

Forth Ports Limited Port of Methil

Diving Information Pack
November 2025



Welcome to the

Port of Methil

The purpose of this Diving Pack is to provide diving contractors operating within the port of Methil with details of Forth Ports Diving Procedures, health & safety requirements and contact details

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All Diving operations must be carried out in conjunction with Forth Ports Diving procedure.

You must make yourself aware of the following publications and forms that you may require prior to arriving at the Port of Leith:

- Forth Ports Diving Procedures
- Forth Byelaws and General Directions for Navigation
- Notice to Mariners
- Marine Safety Alerts
- Port of Dundee and Methil Waste Management Plan

Forth & Tay Navigation Service can assist with any further information required. Please contact FTNS@Forthports.co.uk.

Forth Ports Limited expect any vessels operating within the Statutory Harbour Authority area to comply with the Code of Safe Working Practices for Merchant Seafarers which can be found here

We ask that whilst in the Port of Methil, all contractors must adhere to the Life Saving Rules and all appropriate direction and signage within the port estate.

Key Requirements for Port of Methil

The safety and security of all users of the Port of Methil is paramount, so we expect all users of the Port estate to follow the Port's requirements:

1 In Case of Emergency

In the event of an emergency raise the alarm as follows;

Emergency Services (Police, Fire, Ambulance) – 999

Forth & Tay Navigation Service (FTNS) via VHF CHANNEL 71 (Call sign "Forth Navigation") or by telephone 01324 668495.

Ensure you have the following information ready

Who - Name

What - Details of Incident or event

Where – Location / Berth within the Port

When - Time of incident or event.

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Security

Security is of highest importance. No person is permitted within the Port of Methil unless on lawful business.

Whilst in Port, you and your team must be extra diligent with security. You are advised to carry out the following:

- All visitors to the Port must be logged with security, providing the visitors name, nature of visit and they must produce photographic Identification to the local security gate on arrival.
- Temporary day passes must be obtained from Security Gate Houses for vehicles entering the Port.
- Young Persons under the age of 16 are not permitted on the Port unless prior approval has been received by the Asset Manager. Contact FTNS for further details or visit Forth Ports website.
- Be suspicious and challenge any suspicious characters or activity and report to FTNS.

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Smoking in Port

The Port of Methil has a strict NO SMOKING policy.



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Maintenance work whilst in Port

Diving Consent

No diving is permitted unless you have first received consent from FTNS. If you require a Dive Permit or Permission to Dive please email the completed form to diving@forthports.co.uk

https://www.forthports.co.uk/marine/permits-forms/

Use of Boats

If you require to lower any boat into the water, for any reason, permission must first be obtained from FTNS, see Contact List for further guidance.



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Port Waste Reception Facilities

Port of Methil provide waste reception facilities for General Waste and International Catering Waste.

These facilities are provided to ensure that all waste must be disposed of in an environmentally sustainable and legally correct manner

General waste - (e.g. office waste, paper etc.) including recycling such as plastics and cans – these will be separated out at the waste contractor depot.

All other wastes must be removed via a port approved licensed waste contractor

- Such wastes could include: pallets, oils and oily contaminated materials, paints/paint pots, chemicals, cargo residues (e.g. dunnage), scrap, clinical/medical waste, batteries, sewage.
- This waste must not be placed on the quayside until waste provider is onsite.

A copy of the approved Port Waste Plan can be found on the Forth Ports Website.

Annex V of MARPOL has been put into place to minimise the pollution of garbage.

The Port of Methil does not tolerate pollution from any hazardous or non-hazardous garbage, whether it is in the water or on the quayside.

Persons throwing or emptying garbage into the water or onto the quayside may be liable for prosecution.



6 Working on the quayside

In the interests of safety, persons must not walk across any operational area.

The operational area of the port is an area of high activity involving many items of heavy plant and equipment. Wher working on the quayside all contractors must wear high visibility clothing, hard hat and safety boots.

Designated pedestrian walkways and exit routes, must be used when available. All persons should be are aware of the safe designated walkways around the port, which they must use. In addition all persons within 1 metres of any quayside should wear a suitable buoyancy aid or lifejacket (unless directly embarking or disembarking to or from the gangway).



