



Marine Safety Management System Policy Statement

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1. Introduction

Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) is the Statutory Harbour Authority (SHA) for 16 ports, harbours¹ and slipways across the West of Scotland and the Clyde Estuary and own the associated port infrastructure and properties at each of these locations. CMAL also owns and leases several other marine facilities at various locations primarily associated with the delivery of Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services.

CMAL has responsibility at all times to ensure a safe environment for its employees, the general public and users of its statutory harbour areas and other non-statutory marine facilities. This is achieved through the implementation of the requirements laid down in the CMAL Marine Safety Management System (MSMS), supporting documents and management processes, supported as required by the Safety Management System, documents and processes of its contracted Harbour Operator, CalMac Ferries Ltd (CFL).

CMAL are committed to complying with the Department of Transport Ports and Marine Facilities Safety Code (PMSC) which lays down minimum standards of safety applicable to all ports, harbours and similar establishments.

2. Marine Safety Management System

The MSMS Manual is the principal document in the safety management system and performs the function of describing the operational activities and extent of CMAL Harbour Operations; it is not specific to any individual CMAL ports, piers and harbours. It includes the safety management arrangements for maritime and shore-based operations within CMAL's areas of responsibility and clearly defines all areas of responsibility, interfaces and operational boundaries that are within the remit of the contracted Harbour Operator.

While CMAL retains accountability, it is the responsibility of CFL to conduct and manage the everyday business of the harbours under the authority of CMAL. In doing so CFL must, as a minimum standard meet the requirements of the PMSC and other pertinent legislation.

3. Duty Holders

For the purposes of the PMSC the members of the CMAL Board are the Harbour Authority's Duty Holders with each member being collectively and individually responsible for achieving full compliance with the PMSC as a minimum standard for operation of CMAL harbours and other marine facilities.

The Harbour Authority cannot assign or delegate their accountability for compliance with the PMSC.

¹ For a list of locations see <http://www.cmassets.co.uk/harbours/locations/>

4. Designated Person

The Designated Person provides independent assurance that the MSMS is being implemented correctly and is compliant with all applicable codes. The Designated Person has direct access to the CMAL Board of directors and should come from a background where a comprehensive understanding of maritime and port activities is embedded. This is paramount to successfully fulfilling this role on behalf of the Harbour Authority.

CMAL has appointed ABPmer as its Designated Person under the requirements of the PMSC.

5. Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer is accountable for the operational and financial control of the Harbour Authority. They advise the Board on all matters related to its duties and powers, with appropriate advice from the Harbour Master and other officers.

6. Director of Port Infrastructure & Planning

The Director of Port Infrastructure & Planning is responsible for the overall governance of CMAL ports and harbours and to advise the Board on all matters concerning the areas and facilities within CMAL's areas of responsibility and the performance of the Harbour Operator.

7. Commitment

CMAL and its Harbour Operator are committed to the continuous improvement of safety standards within its harbours and facilities by the constant development and implementation of policies, systems and procedures that provide a pragmatic and proportionate approach to safety for the wellbeing of the port marine environment and community.

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