



# Hydrographic Policy

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The safety of navigation is dependent upon the provision of relevant, up to date hydrographic information, delivered in a form most appropriate to each sector of the wide spectrum of Harbour and Port users.

To this end it is Board policy that PHC shall:

1. Undertake such hydrographic surveys as are necessary for safe and efficient navigation within Harbour limits.
2. Carry out a managed programme of hydrographic surveys of the seabed of the Poole Harbour from the landward limit to the seaward limit and bounded by the Mean High Water line.
3. Set and maintain programmes, standards and specifications for PHC hydrographic services, including the competency, training and continued professional development of appropriate personnel.
4. Provide Harbour and Port users with up-to-date, timely and accurate hydrographic information, and where appropriate on a commercial basis.
5. Provide continuous, timely and accurate tidal data.
6. Maintain hydrographic and tidal information.
7. Maintain a close liaison with, and provide relevant data to, the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office.
8. Represent the PHC's hydrographic interests nationally and internationally.

**Nothing in this Policy shall subvert existing Harbour Byelaws, General Directions, regulations or terms and conditions.**

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