Photography in port

Permission must be sought for any filming or photography in the port, this includes use of drone. The drone consent form can be found https://www.forthports.co.uk/marine/permits-forms/



First Aid

First Aid kits are located in all offices and workshops in the port – contact FTNS on +44 (0) 1324 49 8584 if you require assistance. The Port of Methil may be unmanned, contact the number above if you require assistance.



Incident Reporting

All incidents, no matter the level of severity, should be reported to a Forth Ports Supervisor, Manager or Harbour Master immediately.

If any injury, ill-health or property damage incident occurs within the Port of Dundee Forth Ports must be made aware in order to trigger the Port Emergency Management and initiate an appropriate emergency response based on the incident's severity.

The following incident levels must be reported to Forth Ports within the following timeframes:

Near Miss, Property Damage, First Aid - Within 24 Hours
Personal Injury requiring medical treatment, RIDDOR
Specified Injury, RIDDOR Specified Dangerous Occurrence - Informed immediately

NAME	TELEPHONE NUMBER / EMAIL	VHF CHANNEL
Forth and Tay Navigation	+44 (0) 1324 49 8586	71
Assistant Harbour Master	+44 (0) 1324 49 8584 <u>FTNS@Forthports.co.uk</u>	
Port Health Authority – Edinburgh Council	environmentalhealth@edinburgh.gov.uk	
NHS Public Health (Health Protection Team)	+44 (0) 131 465 5420/5422	

LIFE SAVING RULES



Our vision is clear: we are all one team, with one goal - to make injury unacceptable in our business.



CHECK ENERGY ISOLATIONS BEFORE STARTING WORK. USE LOCK OUT AND TAG OUT.



CONTROL OF WORK

HAZARDS MUST BE IDENTIFIED, COMMUNICATED AND CONTROLLED BEFORE STARTING WORK.





WHERE POSSIBLE, AVOID WORKING IN **CONFINED SPACES**



OBEY SPEED LIMITS, WEAR A SEAT BELT AND DON'T USE A PHONE WHEN DRIVING.



CONFINED SPACE



BE AWARE OF HOW CLOSE YOU ARE TO WATER AND WEAR A LIFE



JACKET WHEN REQUIRED.



LIFTING OPERATIONS MUSTBE PLANNED, SUPERVISED AND CARRIED OUT BY COMPETENT PEOPLE.



WEAR YOUR PPE AND TAKE CARE TO STORE AND MAINTAIN IT



WORKING NEAR WATER

PROPERLY.



WHEN WORKING AT HEIGHT PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS AGAINST A FALL.





Diving Operations Standard



1.0 **PURPOSE**

To provide a clear procedure and guidance to be followed when contracting and/or approving commercial diving operations within Forth Ports' waters and ensure compliance with the Diving at Work Regulations 1997, and appropriate codes of practice.

2.0 **SCOPE**

In Scotland this procedure applies to all commercial diving operations in waters which fall under the jurisdiction of Forth Ports. In the Port of Tilbury this procedure applies to all commercial diving operations undertaken within the dock from the outer gate into the lock and dock area. Diving operations within the River Thames are managed by the Port of London Authority (PLA) and their procedures for diving permits must be followed.

3.0

Permission to Dive

DEFINITIONS	
Authorising person	The nominated responsible person within the <i>Contracting Company</i> requesting the dive services. This can be an employee of Forth Ports, or from a 3 rd party e.g., Principal Contractor, Vessel Master etc.
Contracting Company	The company who are requesting the services of the <i>Dive contractor</i> . This can be Forth Ports, or a 3rd Party e.g., Principal Contractor, Consultant, Vessel Master etc.
Console Controller	The duty Console Controller based in the Leith Harbour Office.
Commercial Diving	A diving project conducted in support of civil engineering or marine related projects within United Kingdom territorial waters.
Duty/Assistant Harbour Master	Marine Asset Manager's representative at the Port of Tilbury. The Harbour Masters representatives in Forth Ports' Scottish Operations
Dive	Any operation where a diver for commercial purpose enters the water or any other liquid, or chamber in which they are subject to pressure greater than 100 millibars above atmospheric pressure, and to survive breathes air or other gas at a pressure greater than atmospheric pressure.
Dive contractor	The organisation undertaking the dive project with employed diving personnel. Any <i>Dive contractor</i> utilised for a diving operation directly by Forth Ports must be members of the Association of Diving Contractors.
Dive Permit	Authorisation given by Forth & Tay Navigation Service or the Marine Asset Manager (Tilbury) for commercial diving operations directly contracted by Forth Ports to be undertaken.
Dive project	The term used for the overall diving job, whether it lasts a few minutes or many months, it can be made up of one or more individual diving operations.
Diving project plan	The <i>Diving project plan</i> identifies each diving operation which makes up the diving project and the nature and size of any diving operation. Any identified diving operation shall be arranged so that it can be supervised safely by one person.
Dive Supervisor	A qualified member of the dive team who is appointed to supervise the diving operation.
FTNS	Forth and Tay Navigation Service.

