

MARINE SAFETY PLAN (MSP)

January 2026 to December 2028

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Canal & River Trust is the Statutory Harbour Authority (SHA) for four harbours.
- River Ouse
 - Liverpool
 - West India Dock
 - Sharpness
- 1.2 The Ports & Marine Facilities Safety Code (PMSC), is published by the Department for Transport and, sets out a national standard for port marine safety which applies to all Harbour Authorities.
- 1.3 As part of its compliance with the requirements of the PMSC, Canal & River Trust Harbour Management Board publishes this safety plan for marine operations which covers a period of three years. This 'Marine Safety Plan' (MSP) is one component of a comprehensive Marine Safety Management System (MSMS) and serves to support the continuing improvement of marine safety performance.
- 1.4 This MSP commits Canal & River Trust to undertake the proper management and regulation of marine operations within the scope of its powers and authority, and in line with its stated marine policies.

2. POLICIES AND PRINCIPLES

- 2.1 Canal & River Trust Harbour Management Board has several policies and principles in support of the management and regulation of marine operations. These policies and principle are embedded in the MSMS Part 1 for each Harbour area.

3. THE MANAGEMENT OF MARINE OPERATIONS

- 3.1 Canal & River Trust Harbour Management Board is committed to ensuring a positive safety culture and to enhancing its risk-based MSMS.
- 3.2 Risk assessments identify marine hazards and identify control measures to mitigate those risks to an acceptable level.
- 3.3 A comprehensive overview of Canal & River Trust harbour management and documentation is maintained in the MSMS which supports the delivery of this Plan. External audits of the MSMS are undertaken by the Designated Person.

4. PLAN PERIOD

- 4.1 This plan covers a three-year period – January 2026 to December 2028.

5. MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

- 5.1 Canal & River Trust Harbour Management Board has split its objectives into two parts - Standing Objectives and Period Objectives.

5.1.1 STANDING OBJECTIVES

5.1.1.1 These objectives support the ongoing improvement plan for Canal & River Trust the measure of which act as KPI's and fulfils the requirement of the PMSC for the Duty Holder to maintain a 'Marine Safety Plan'.

Number	Provision / Activity	Objective	Measure
1	Duty Holder	Duty Holder to have received training on their role and responsibility under the Code in the last three years.	100% of Duty Holders trained
		Duty Holder to have undertaken an operational tour of their Harbour area within in 3 months of taking on the role and no less than every three years	100% of Duty Holders undertaken an awareness tour
2	Designated Person	Report by the Designated Person to the Duty Holder	4 per year
3	Legislation	Review legal duties and power	Every 5 years
4	Duties and Powers	MAIB Reportable Incidents: make all reports to the MAIB and follow up with an investigation	Initial report to be sent within 24 hrs; full investigation report to be sent at incident close
5	Risk Assessment	All Marine Risk Assessments to be in-date.	100% in-date
6	MSMS	Review of all Canal & River Trust Policies on a three-yearly basis	Review every 3 years
		The Marine Safety Management System for each harbour will be reviewed annually (or following any significant industry changes).	Annual review
7	Review and Audit	External Audits to be carried out by the DP	All 4 harbours to be audited every 3 years
8	Competence	Ensure staff with marine safety responsibilities are trained to undertake their duties.	100% of mandatory training completed
9	Plan	Publish the MSP	MSP is published and in-date
		Publish an assessment of the organisation's performance against the plan	Annually
10	Conservancy	Aids to Navigation: Three-year performance meets or exceed IALA performance threshold	Cat 2 = 99.0% Cat 3 = 97.0%

5.1.2 PERIOD OBJECTIVES

5.1.2.1 Specific improvements for this plan period and laid out in the table below

Number	Provision / Activity	Objective	Measure
a	Asset Management	All harbour assets to be included within the Canal & River Asset Management Procedures	To be completed by July 2027
b	WID – Historic vessel leases	Historic vessel leases to be signed	To be completed by 30 June 2026
c	Emergency plans	Programme of emergency plan tests to be in place and delivered	Programme to be in place by 30 June 2026 and 100% completion rate