

## **Tor Bay Harbour Local Port Service (LPS) Policy**

In order to mitigate risk, provide for safe navigation and protect the environment in Tor Bay Harbour, it is necessary to ensure that:

- an effective Local Port Service (LPS) operates throughout the port; and
- that shipping movements are adequately monitored within harbour limits.

To this end it is Tor Bay Harbour policy that the harbour authority shall:

- Determine, through a process of formal risk assessment, circumstances in which a VTS or LPS should be established and operated in accordance with internationally agreed guidelines;
- Provide a Local Port Service for Tor Bay Harbour and the enclosed harbours of Brixham, Torquay and Paignton;
- Maintain VHF communication with all vessels covered by the Pilotage Directions;
- Seek to ensure that the LPS system remains available at all times;
- Review regularly the performance of the system and seek improvements through technical enhancement, staff development, training and effective management as necessary;
- Maintain standards for training and if necessary certification of personnel engaged in the delivery of the LPS;
- Record all AIS data as an aid to enforcement and incident reconstruction and investigation; and
- Maintain details and records of commercial vessel movements inside harbour limits using the Bay Reporting system in conjunction with Torbay & Brixham Shipping Agents.

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