practice (GTGP), as well as associated Management systems of 9001, 14001, 18001 and the International Standards for Pilot Organisations.

### 2. Policy Statement

In order to comply with the standards laid down in the Port Marine Safety Code the port undertakes to:

- Regulate and manage marine operations to ensure the safety of navigation for all port users
- Produce formal risk assessments for all marine activities to ensure that risks are as low as reasonably practicable
- Facilitate leisure use whilst complying with risk assessments and navigational safety
- Maintain conservancy functions in respect of hydrographic surveys, dredging and the provision of aids to navigation
- Ensure that its pilotage directions define the circumstances in which pilotage is to be compulsory, how, and to which vessels they apply, and in what circumstances.
- Ensure the provision of appropriate formal procedures for assessing the suitability of PEC applicants. The standards and procedures will be published and available to applicants.
- Provide relevant navigational and tidal information to all port users
- Maintain the Port Emergency Plan
- Maintain the Port Oil Spill Response Plan
- Maintain the Port Waste Management Plan
- Maintain Compliance with the International Ship & Port Facility Code.
- Ensure that all personnel are committed to comply with the documented procedures

### **3. Review**

The Director of Health and Safety, Environment and Marine, Harbour Master is responsible for reviewing this policy and recommending any changes to the Board. This policy will be reviewed at least every three years to ensure that it is effective or following a change in applicable legislation. The Policy will be reissued when revisions are made.

**Director of Health and Safety, Environment and Marine  
Harbour Master.**