



KHM Portsmouth



Navigational Safety Policy

The King's Harbour Master (KHM) Portsmouth has a responsibility to facilitate the safety of navigation for all water users within the limits of the Dockyard Port of Portsmouth. These responsibilities overlap with other organisations who have Competent Harbour Authority (CHA) responsibilities under the pilotage act 1987 and Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) responsibilities under the International Maritime Organization (IMO)'s resolution 1158 (32), both provisions are detailed with Memorandums of Understanding (MOU)'s between KHM Portsmouth and those organisations.

To achieve Navigational safety, KHM Portsmouth will:

- Maintain an effective Safety and Environmental Management System (SEMS) based on a continuing, formalised assessment and mitigation of risk in consultation with port users.
- Review regularly the effectiveness of, and if necessary, seek amendments to its legal powers, and Directions in respect of navigational safety.
- Monitor vessel traffic and marine activity within the Dockyard Port of Portsmouth area (as detailed in the Dockyard Port of Portsmouth Order 2005) by provision of a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS).
- Provide an appropriate level of Admiralty Pilotage Service to MOD vessels within the port, and other vessels arriving at or departing from MOD facilities.
- Verify the fitness for purpose of vessels employed by KHM.
- As a standing member of Portsmouth International Port's Pilotage Exemption Certificate (PEC) Board, ensure PEC holders are conversant with local rules, regulations and procedures.
- Ensure regular hydrographic surveys as appropriate and liaise with the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO) to ensure publication of the results.
- Co-ordinate and monitor maintenance dredging as appropriate.
- Notify and mark or as appropriate, remove sunken vessels and other obstructions that are, or may become, a hazard to safe navigation.
- As a Local Lighthouse Authority (LLA), ensure the provision of necessary aids to navigation (AtoN) including liaison with other providers of AtoNs within and adjacent to the port's limits.
- Promulgate navigational, tidal and other relevant information to all port users.
- Provide effective management and co-ordination of responses to emergencies within the Dockyard Port of Portsmouth as appropriate including participating within the Solent-wide Solent Maritime Framework Plan and responding to oil spills in accordance with the KHM Portsmouth Oil Pollution Response Plan.

- Consult with port users and other relevant stakeholders in respect of navigational safety issues and proposed changes to navigational arrangements.
- Use competent people who are suitably trained, qualified and experienced to manage and deliver marine and navigational safety.
- Investigate and record navigational incidents that occur or are reported within port limits.
- Monitor the navigational safety of all organised marine events and works within port limits through review of submitted risk assessments and liaison with organisers.
- Monitor performance against the Ports and Marine Facilities Safety Code (PMSC), Dockyard Port Marine Safety Policy and the port's SEMS through regular self-assurance, board review and periodic audit conducted by a Designated Person.