

# Public Statement 2024



## The Port Marine Safety Code

The Crouch Harbour Authority (CHA) is a statutory harbour authority and competent harbour authority. It operates an incident reporting scheme for use by public users and authorised pilots and PEC holders in its area.

In 2024 the following number of reports were received: **29**

The reports for 2023 were discussed at the Crouch Harbour Authority Meeting on 12 January 2024.

In 2022 the following number of reports were received: **45**

In 2021 the following number of reports were received: **42**

The authority Members would like to thank all those public users who have submitted incident reports and their contribution to the safety picture.

### **CHA Member Meeting Record:**

Name of Member	Meetings attended in 2023
Ken Wickham Chairman	3
Edwin Buckley Vice Chairman	3
David Sloan	1
Stuart Munro	1
John James	3
Simon Hollington	1
Trevor Dann	2
Robert Coyle	3
Robert Brown	1
Andrew Wise	0
Total Crouch Harbour Authority Meetings in 2023	3
Notes: R Lingard, D Sperring, resigned their positions in 2023. Stuart Munro, Andrew Wise and David Sloan were appointed Members on 12 July 2023. Robert Brown and Stuart Olly are Co-opted to the Members Committee	

The Crouch Harbour Authority Members are volunteers and received no remuneration in 2023 for their service. The Members maintained a mix of meetings through organized public meetings and online meetings to meet demands of running the authority.

**Activity:**

There has been a stable presence in the rivers with numerous pursuits in leisure activities. There is a continued use of personal water craft, paddle boarders and open swimming. Users are reminded these activities encompasses a wide range of leisure users who have different experience and qualification levels. Some smaller activities such as wind kiting, open water swimming may not be organized events. Persons in charge of vessels should keep this in mind when sailing and maintain a good lookout.

Safety in the port marine environment is not just a matter for the organisation, its officers, contractors or its authorised pilots. Users are also required to minimise risk to themselves and others, in doing so they must be able to put forward to the organisation their views on the development of appropriate safety policies and procedures. (Ref: *Port Marine Safety Code Guide to Good Practice*).

**Designated Person:**

The designated person remains in close dialogue with the Authority Members and Harbourmaster.

The designated person regularly visited the harbour office during the year. The Maritime and Coastguard Agency acknowledged the Letter of Compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code sent on 23 March 2021. There is a further obligation to send a Letter of Compliance in 2024.

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