Authorisation given to Dive Contractors employed by an organisation other than Forth Ports

to undertake diving operations within Forth Ports' areas of responsibility.

Marine Department (Lockside) Tilbury	The department which co-ordinates vessel movements at the Port of Tilbury.
Time Critical	Diving requests outside of normal working hours where a timely response is required and
Circumstances	the Responsible Marine Person is unavailable.

4.0 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The *Dive contractor* shall ensure so far as reasonably practicable, that the diving project is planned, managed, and conducted in a manner which protects the health and safety of all persons involved.

The *Dive contractor* shall ensure that:

- suitable and sufficient risk assessments have been carried out with umbilical's used unless a reasonable reason is given;
- the place from which the diving is to be carried out is suitable and safe;
- a suitable Diving project plan is prepared;
- an appropriately experienced and qualified *Dive supervisor* is appointed in writing, outlining the extent of their control;
- a suitable number of sufficiently qualified persons to complete the dive project in a safe and efficient manner have been allocated in accordance with the appropriate approved code of practice;
- adequate arrangements exist for first aid, medical treatment, emergencies and contingencies;
- where appropriate a suitable mobilisation and familiarisation programme is completed by all members of the dive team.
- Any *Dive contractor* utilised for a diving operation directly by Forth Ports must be a full member of the Association of Diving Contractors.
- All incidents, near misses and decompression illnesses must be reported to the Forth Ports' authorising person for Forth Ports contracted dives.

The **Dive Supervisor** is responsible for ensuring the diving operation is carried out in accordance with the dive plan, without risk to health and safety of all those taking part and others who may be affected.

The *Dive supervisor* shall ensure that:

- the operation they are supervising complies with the requirements of the Approved Code of Practice for commercial diving projects inland / inshore: Diving at Work Regulations 1997;
- satisfy themselves so far as is reasonably practicable that the dive site, water and weather conditions are suitable and that familiarisation dives are undertaken;
- the risk assessment(s) is still current on the day and during the dive, with umbilical devices used;
- the competency, fitness, and certification of those they will be supervising is adequate;
- they are aware of their area and level of responsibility, and who is responsible for any other relevant areas;
- they conduct a pre-dive briefing on the contents of the dive project plan;
- they conduct a pre-use inspection of any plant to be used during the dive, and ensure all possible hazards have been evaluated and record the checks, the dive supervisor should segregate an area for the dive team to operate within;
- they obtain permission to start the dive (Dive Permit or Permission to Dive) and ensure all relevant parties are aware of the dive commencing;
- the diving operations records are maintained throughout the dive;
- The stand-by diver is dressed ready at all times;

• An email is sent to diving@forthports.co.uk (Scottish Operations) or diving@potll.com (Tilbury) once the dive is concluded to permanently withdraw the permit. The Dive Permit will be permanently withdrawn by the Assistant/Duty Harbour Master.

The *Contracting Company* is responsible for appointing a competent *Diving contractor* and ensuring their compliance with the Diving at Work Regulations 1997, associated Approved Codes of Practice, and the requirements of Forth Ports' diving procedure.

The Contracting Company and Authorising person shall, where relevant / appropriate:

