

BEMBRIDGE HARBOUR AUTHORITY - STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

Bembridge Harbour Improvements Company Ltd (BHIC) is the statutory harbour authority at Bembridge Harbour (Bembridge Harbour Authority, BHA) and it is committed to undertaking and regulating marine operations to safeguard the harbour, its users, the public, the environment and the local heritage.

BHA aims to run a safe, efficient, cost-effective and sustainable harbour for the benefit of all users and the wider community. It will strive to manage, maintain and improve the harbour consistent with the income it generates.

BHA is committed to meet all legal requirements and comply with the Port Marine Safety Code and to meet these requirements in a proportional and appropriate manner. It will ensure that the harbour is operated efficiently and safely and will seek to meet the changing needs of all harbour users.

BHA will:

- Comply with all legal requirements;
- Aim to meet the national requirements of the Port Marine Safety Code;
- Heed the Guide to Good Practice on Marine Operations;
- Conduct its functions openly and transparently in the overall long-term interests of the harbour;
- Ensure as far as reasonably practical the safety of all those who use and work in the harbour;
- Facilitate safe navigation in the harbour and its approaches;
- Endeavour to provide and maintain viable harbour facilities;
- Regulate the activities of all those who use the harbour and ensure that the law is enforced whenever appropriate;
- Conserve the environment and maintain approved pollution prevention and nature conservation measures;
- Formally review the Harbour Authority's plans, policies and procedures at intervals of five years or less.

BHA is committed to ensuring that all its employees, contractors, harbour users, stakeholders and members of the public are well informed. Its staff shall be well trained and committed to the requirements of the Port Marine Safety Code. BHA recognises that safe operations depend on competent people and an active Safety Management culture. All who work in or use the harbour have an obligation to contribute to harbour safety.

BHA welcomes the interest and participation of all stakeholders in maintaining and improving the awareness of safety within the harbour. To this end, a line of communication will be established with relevant stakeholders and through the Bembridge Harbour Advisory Group to ensure the promulgation of relevant information.

It is our goal to monitor and improve the standard of safety and safety awareness in the harbour.