




## **Bristol Harbour Authority Safety Report**

This document provides the Harbour Management Committee with an update on the Harbour Authority compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code.

Following completion of the Harbour Operations Review the Harbour Authority implemented the following:

- Port Marine Safety Code Duty Holder Training- Appointment and training of the Duty Holder in 2022/23. A new Duty Holder has been appointed and training has been arranged for July 2024.
- Appoint Designated Person- ABPMER have been appointed as the Designated Person and carried out a full safety Audit.
- Carry out a formal safety assessment- Safety Assessment was carried out in March 2023, the results of the assessment are as follows:

Number	Key Measures Ten-point 'health check'			
1	Duty Holder	1	1	4
2	Designated Person	1	1	1
3	Legislation	0	0	4
4	Duties and Powers	9	21	39
5	Risk Assessment	1	5	4
6	MSMS	1	6	10
7	Review and Audit	1	3	2
8	Competence	2	2	1
9	Plan	1	0	2
10	Aids to Navigation	0	2	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>69</b>

*The highlighted red triggers are being managed through the Bristol Harbour Authority Marine Safety Plan (appendix D)*

- Port Marine Safety Code letter of Compliance to Maritime and Coastguard Agency - We are in a position to secure a letter of compliance from the Marine and Coastguard Agency.
- Become compliant with Approved Code of Practice for Health and Safety -This has been completed and signed off by the Designated Person.
- Joining of the British Ports Association and Port Skills and Safety- This has been completed.

During the full formal safety assessment, it was highlighted by the Designated Person that the Marine Safety Management System needed to be updated this has been completed and signed off by the Designated Person and the Duty Holder in 2023.

## Near Miss and Accident reports.

- This year we have had 8 accidents reported:
  - 7 of these resulted in no injuries.
  - 1 resulted with person being taken to hospital and the Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) were notified.
  - The main parties involved in accidents were rowing boats

Details of accidents are as follows:

Who was involved	Date	Incident	Findings
Ferryboat	12/5/2023	Lost stern propulsion coming into a landing stage used rope to check motion- No injuries	Ferry company not to be over reliant of astern propulsion when approaching landing stage- Highlight "safe Speed".
Sailing Boat- Moving visiting powerboat	17/05/2023	Collision between sailing boat and moving vessel- No injuries	Owner of motorboat interviewed and warned given a warning.
Rowing boats x 2	15/06/2023	Collision of Feeder Canal- No injuries	Individuals spoken to and reminded that they should maintain a watch when operating in the Harbour.
Incident with Motorboat and Inflatable canoe	7/09/2023	Inflatable canoe launched at Conham Park, no lights and not licenced. Visiting powered craft transiting the river in darkness. Ran over the unlit canoe- Injuries sustained MAIB report sent.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Canoes and craft launching in river without being licenced.</li> <li>2. Motorboat was navigating at a safe speed but did not see the canoe.</li> <li>3. Mariners advised to navigate with caution especially in hours of darkness.</li> </ol>
Rowing boat and Ferry boat collision.	13/10/2023	Both vessels moving and navigating through Totterdown Lock narrows. Ferry navigating into Feeder, gave sound signal but was not heard by rowing boat. Collision took place. Crew on ferry were both astern and there was no lookout on the bow. - No injuries	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Safety system for ferry company changed to direct crew to be lookout on bow when transiting a 90-degree blind bend.</li> <li>2. Code of practice for rowing boat amended.</li> </ol>
Rowing boat x1	10/11/2023	Collison with pontoon- No injures	Reminded participants to maintain a watch
Rowing boat x 1	09/01/2024	Collision with Bridge- No injuries	Reminded participants to maintain a watch
Rowing boat collision with Stationary Vessel	24/01/2024	Collison with rowing boat colliding with stationary vessel- No injuries.	Reminded participants to maintain a watch