

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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