



River Yealm Harbour Authority

Annex 8.1.8

PORT MARINE SAFETY PLAN 2024 to 2027

In accordance with the River Yealm Harbour Authority's (RYHA) commitment to comply with requirements of the Port Marine Safety code (PMSC), the following plan is published for the period of three years from March 2024 to March 2027.

The RYHA is the Statutory Harbour Authority for the River Yealm.

The PMSC has established an agreed national standard for port marine safety and a measure by which a Harbour Authority can be held accountable for their legal powers and duties to run their harbour in a safe manner.

Management of Marine Operations

This Port Marine Safety Plan commits the RYHA to undertaking the management and regulation of marine operations, within the scope of its powers and authority, in a way that safeguards the port, users of the port (including members of the public), and the environment.

The RYHA will undertake its role and responsibilities to the best of its ability to ensure that it provides efficient and effective services, and the regulation of vessels will support the safe passage of vessels whilst in the RYHA jurisdiction.

Whilst regulating the movement of vessels within the harbour, the safety of its personnel, harbour users, the environment and vessels will be of the highest priority.

Established Management Activities

The following processes ensure the operation and maintenance of an effective Safety Management System which will assist the RYHA comply with the PMSC:

- Monthly Committee meetings with Harbour Updates from the HM
- Regular meetings with other harbor authorities
- Regular auditing of the SMS system
- Record all reported incidents within areas of jurisdiction and review them to ascertain the cause, and if applicable, introduce measures to reduce the likelihood of recurrence

Targets

- PMSC compliance
- No major incidents, serious injuries or serious pollution caused by RYHA actions
- No A-Mooring equipment failure
- Investigation of all reported navigational incidents
- Recognition and reduction of recurring incidents
- Maintain and review Oil Spill Plan



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- Maintain and review Port Waste Management Plan (PWMP)
- Issue Local Notice to Mariners (LNtM) relating to navigational safety when necessary
- Update website with relevant safety information

Conservancy

RYHA will ensure the Harbour is maintained in a fit condition for vessels to use it and any quays or harbour walls specified within the Crown lease are monitored and repaired.

Training

The RYHA has a small team comprising of the Harbour Master, an Office Manager, a seasonal Deputy Harbour Master and several Assistant Harbour Masters, all marine operators with experience of small boat handling. Any requirement for additional training will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Consultation

The RYHA will make all relevant information regarding the Marine Safety Management System available on the web site.

Marine Policies and Plans

The SMS hold the following policies:

- Statement of Policy from Duty Holder (SMS Section 1)
- Safety Policy (SMS Section 2)
- Harbour Emergency Plan
- Navigational Plan
- Waste Plan
- Enforcement and Prosecution Policy