

# MARINE SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

The Port of Blyth aims to maintain a culture of excellence in order to comply fully with the requirements of the Port Marine Safety Code. These high quality marine services will meet the agreed requirement of all stakeholders in a competent, safe and productive manner, whilst conforming to regulatory and statutory requirements.

To achieve this the Port of Blyth has instituted a Marine Safety Management System, all key activities and processes have been identified and documented.

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
- Create and implement safe operational harbour policy statements
- 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.

Signed for on behalf of the Board of Commissioners as 'Duty Holders' under the Port Marine Safety Code



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