

# Maritime Safety Week (9 - 13 July)



Poole Harbour Commissioners (PHC) are supporting the Maritime Minister, Nusrat Ghani's call to the UK's maritime sector to show its support for the inaugural Maritime Safety Week. We are asking for harbour users' active participation in promoting both the week and its purpose.



Over the course of the week, the Minister will be using the hash tags **#martimesafetyweek** and **#maritimesafetymatters** while undertaking a series of visits and making a number of announcements. The Minister has called on companies and individuals right across the industry to let her know what they will be doing during the week via [maritimesafety@dft.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:maritimesafety@dft.gsi.gov.uk) to ensure they capture everything which is happening.

Safety is critical to underpinning success at every level of the industry and the UK Government wants to raise awareness and highlight the excellent work which is already being done by a diverse range of organisations and individuals. Maritime Safety Week has been created to do precisely that and provide a focal point to recognise contributions and celebrate success.

As an island nation we have always depended on the seafarers, shipping and the wider maritime industry for our prosperity, but safety isn't just a concern for professional mariners who undertake their roles in what are often difficult and dangerous circumstances. All users of the maritime environment, from recreational mariners to casual beach goers, need to understand the risks. The Government recognises that these groups have very different safety needs and requirements and the scope of Maritime Safety Week is similarly broad.

Government is calling on all parts of the industry to respond to Maritime Safety Week and to share the wealth of knowledge, experience and best practice which it possesses and to increase understanding of what the sector is already doing to respond to the safety challenges it faces as well as plans for the future.

Poole Harbour Commissioners wholeheartedly supports this exciting initiative and are pleased to announce that we will be making an annual award to the company or individual that we consider has made the greatest contribution to Maritime Safety within Poole Harbour. We would ask all local businesses and organisations to support Maritime Safety Week and to make PHC aware of your efforts in enhancing maritime safety within Poole Harbour. The award will be presented at our annual open evening in November.

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