- take reasonable steps to ensure that any diving contractor selected can comply with relevant diving regulations;
- make available to the *Dive contractor* any other relevant risk assessments undertaken by other persons that could affect the safety of the dive team;
- provide facilities and reasonable support in an emergency to the *Dive supervisor* or Diving Contractor as defined in the dive project plan;
- consider any underwater or above water items of plant that may pose a hazard to the dive team e.g., Locks, sluices, water intakes, vessel associated hazards etc. and advise the Diving Contractor of the identified plant (where the *Contracting Company* is not Forth Ports the Company should contact the relevant Marine Department);
- facilitate any relevant familiarisation programme required by the Dive contractor;
- ensure suitable control measures are in place, including a completed Forth Ports Dive Permit or Permission to Dive form;
- ensure contact is maintained between the *Dive supervisor* and the relevant Marine Department for information regarding any changes that may affect the dive operation i.e. vessel movements in the harbour or river.
- Ensure the emergency response plan provided is suitable. Cooperate with the diving contractor to ensure the requirements of the plan are met;
- Where Forth Ports are the *Contracting Company* the nominated employee as *Authorising person* is responsible for the dive project and overseeing the Diving Contractors compliance with the Dive project, Forth Ports company procedures, including completion and signing the *Appointment of Divers Form*.

Where Forth Ports appoints a Principal Contractor who then appoints a *Dive contractor* the above information will be provided under the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 (CDM) as part of the pre-construction information.

The Responsible Marine Person is responsible for accepting the Dive Permit or Permission to Dive for all commercial diving operations in Forth Ports' waters in their area of responsibility. They will ensure information required by the Dive Permit or Permission to Dive is received, including the requirement for any navigational exclusion zones required by the project and ensuring further identified hazards have been considered with control measures put in place (where necessary).

The Dive Permit or Permission to Dive will be forwarded onto appropriate parties as identified on the permit.

Assistant Harbour Master is responsible for approving navigational clearance for all diving operations within Forth Ports' waters excluding the Port of Tilbury. Other duties required include:

- ensuring any navigational safety exclusion zones required for the dive project are established and maintained.
- ensuring communications with the Dive supervisor are established and maintained; and,
- ensure the *Console Controller* is made aware of any planned diving operations within the Port of Leith and forwarded any relevant documentation.
- monitor the diving email inbox outside of standard working hours for diving requests. In *Time Critical Circumstances* out with working hours, the Assistant Harbour Master can act as the Responsible Marine Person.

The Console Controller within the Port of Leith is responsible for:

- reporting any navigational safety concerns within Leith Approach and Leith Locks to FTNS that could affect the dive project.
- monitoring flood water inside of the dock area and advise relevant parties if dive operations require suspension in order to reinstate equipment from an isolated state.

Duty Harbour Master (Tilbury) is responsible for accepting the *Dive Permit* or *Permission to Dive* for all commercial diving operations in the Port of Tilbury and ensuring information contained within the *Dive Permit* or *Permission to Dive* is implemented including:

- ensuring any navigational safety exclusion zones required for the dive project are established and maintained.
- ensuring communications with the *Dive supervisor* are established and maintained.
- the *Dive Permit* or *Permission to Dive* has been forwarded to any relevant parties.
- monitor the diving email inbox out with standard working hours for diving requests. In *Time Critical Circumstances* out with working hours, the Duty Harbour Master can act as the Responsible Marine Person

Appointment of Divers Form

- Appointment of Divers Form and copies of documentation identified in Part 2 sections 1 14 are to be saved locally by the Authorising Person as part of the project folder.
- The Appointment of Divers Form Part 1 & 2 with identification of necessary isolations must be completed prior to the commencement of any Forth Ports contracted diving operation by the Authorising Person and the Dive Supervisor.
- Appointment of Divers Forms should be archived for a period of at least 3 years by the Authorising Person.
- The Authorising Person should forward copies of the Appointment of Divers form to relevant parties identified to inform them of diving operations in the vicinity of their undertaking. This could be other Forth Ports departments, Contractors, Tenants, etc.
- The Authorising Person will complete a compliance check of the Diving Contractor. This is to be logged on the Appointment of Divers Form.

Dive Permit

- Dive Permit must be authorised by the Responsible Marine Person and the Assistant/Duty Harbour Master (Tilbury) and issued before any diving commences. The Permit No. will be assigned by the Assistant/Duty Harbour Master
- The Authorising Person must liaise with the diving supervisor to ensure all safety equipment and signage is in place. Dive is not to proceed if these conditions cannot be fulfilled.
- *Dive Permits* are to be submitted by the *Dive Supervisor* at least 2 working days before the commencement of the dive. *Time Critical Circumstances* may apply to reduce this window.
- The Dive Permit is to be permanently withdrawn upon notification from the Dive supervisor that the diving
 operation has been completed. The Dive supervisor must email diving@forthports.co.uk (Scottish Operations)
 or diving@potll.com (Tilbury)
- Dive Permits are to be archived for at least 3 years upon the permanent withdrawal by the Assistant/Duty Harbour Master. All permits are to be archived by the Assistant/Duty Harbour Master.
- *Dive Permits* should be forwarded to relevant interested parties to ensure they are aware of planned diving operations. A "Notice to Mariners" should be sent where relevant diving operations are to be undertaken.
- Dive Permits may be temporarily suspended or cancelled by the Responsible Marine Person or the Assistant/Duty Harbour Master due to non-compliance with permit conditions or lack of communication on agreed channels.

