

# North Yorkshire Council

## Harbours

### Marine Safety Plan



**Version 1**

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## **Safety Policy & Safety Plan Safety Policy**

The Harbour Authority will ensure that procedures are developed where necessary and undergo review on an annual basis to satisfy the recommendations under the Code. It commits the Authority to undertake and regulate marine operations in a way that safeguards the harbour, its users, the public and the environment and in doing so will develop and maintain a comprehensive Safety Management System (SMS) encompassing the recommendations of the Port Marine Safety Code.

The Marine Safety Plan is to ensure the Safety Management System fulfils all aspects of the Safety Policy ensuring towards compliance with the recommendations of the Port Marine Safety Code for all activities within harbour limits and the efficient implementation of appropriate regulations. To ensure commercial pressures will be managed without undermining the safe provision of services and the efficient discharge of duties. The Authority has established and will maintain procedures to monitor and measure performance on a regular basis. A report of the assessment of the Authority's performance against the Plan will be produced annually. Within the Safety Management System all associated operating procedures, policies and standard forms are controlled documents to ensure that the contents are accurate, current and valid.

The Duty Holder is ultimately accountable for meeting the standards the Code requires. Performance against the Plan will be regularly monitored and audited internally and externally annually. Following which any actions will be subject of consultation with the Duty Holder and implemented into the SMS where necessary. The Duty Holder will then be advised to re-adopt the updated Safety Management System.



## **Marine Safety Plan**

As part of our commitment to promote and facilitate the safe navigation and operation of vessels within the statutory limits of Scarborough and Whitby harbours, North Yorkshire Council will:

### **1. Implement and Maintain a Safety Management System.**

Establish and maintain a formal marine safety management system in accordance with the principles of the Port and Marine Facility Safety Code ensure safe marine operations within the harbour.

### **2. Risk Assessment and Control.**

Develop and maintain a systematic, risk-based approach to identifying marine hazards and assessing navigational risks, implementing appropriate control measures to reduce risks **as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP)**.

### **3. Navigational Safety**

Monitor and manage the safe navigation and movement of vessels within harbour limits, ensuring appropriate procedures, directions and guidance are in place to support safe marine operations.

### **4. Conservancy Duties**



Dredger "Sandsend" 2025

Maintain the conservancy of the harbour, including the provision of navigational aids and undertaking dredging operations where necessary to maintain, as far as reasonably practicable, charted depths and safe harbour access.

## 5. Emergency Preparedness

Ensure that appropriate marine emergency plans and response arrangements are in place, maintained and periodically exercised.

OPRC Plan was approved by the MCA April 2025.



*OPRC Exercise*

## 6. Competence and Training

Employ suitably qualified and competent personnel and provide training, development and resource necessary to maintain a professional and capable harbour workforce.

## 7. Resources and infrastructure

Provide sufficient resources to maintain harbour infrastructure, facilities and operational capabilities necessary to support safe marine activities.

## **8. Communication and Consultation**

Engage with employees, harbour users, stakeholders and wider community on marine safety matters and promulgate relevant safety matters safety information and guidance to harbour users.

## **9. Monitor and Audit**

Monitor the effectiveness of the Marine Safety Management System through performance measurement, internal review and independent audit in accordance with the Port Marine Facility Safety Code.

## **10. Continuous Improvement and Transparency**

Publish and review the Harbour Authority's Marine Safety Plan and report periodically, ensuring continuous improvement of marine safety standards.

Spanish Galleon entering Scarborough 2025

