



Falmouth Harbour  
Commissioners

## **STATEMENT OF HARBOUR SAFETY POLICY**

Falmouth Harbour Commissioners will provide a safe port within the limits of their jurisdiction, which is open to the public for the transportation of passengers and goods. They will ensure the safety of their Harbour by exercising their statutory conservancy functions to a high standard. They will regulate the use of the harbour by maintaining appropriate Bye-laws and ensuring that these are enforced. The Commissioners will ensure that an efficient pilotage service is available and that pilotage directions are maintained and reviewed regularly. The Commissioners will ensure such marine services as are required for the safe use of their Harbour are available and are maintained and operated to a high standard. The Commissioners will ensure that current plans are available to deal with emergency situations and that the resources required to implement these plans are maintained and exercised. The Policy incorporates input from officers, staff and harbour users as high standards of safety can only be achieved through dialogue and co-operation.

### **Falmouth Harbour Commissioners are committed;**

- To ensuring that the best channels for navigation are determined, marked and monitored.
- To have an effective system for promulgating navigation warnings affecting their Harbour.
- To considering the effect of weather on harbour safety and promulgating warnings as required.
- To designating suitable anchorages.
- To monitoring lights and marks used for navigation within their jurisdiction.
- To consider the effects on harbour safety of proposed changes in use or harbour works.
- To maintain an up to date set of Bye-laws in consultation with port users and enforce them so as to effectively regulate harbour use.
- To keep the need for pilotage under review and authorise suitably trained and experienced pilots to provide an efficient pilotage service.
- To provide suitable resources to deliver effective marine services such as the provision of pilot boats and harbour patrol craft.
- To ensure that suitable plans for emergency situations are maintained and regularly updated and exercised.

### **All employees have a duty to;**

- Comply with all harbour safety procedures laid down by Falmouth Harbour Commissioners.
- Ensure that marine operations are undertaken in a safe manner.
- To report hazard, potential hazard, accident, incident or near miss to the Harbour Safety Officer.

**Harbour users operating both commercially and for pleasure are responsible for ;**

- Their own health and safety and that of other harbour users who may be affected by their acts or omissions.
- Complying with legislation, bye-laws, directions and other regulations aimed at ensuring the safe use of the Harbour.

**Nominated Harbour Safety Officer**

Captain Mark Sansom Harbour Master and Chief Executive. In his absence urgent harbour safety matters should be referred to the Deputy Harbour Master.

**Emergencies in the Harbour**

Emergencies should be notified to the duty harbour master by the quickest available means. Emergencies where life is in danger should be notified immediately to the Coastguard.

**Reporting of Accidents Incidents and Near Misses**

All accidents incidents and near misses are to be reported to the Harbour Safety Officer as soon as practicable after they occur.

**Adopted by the Commissioners**

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