Permission to Dive (Flowchart 2)

For commercial diving operations undertaken in the areas identified within the Forth Ports statutory harbour areas, River Forth and River Tay that are not contracted by Forth Ports, a "Permission to Dive" must be submitted from the Diving Contractor's *Dive Supervisor* at least two working days before the intended commencement date. This must be submitted to diving@forthports.co.uk (Scotland) or diving@potll.com (Tilbury)

A Permission to Dive will be used to ensure navigational safety through implementation of exclusion zones and communication of known hazards which may pose risk to the diving contractor can be sufficiently controlled to reduce risk to as low as is reasonably practicable.

The Diving Contractor's *Dive Supervisor* must provide details and justification of the necessary exclusion zone within their "Permission to Dive". Permission must not be granted if the diving contractor fails to provide information required by the Permission to Dive.

Confirmation to cease the navigational exclusion zone once the diving operation is completed must be given from the *Dive Supervisor* via VHF/Recorded telephone and email to diving@forthports.co.uk or diving@potll.com. FTNS and Tilbury Control are responsible for ensuring navigational safety and implementation of exclusion zones

Submission of Documentation

The Dive Supervisor must submit the Permission to dive along with the:

- Dive Project Plan
- Employers Liability Insurance
- Dive Supervisor Letter of Appointment

The Responsible Marine Person and Assistant/Duty Harbour Master must review the Dive Project Plan to confirm the arrangements for primary and secondary access/egress and emergencies are compatible with planned activities, berthing arrangements and the current state of plant, equipment and facilities.

The Dive Project Plan should be scrutinised to confirm its relevance to the actual diving operation to be undertaken.

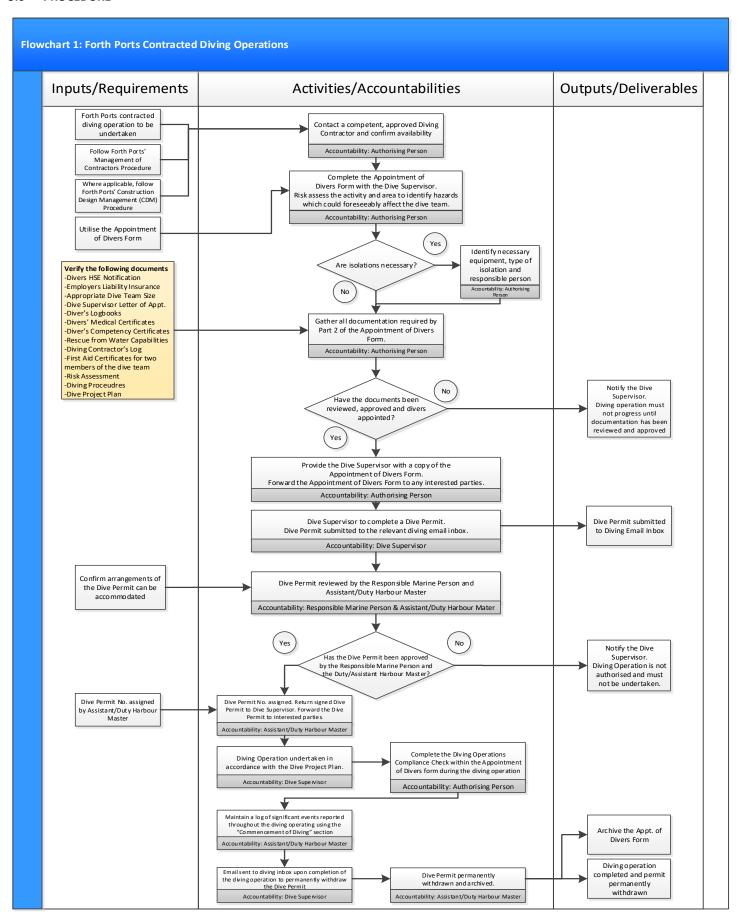
Additional Information

For any third-party dive operations being carried out in Locks or in the vicinity of sluices or water intakes the third-party contractor must obtain confirmation from the Forth Ports' Engineering department that relevant isolations are in place prior to a Permission to Dive being accepted.

