

NIFHA Ports

Navigational Safety Policy

Northern Ireland Fisheries Harbour Authority (NIFHA) Board operating the NIFHA Ports of:

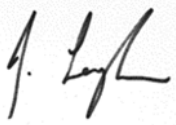
- Ardglass;
- Kilkeel; and
- Portavogie.

are both collectively and individually the Duty Holder for the NIFHA Ports and accepts responsibility for ensuring that the marine operations at the NIFHA Ports are conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Ports & Marine Facilities Safety Code (PMSC). This includes the common law duty of care to all harbour users for conservancy and environmental responsibilities. Implementation of policies and procedures issued by the Harbour Authority is overseen by the respective Harbour Master, with ultimate accountability for marine safety residing with the Duty Holder.

The NIFHA Duty Holder confirms that marine operations take into account the principles laid out in 'the Code' and it's accompanying A Guide to Good Practice on Ports and Marine Facilities (GtGP), as far as is practicable. The following specific provisions are made:

- A Marine Safety Management System (MSMS) is in place for NIFHA Ports, which is kept up to date;
- Marine risks are formally assessed and reduced to a level that is considered to be both tolerable and As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP);
- An effective system is in place to record, report and investigate marine incidents;
- Plans are created and kept up to date for dealing with emergency situations, and that the resources required to implement and exercise these plans is maintained;
- A review is carried out through audit of the performance of the MSMS to achieve the standards laid out in the PMSC; and
- An independent, suitably qualified and experienced Designate Person (DP) is appointed to report to the Duty Holder on the effectiveness of the MSMS.

Signature of Approval and Authority – Navigational Safety Policy

Duty Holder	Stephen Welch		20 Mar 2026
Ardglass Harbour Master	James Lenaghan		23 Mar 2026
Kilkeel Harbour Master	Norman Bridges		23 Mar 2026
Portavogie Harbour Master	Neil Warnock		23 Mar 2026

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