

17th October, 2016

Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC)

The Port Board of the Port of Sunderland Authority comprises the following:

<u>Elected Members:</u>	Councillor Paul Watson	Chair
	Councillor Melville Speding	Vice-Chair
	Councillor Barbara McClennan	Member
	Councillor Michael Mordey	Member
	Councillor Peter Wood	Member
<u>Appointees:</u>	Mr Keith Wilson	Member
	Mr Frank Nicholson	Member

The Port Marine Safety Code is primarily intended for the “duty holder” which, in the case of the Port of Sunderland, are the members of the Port Board, both individually and collectively - who are directly accountable for overseeing marine safety in the port.

The “duty holder” cannot assign or delegate its accountability for compliance with the Code.

The Code requires harbour authorities to make a clear published commitment to its intention to complying with the standards laid down in the Code, therefore:

As a statement of policy, members of the Port Board (as listed above) confirm that Port of Sunderland Authority is committed to undertaking and regulating marine operations in a way that safeguards the harbour, its users, the public and the environment; and

That the Authority will adopt appropriate measures to facilitate the public right to use the harbour; to facilitate the public interest in the safety of its operation; support commercial activities in the harbour through the safe and efficient provision of specified services and, the effective regulation of shipping within the harbour.

Yours sincerely,



Matthew H Hunt
Port Director