

Safety Plan 2024



The Crouch Harbour Authority in complying with the Department for Transport **Port Marine Safety Code** sets out in this Safety Plan how it will meet the obligations of the code.

The **duty holder** of the Marine Safety Management System is the Crouch Harbour Authority Members. The authority will have a **Harbourmaster** to manage the operations of the authority and have powers to regulate navigation in its area. They will also have membership of the UK Harbourmasters' Association. A **designated person** will also be appointed to provide independent assurance that the marine safety management system is effective. The authority will ensure that any person appointed by the authority with responsibilities is appropriately qualified and experienced.

The Members will review the **powers of the authority** so that they are sufficient to regulate activities and navigation and when necessary apply for additional powers. The authority has been designated powers to issue Harbour Directions and where necessary form the Port Users Group and implement a new harbour direction.

Seek advice from the **Advisory Committee** on matters affecting the work activities and navigation in the authority. Use this committee to disseminate information to the groups the members represent.

When necessary, convene a meeting or consult with pilots and CHA Members to discuss safe navigation.

Maintain an incident reporting scheme for users and piloted vessels and discuss these at authority meetings. Where necessary investigate incidents and report to appropriate external government agencies.

Use the ALARP method in **risk assessment** and consult with users on leisure and racing events and promote model risk assessment and RYA courses. Any person applying for a works license or towage license will submit a risk assessment and work method (RAM) as part of the application.

Promulgate **Notice to Mariners** with information affecting navigation and produce a Harbour Guide for leisure users with local advice.

As a **Local Lighthouse Authority** ensure navigation channels are properly marked and navigation aids are maintained.

The Authority will make sure there are sufficient funds available to commit to the safety plan.

Crouch Harbour Authority
11 January 2024.