REGISTRATION & REGULATION OF WORKBOATS, FISHING VESSELS & SMALL CRAFT WITHIN THE CROMARTY FIRTH PORT AREA

Operational Procedure

Scope

This procedure describes how Cromarty Firth Port Authority (CFPA) intends to manage and regulate workboats and small commercial craft used within the Cromarty Firth to ensure they are properly maintained, equipped and manned by competent personnel.

Associated Documents/Legislation

- Merchant Shipping (small workboats and pilot boats) Regulations 1998, which enables the Code of Practice for the Safety of Small workboats and pilot boats.
  a. Workboat Code (Brown)
  b. Harmonised Small Commercial vessel Code (MGN280)
  c. IWGTS (2014). – (Vessels to phase into WB2)
  d. MSN 1892 (M) Workboat Code 2 Edition 2 (2018) (for vessels whose keels were laid after 31st Dec 2018)

- Merchant Shipping (Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure) regulations 1998 as amended MGN 489 (M) Amendment 1) which enables the following codes of practice:
  a. Inland Water Small passenger Boat code
  b. The Safety of Small Commercial sailing vessels
  c. The Safety of Small vessels in commercial use for sport or pleasure operating from a nominated Departure point

- MECAL Inland Waters Fitness For Purpose Certification (Non Passenger Carrying Workboats)

- CFPA PMSC Risk assessment

Introductions

Purpose -

Craft that are unsafe or manned by incompetent personnel put themselves and other port users at risk. This procedure is intended to minimize those risks and ensure compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code.

Responsible person(s)-

General Manager (Harbourmaster)
Marine Support Manager
Marine Supervisor

Requirements

All port craft are required to be registered with CFPA; additionally where considered appropriate they may be subject to audit to ensure they meet the appropriate national standards and are operating under a positive safety management culture.

The form Registration of Workboats, Fishing Vessels & Other Small Vessels in Commercial Use should be completed by the owner/operator and submitted to CFPA.

A workboat and small commercial craft register shall be kept in the Port Office for ready reference along with a record of audits of such craft (in line with GDPR requirements).

All registered workboats and small commercial craft shall comply with the appropriate codes for their intended areas of operations. This must be recorded on form Registration of Workboats, Fishing Vessels & Other Small Vessels in Commercial Use.