



**PORTLAND HARBOUR AUTHORITY'S**  
**ENFORCEMENT POLICY**



Portland Harbour Authority Limited as the Statutory Harbour Authority for Portland Harbour has statutory powers to regulate the conduct of vessels within the jurisdiction of the harbour to assist in managing the risks involved in marine operations. To ensure that those risks can be safely and efficiently managed the Harbour Authority recognises that when it exercises its statutory powers there will be occasions when those powers need to be enforced.

The Harbour Authority recognises that its powers to regulate users of the harbour is directly related to the management of risk and any enforcement action will reflect this principle. The Harbour Authority will seek to minimise the cost of compliance for users by ensuring that any action taken is proportionate to the risks.

The Harbour Authority recognises that the effectiveness of legislation managing the risks involved in marine operations depends crucially on the compliance of those regulated. The Harbour Authority recognises that most users of the harbour want to comply with the law but will take firm action, including prosecution where appropriate, against those who flout the law or act irresponsibly.

The Harbour Authority will provide information and advice in plain language on the rules that apply and will disseminate this as widely as possible.

In considering the action to be taken the Harbour Authority will take into account all of the circumstances of the case, the risks involved and the attitude of the operator - if necessary, investigating causally where it is in the interests of safety to do so. In general, all reports of incidents that may require enforcement action will be investigated as appropriate.

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