

NAVIGATION SAFETY POLICY

Warrenpoint Harbour Authority (The Board) and Carlingford Lough Commissioners (the Commission) has a primary responsibility to facilitate the safety of navigation within the harbour authority's area of jurisdiction and to that end the policy is to:

- Maintain an effective Marine Safety Management System based on a continuing, formal navigational risk assessment and mitigation of risk in consultation with port users and stakeholders;
- Review regularly the effectiveness of, and if necessary seek amendments to, its legal powers, byelaws and directions in respect of marine safety;
- In conjunction both Authorities will; monitor and manage vessel traffic within harbour authority limits
- As the Pilotage Authority; provide an appropriate pilotage service in accordance with the Pilotage Act 1987;
- Conduct appropriate Hydrographic surveys to ensure safe and efficient navigation within the area of jurisdiction;
- Carry out and maintain such works of improvement within the harbour limits of Warrenpoint Harbour Authority and Carlingford Lough Commissioners;
- Remove sunken vessels and other obstructions that are, or may become a danger to safe navigation;
- As the Local Lighthouse Authority ensure the provision of all necessary aids to navigation within the area of jurisdiction;
- Both Authorities will; promulgate effectively navigational, tidal and other relevant information to lough users and stakeholders;
- Provide effective management and co-ordination in respect of the Board and Commissioners response to emergency incidents within its area of jurisdiction including publishing and maintaining joint emergency plans;
- Consult widely with lough users and stakeholders in respect of marine safety issues and proposed changes to procedures, guidelines and directions; and
- Investigate all navigational incidents to a proportionate level to ensure that lessons are identified to inform the navigational risk assessment process.