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Falmouth Docks and Engineering **Dangerous Vessels Policy**

Dangerous Vessels act 1985

Under section 1 of this act, the Marine Operations Manager can direct a vessel to leave the port, or remain outside, if in their opinion, the vessel or its contents might in any way pose a threat to the safety of persons or property. Specifically if its presence in the harbour area might involve;

- Grave and immediate danger to safety of any vessel or property, or,
- Grave and immediate risk that the vessel may, by sinking and foundering, prevent or seriously prejudice use of the port by other vessels

By Virtue of Section 6 of the Dangerous Vessels Act, directions under section 1 cannot be given in relation to;

- Any vessel belonging to Her majesty or employed in the service of the crown for any purpose including such vessels in possession of a salvor, or,
- Any vessel which is a pleasure boat of 24m or less LOA

The Secretary of state or his representative (SoSRep) can override the Marine Operations Manager's ruling on the Vessel and requires it to enter the port or move as he so instructs. The procedure for handling a vessel so described under this act is laid out in the Procedure for Receiving a Casualty Vessel.

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