



PORTLAND HARBOUR AUTHORITY'S **CONSERVANCY POLICY**



Portland Harbour Authority has a duty to conserve the harbour so that it is fit for use as a port. The harbour authority also has a duty of reasonable care to see that the harbour is in a fit condition for a vessel to be able to use it safely.

Portland Harbour Authority Limited covers a water area of approximately 6 square miles all of which is regularly surveyed as part of a rolling programme.

Portland Harbour Authority provides users of the harbour with information about conditions in the harbour such as depths of water, General Directions, Local Notices to Mariners, etc.

Portland Harbour Authority has a duty and powers as a local lighthouse authority; and specific powers in relation to wrecks.

The duties described above cover specific requirements as detailed below:

- To survey as regularly as necessary and find the best navigable channels;
 - Main deep-water channels and Commercial berths, 1 Year
 - Other Areas, 5 Years
- To place and maintain navigation marks where they will be of the best use to navigation;
- To keep a 'vigilant watch' for any changes in the sea or river bed affecting the channel or channels and move or renew navigation marks as appropriate;
- To keep proper hydrographic and hydrological records;
- To ensure that hydrographic information is published in a timely manner; and
- To provide regular returns and other information about the authorities' local aids to navigation as the General Lighthouse Authority may require.

The Harbour Authority will carry out its duties in a fair, equitable and consistent manner and will liaise with other authorities and enforcement bodies as appropriate.

This statement is approved by the Board of the Harbour Authority and will be reviewed within the next 3 years.

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Chairman

Date