



PORT MARINE SAFETY CODE

At the May meeting, Board members of Poole Harbour Commissioners were reminded of their responsibilities under the Port Marine Safety Code. Through a short presentation outlining the requirements of the Code, the Harbour Master advised members of their collective accountability and individual responsibilities for the implementation of the Code as applicable to Poole Harbour.

The Port Marine Safety Code was introduced in 2001 as a Code of Practice, in order to have all Statutory Harbour Authorities carry out all marine operations in line with a national standard. This was as a result of some high profile marine incidents, such as the grounding of the Sea Empress at Milford Haven in 1996 and the revision of the Pilotage Act 1987 which was published in 1998.

In order to measure the effectiveness of the Code, regular auditing is required by the designated Person within the Code. This function will be continued by the CEO to ensure compliance. An external audit was carried out in July 2006 with a further external audit planned for the near future.