Duty Holders Summary of Performance of Safety Management Plan for 2021

Following an assessment of the Harbour Authority's operations during the year I'm pleased to report that the objectives within the Safety Management Plan have been met.

1) Navigational Incidents

There were no reported major navigational failures, serious injuries or incidents of pollution. There were no minor incidents reported.

2) Conservancy and Hydrographic Surveys

The provision and maintenance of Aids to Navigation met the requirements of Trinity House as the General Lighthouse Authority. Surveys undertaken for the purposes of safety of navigation were all carried out in accordance with the agreed survey program. Surveys carried out for Conservancy and Conservation Monitoring purposes were also undertaken with the agreed Monitoring Protocol. The good performance of three activities is consistent with that of the previous year.

3) Pilotage Services

In keeping with the previous year's performance there were no recorded incidents due to Pilot or P.E.C. Holder error.

4) Personnel Training

During 2021 one boatman completed his STCW basic training courses. One completed his GMDSS and Helm course. All boat crew completed MCA/2P Oil Spill Refresher training. The Deputy Harbourmaster completed STCW refresher training. The Harbourmaster completed MCA/4P refresher training.

5) Liaison and Consultation with Stakeholders

Regular consultations have been held with representatives of other estuary users and the adjoining Authority's Harbourmaster.

6) Audit of the Safety Management System

The annual Audit was carried out which found no major deficiencies. There were some minor amendments, and some areas identified for improvement; all of which have been addressed. Compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code was met and approved by the MCA Chief Executive.

7) Management Review

The annual review of the SMS was undertaken by the Harbourmaster and his report submitted to the Designated person.

8) Legislation/Jurisdiction

Still awaiting the outcome of the Dee Conservancy HRO.

Managing Director and Duty Holder