

# **THE SEAHAM HARBOUR DOCK COMPANY**

Seaham House, Seaham, Co Durham, SR7 7EU

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## **MARINE SAFETY**

Committed to its objectives of adopting best practice, the Seaham Harbour Dock Company (The Company) has incorporated the requirements of the Port Marine Safety Code (P.M.S.C.) within its Safety Management and Quality Assurance systems. Under the Company Safety Management System including the P.M.S.C. the “Duty Holder” is the Managing Director, who will provide independent assurances about the operation of these systems to the board of directors. The Harbour Master appointed by the board will oversee the application of marine safety procedures, assisted by the Pilots. The Harbour Master is the ‘Designated Person’

## **AIMS**

The Seaham Harbour Dock Company being the owners and operators of the Port of Seaham accepts its responsibility as harbour authority and employer.

It aims to conduct its affairs so that the health and safety of its employees, persons using the harbour and others affected by its undertakings will not, as far as is reasonably practicable, be put at risk. Similarly, it aims to safeguard the local and marine environment, its own property and that of others.

## **DUTIES**

The Company recognises its statutory duties under The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, Maritime and Harbour Legislation etc, and its common law duty of care. It also appreciates its obligations to conserve and facilitate the use of the harbour.

To enable it to fulfil such obligations and duties the company will use the powers conferred on it by legislation and its own Byelaws. The Harbour Authority will keep its powers under review to ensure that they are appropriate to the needs of the port, the traffic levels, custom, and to maintain the overall safety of the port. It will instruct and inform its employees of their general duty to exercise personal responsibility and to do everything reasonably practicable to prevent harm to themselves or others, or damage to property or equipment and to co-operate fully with the employer in meeting its responsibilities. The Company acknowledges that it has a general duty to exercise its functions with regard to nature conservation and other related environmental considerations, in particular with regard to the requirements of the EU Habitats Directive. The Safety Management and requirements of the Port Marine Safety Code area audited twice every year by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party.

## **2017**

In 2017, 210 vessels entered the South Dock. There were 389 acts of pilotage. There were 2 minor incidents reported in the year.