



# Wick Harbour Authority

## Marine Safety Policy Statement

Wick Harbour Authority (WHA) aims to maintain a strong, proactive culture of marine safety in order to comply fully with the requirements of the Port Marine Safety Code. The available marine services will meet the agreed requirements of customers and stakeholders in a competent, safe, and productive manner, whilst conforming to regulatory and statutory requirements. To achieve this WHA has instituted a Marine Safety Management System; key activities and processes have been identified and documented.

In order to comply with the standards as laid down in the Port Marine Safety Code WHA 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 (ALARP).
- Facilitate other Harbour 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 as necessary.
- Ensure that its Harbour directions define the circumstances in which vessels operate and how and to which vessels they apply and in what circumstances.
- Provide relevant navigational and tidal information to all port users.
- Maintain the Port Emergency Plan.
- Maintain the Port's Oil Spill Contingency Plan.
- Maintain the Port Waste Management Plan.
- Maintain compliance with the International Ship & Port Facility Code as applicable.
- Ensure that all personnel are committed to comply with the documented procedures.

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