

Diving Procedure (Falmouth)

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1. REVISION AND APPROVAL

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2	05/10/2022	New Template	Tim Sykes

2. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

AP(F)7026 - PMSC FM 026 Diving Permit Application

3. SCOPE

This Procedure outlines the requirements to be completed before diving operations can be carried out by any contractor.

4. PROCEDURE

Raising the Permit Ref (PMSC FM026)

Prior to any diving operation in the harbour area, the Project Manager, Vessel’s Master or contractor is to complete as far as practicable the Diving Permit, with as much detail as possible.

The completed permit along with associated method statements and risk assessments are to be delivered to the Marine Operations Department. The permit must be completed as below

- Section A - To be completed by the Diving Supervisor.
- Section B - The DMOM and the Diving Supervisor are to sign this section. This confirms that all relevant risk assessments and method statements are held or referenced to allow safe diving operations to take place, at the location and time stated on the Permit to dive. All parties must be informed of any planned movements or operations that may present a risk to diving operations.

Cancellation of Diving Permits

Where other vessel movements or operations could conflict with the safety of diving, this should be discussed between all parties and the DMOM should liaise with the dive supervisor and take precautions to ensure the safety of divers.

Should diving operations need to be suspended due to vessels movements a new permit is to be raised for the re-commencement of diving operations.

The diving supervisor is to inform the DMOM prior to, upon completion of operations and/or if they have been cancelled. The Permit should then be signed off by the DMOM.

Terms and Conditions

If permission to dive is granted a diving permit will be issued. Such permit is granted subject to the below terms and conditions, diving can be dangerous and the issuing of a dive permit does not imply or warrant that diving anywhere within the limits of the port is safe. The Harbour Authority accepts no liability whatsoever in respect of diving and reminds dive contractor and divers to comply with their Responsibilities to assess the risks and conduct all diving operations in accordance with appropriate procedures and at all times safely.

The following must be adhered to:

1. Dive supervisor must establish contact with DMOM via VHF channel 11 callsign (Spindrift) or phone +44 (0) 1326 214 666 prior to and on completion of operations.
2. The Vessel being dived on must display Flag 'A' and monitor Port Radio channel 11 during all diving operations. Should the dive platform be a dive vessel, they also should display Flag 'A'
3. Diving Permits will have a maximum validity of 24hrs or 2359 that day, whichever comes first, then the permit becomes self-cancelling.
4. All diving operations within FDEC's harbour area are undertaken under the Diving at Work 1997 legislation including all amendments.
5. Notwithstanding anything in these terms and conditions, any person diving in the Harbour Area shall immediately comply with any directions given by the Duty Marine Operations Manager.
6. Falmouth Docks and Engineering Companies harbour area is purely a commercial Harbour and has no recreational Dive areas.
7. Breaching this procedure, may result in the permit being withdrawn and may result in criminal proceedings.
8. A copy of this Diving Permit (If granted) should be held by the Marine Ops Department and the vessel being dived on or owner of structure should keep a copy on vessel's bridge or control room.

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