

## **Port Marine Safety Code**

### **Dorset Council Harbours Marine Safety Plan**

**2022 – 2025**



**Monitoring &  
2023**



**Review - September**

# Dorset Council Marine Safety Plan 2022 - 2025

## 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 Highways, Transport and 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 Advisory Committee.

The Harbours Advisory 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 collaboration with Dorset Council Cabinet, 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	HM	Annually on publication		
2	Harbours Committee and Duty Holder to be Aware of top Navigational Risks	HM	Annually	Report top 5 navigational 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	Accidents and incidents to be reported quarterly to the Duty Holder and immediately for significant events. There should be ongoing checks for trends and learning points.	Incidents reported in HM updates 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2023
4	Review of Bridport Competent Harbour Authority Status	HM	April 23	Review complete by ABP Mer and report coming to September committee	
5	Review General Directions Weymouth Harbour	HM	June 23	Reviewed by Weymouth HM prior to consultation after June 23 meeting	Consultation undertaken July/Aug 2023. Awaiting full analysis of responses to be reported at November meeting. Weymouth HM update refers.
6	Review General Directions Bridport and Lyme Harbours	HM	Feb 24	Will start when HROs come into effect at Bridport and Lyme Regis Harbours. HROs currently with MMO.	