

Port Marine Safety Code

Dorset Council Harbours Marine Safety Plan

2022 - 2025



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Introduction

Dorset Council is the Statutory Harbour Authority for the Local Authority Harbours at

Bridport (West Bay)

Lyme Regis

Weymouth

For Dorset Council the safety and security of its Harbour activities is paramount to ensure a safe environment for all those who use, work, operate or visit. It is committed to meeting the requirements of the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC) which requires the Harbour Authority Duty Holder to publish a Marine Safety Plan.

Each Harbour maintains an Operations Plan and a Marine Safety Management System which complement this Marine Safety Plan. These can be found at:

[Bridport Harbour Operations and Marine Safety Management System](#)

[Lyme Regis Operations Plan and Marine Safety Management System](#)

[Weymouth Harbour Operations Plan and Marine Safety Management System](#)

The Marine Safety Plan is in place to ensure safe and effective Safety Management Systems for the regulation of marine operations within Dorset Council Harbours. The plan provides the framework to monitor, improve and develop our safety and environmental performance. This is based around the agreed objectives set out below.

Policy

Dorset Council is committed to the safety of its Harbour Operations and provision of a safe Harbour Environment. All policies will comply with the 1974 Health and Safety at Work Act and the Port Marine Safety Code and the Council will:

- Carry out all harbour and associated marine operations in a manner which protects the safety and health of harbour users, the general public, employees and others with business in Harbour areas and which minimises adverse effects on the environment and the community.
- Undertake regular consultation with stakeholders through consultative groups established for each harbour and wider stakeholder consultation on significant programmes and projects.
- Ensure Harbour investment is financially sustainable.

Dorset Council's wider Health Safety and Environmental Policies can be found at:

[Dorset Council Health and Safety Policy](#)

[Dorset Council Protecting our Natural Environment](#)

[Dorset Council Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy](#)

Specific Navigation Policies, Procedures, Notices and Directions can be found at:

- [Bridport Harbour](#)
- [Lyme Regis Harbour](#)
- [Weymouth Harbour](#)

Under **Navigation** and/or **Resources**

Ownership and Review

Dorset Council has appointed the Portfolio Holder for Travel, Highways and the Environment as the Duty Holder. This Marine Safety Plan will be owned by the Duty Holder supported by a Designated Person with advice on its content being provided by the Harbours Committee.

The Harbours Committee meets quarterly to review Harbours performance. The committee will be responsible for receiving reports of progress against the plan and ensuring that the objectives remain relevant and in support of the Portfolio Holder, and adequately resourced.

The Marine Safety Plan will be reviewed at least annually to record status and progress against the plan and refreshed as objectives are met, or circumstances change. At 3-year intervals, the plan will be fully reviewed and republished.

Plan and Objectives

Number	Objective	Action Owner	By When	Comment	Achievement
1	To complete Review of Progress and report to the Harbours Committee and Duty Holder annually	HMs	Annually on publication	Report against the Marine Safety Plan	
2	Harbours Committee and Duty Holder to be Aware of top Risks	HM	Annually	Report top 5 risks as part of the SMS Review.	
3	Review the Safety Management System Risks and Procedures annually or after every accident/incident	HM	Annually. Accidents and incidents to be reported quarterly		
4	Renew Designated Person Contract	SM	Oct 25	James Hannon of ABPmer has been appointed as the Designated Person until October 2025	
5	Agree Designated Person Audit Schedule to meet with MCA three yearly requirements – but providing additional audits as required	SM & HMs	Annually		
6	Review of Bridport Competent Harbour Authority Status	HM	June 23		
7	Review General Directions Weymouth Harbour	HM	June 23		
8	Review General Directions Bridport and Lyme Harbours	HM	Feb 24	Contingent on HRO approval	
8	Complete Bridport and Lyme Regis SMS documentation and incident reporting action plan	HM	Dec 22	Plan Published September 22 Harbour Committee meeting	
9	Report on closure of Designated Person 2022 Audit report findings	Head of Environment and Wellbeing	Dec 22		
10	Accidents and incidents	HM	To be reported quarterly to the Duty Holder and immediately for significant events.	To include ongoing checks for trends and learning points leading to updated and improved risk assessments and response	