Where there are water intakes within Port that are under the control and responsibility of organisations other than Forth Ports, confirmation that isolations are in place must be obtained prior to a *Dive Permit* or *Permission to Dive* being accepted.

There must be a suitable interface plan between the contracting organisation, diving contractor, Forth Ports and any other interested parties to ensure the requirements of the emergency response plan can be accommodated. (This can include provision and access to jetty's, berths, ensuring access gates are opened).

5.0 PROCEDURE



Flowchart 2: Permission to Dive (Non-Forth Ports Contracted Diving Operations) Outputs/Deliverables Inputs/Requirements Activities/Accountabilities Non-Forth Ports Retrieve Permission to Dive form from Forth Ports Marine Webpage. Commercial Diving Operation requested Accountability: Dive Supervisor Utilise Forth Ports' Permission to Dive form Commercial DivingCont. Military/Emg.Service Will the diving operation be undertaken by a Commercial Diving Contractor or Emergency Service/ Military Force? Confirm hazards and isolations through communication with interested parties.
Ensure requirements of the Dive Project Plan can be fulfilled. Complete Military Force/Emergency Service Diving Operation on the Permission to Dive form Accountability: Dive Supervisor Accountability: Dive Supervisor Complete the Permission to Dive form up to "For Official Use" Accountability: Dive Supervisor Submit the "Permission to Dive" to the relevant diving email inbox with supporting Permission to Dive form submitted documentation when necessary Accountability: Dive Supervisor Review the following documents -Dive Project Plan -Employers Indemnity Insurance -Dive Supervisor Letter of Appt. Permission to Dive form and diving documentation reviewed by the Responsible Marine Person and Asst./Duty Harbour Master -Necessary Isolations -Confirm Diving Information Pack Accountability: Responsible Marine Person & Assistant/Duty Harbour Master has been read and understood. No Permission to Dive Has the "Permission to Dive" Supervisor of outcome. Yes Permission to Dive approved by the Responsible Marine Person and Assistant/Duty Harbour Forward Permission to Dive to relevant parties. Return completed Permission to Dive form with an up-to date "Form Number" to the Dive Accountability: Assistant/Duty Harbour Master Diving Operation commences Notify FTNS/Tilbury Control via agreed communication channel Accountability: Dive Supervisor Maintain a log of significant events reported throughout the diving operating using the "Commencement of Diving" section Accountability: Assistant/Duty Harbour Master Email sent to diving inbox upon completion of the diving operation to permanently withdraw the "Permission to Dive" Accountability: Dive Supervisor "Permission to Dive" permanently withdrawn and archived. Permission to Dive perman ently withdrawn Accountability: Assistant/Duty Harbour Master

5.1 COMMENCEMENT / SUSPENSION / TERMINATION OF DIVING OPERATIONS:

- a. the *Dive supervisor* must obtain clearance from the *Responsible Marine Person* for the commencement of operations and navigational clearance from the Assistant Harbour Master, or Duty Harbour Master (Tilbury), via agreed communication channels stated on the *Dive Permit or Permission to Dive*.
- b. the Assistant Harbour Master, Console Controller and Duty Harbour Master (Tilbury) Person will ensure the Diving Operations notice is on display in the Console Control Office/FTNS/Marine Department Control Room during diving operations.
- c. Divers must display Flag Alpha at all times during the diving operation even if diving from the quayside.
- d. further calls must be made using agreed method of communications when divers are in and out of the water throughout the diving operation, these must be logged by the Assistant/Duty Harbour Master.
- e. if the diving operation is scheduled to cross over several days the *Dive supervisor* must inform the Assistant Harbour Master or Duty Harbour Master (Tilbury), via recorded telephone or VHF that the diving operations are suspended at the end of each day and again resumed the next day in the same manner unless a new *Dive Permit* or *Permission to Dive* will be requested; and,
- f. on completion of the Diving Operation the *Dive supervisor* must confirm via telephone/VHF and email that diving operations have been completed and the *Dive Permit/Permission to Dive* will be permanently withdrawn. The Assistant Harbour Master or Duty Harbour Master (Tilbury) will sign the permit as complete once notification is given via email to complete the permanent withdrawal.

Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus (SCUBA) Diving Operations

Commercial SCUBA diving operations are not authorised within Forth Ports Scottish Operations or the Port of Tilbury under any circumstances.

Armed Forces & Emergency Services

Operations in which members of the British Armed Forces or a visiting force are engaged in warfare or are training for warfare are exempt from the above.

SCUBA exemptions also apply to members of the Emergency Services required to dive within Forth Ports' premises or in the River Forth or River Tay.

Armed Forces and Emergency Services are still required to comply with the requirements Diving Operations procedure and Permission to Dive. There must be a suitable exchange of information between the Service/Force and Forth Ports to ensure that risk can be controlled to as low as is reasonably practicable.

Emergency Services and Armed Forces are unlikely to have a dive project plan for each dive, due to this, they must fill out "Military Force/Emergency Service Diving Operation" within the Permission to Dive form. This will authorise the diving operation to be undertaken without the necessary documents requested from commercial diving contractors.

The Responsible Marine Person holds the right to approve or deny any diving operation requested by an Armed Force when they are not engaged in or training for warfare.

6.0 INFORMATION, INSTRUCTION, TRAINING & SUPERVISION

Formal training by a competent subject matter expert should be provided to those who have a responsibility for appointing / approving / overseeing or are involved in diving operations. The training should make clear to all parties involved what their responsibilities are in relation to the diving at work regulations and how diving projects should be managed.

The formal training should include a session on the company standard with examples of completed forms.

7.0 RECORDS

All completed *Appointment of Divers Forms, Dive Permits* and *Permission to Dives* shall be retained for a period of 3 years. It is recommended to archive any copies of documentation sent by Dive Supervisors for at least 3 years.

8.0 REVIEW

This procedure must be reviewed following any organisational or technological change by the Health and Safety department.

9.0 AUDIT

Each department will be subject to audit against this standard during both external and internal procedural audits.

10.0 FORM

Appointment of Divers Form & Dive Permit (HSOP08F9#04)

Permission to Dive Form (HSOP08F10#01)

11.0 REFERENCES

The Health and Safety At work Act 1974.

The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999.

The Diving at Work Regulations 1997.

Commercial diving projects inland / inshore: Diving at work Regulations 1997. Approved Code of Practice. http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/priced/l104.pdf

Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1992. http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/priced/l22.pdf
Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992. http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/priced/l25.pdf
Health and Safety First Aid Regulations 1981. http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/priced/l25.pdf
Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002. http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/priced/l5.pdf
The Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations 2009
Pressure Systems Safety Regulations 2000. http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2009/1348/contents/made
Electricity at Work Regulations 1989.

Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005.

Managing Contractors: A Guide for Employers HSG 159. http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/priced/hsg159.pdf HSE Guidance on Permit to Work Systems in the Petroleum Industry, The Safe isolation of Plant and Equipment.

HSE list of approved diving qualifications, http://www.hse.gov.uk/diving/qualifications/ BS EN ISO 9001.

ISO: 45001:2018

11.0 GUIDANCE

Responsibilities of Parties involved in Diving Projects Guidance, HSOP08G10#03

Planning and Monitoring Diving Operations Advice, HSOP08G11#01 Underwater Hazard Map HS/S17/G04 Forth Ports Diving Standard Guidance

12.0 EQUIPMENT

N/A

Document No.	Revision No.	Revision Date	Owner	Approver
HS/S18/G01	4	17/11/2025	Rhys Jeffrey	Kevin Douglas

Underwater Hazard Map

Known underwater hazards and their approximate locations are identified on each Port/Area map. Knowledge of these hazards should assist you to undertake a suitable and sufficient risk assessment and develop an appropriate diving methodology. Please be aware that this list is not exhaustive and new hazards may develop over time. If you discover any underwater hazard during the planning or execution of a commercial diving operation, please notify the local Responsible Marine Person to allow the respective map to be updated.

For any non-Forth Ports contracted diving operation undertaken in the vicinity of sluices, water intakes or inside of a lock, confirmation must be given by Forth Ports' Engineering department that relevant isolations are in place prior to a Permission to Dive being accepted.

