

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL



Salcombe Harbour Authority

Marine Safety Plan

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1. Introduction

Salcombe Harbour Authority (SHA) is committed to ensuring the safe, efficient, and environmentally responsible management of Salcombe Harbour and the Kingsbridge Estuary. This Plan outlines SHA's strategic approach to compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC) and covers the period 2026–2029.

2. Policies

SHA maintains a suite of strategic policies forming part of the Marine Safety Management System (MSMS), including:

- Marine Safety Policy
- Marine Emergency Plan
- Training & Competence Policy
- Enforcement Policy
- Moorings Policy

3. Management of Marine Operations

SHA operates a structured Marine Safety Management System (MSMS) ensuring compliance with the PMSC. The MSMS covers legal compliance, governance, competency, navigational safety, emergency readiness, conservancy, and stakeholder engagement.

6. Conservancy Responsibilities

SHA maintains navigational safety through dredging management, hydrographic surveys, Aids to Navigation (AtoNs), and compliance with IALA standards.

7. Emergency Preparedness

SHA maintains emergency plans including oil spill response, search and rescue coordination, fire response, and major incident planning.

8. Reporting & Incident Management

SHA ensures all incidents and near misses are logged, investigated, and reported. MAIB-reportable incidents are submitted within 24 hours.

9. Monitoring, Review & Audit

Annual internal audits, external Designated Person audits, and MSMS reviews ensure continuous improvement and compliance with the PMSC.

10. Stakeholder Engagement

SHA engages Harbour users, residents, and partners through structured consultation and will establish a Consolidated Harbour Users Group.

4. Standing Objectives (2026–2029)

No.	Provision	Objective	Target	Evidence
1	Duty Holder	Training for all Duty Holders on PMSC responsibilities	100% completion	Annual Report
1	Duty Holder	Board members to complete Harbour tours	100% completion	Annual Report
2	Designated Person	Formal report to Duty Holder	Every 3 years	Report
3	Legislation	Review legal duties	Every 3 years	Management Review
4	Duties & Powers	MAIB-reportable incidents within 24 hrs	24 hours	Incident Records
5	Risk Assessment	Risk assessments up to date	100%	Annual Report

5. Period Objectives (2026–2029)

No.	Provision	Objective	Target	Responsible
1	Duties & Powers	Introduce/update General Directions	By 2028	Harbour Master
2	Duty Holder	Assess Marine Facilities for PMSC compliance	2026	Harbour Master
3	Competence	Implement updated Training Matrix	2026–2029	Business & Compliance Manager
4	MSMS – Navigation	Formal LPS risk assessment (MGN 401)	2027	Harbour Master
5	Conservancy	Review all Aids to Navigation	2026–2029	Harbour Master
6	Stakeholder Engagement	Establish Users Group	2027	Harbour Master