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Dear All,

## Maritime Safety Week 2023

I am delighted to announce that **Maritime Safety Week (MSW) 2023** will take place from **3 – 7 July** and am writing to ask you for your assistance to build on the successes of previous years.

Your active engagement in and the promotion of MSW 2023 is critical to our ambition of ensuring safety remains the first consideration in what is one of the most difficult and challenging environments to operate. By sharing best practice and driving improvement we can all make a genuine difference.

Our key objectives for 2023 are to:

- recognise the excellent safety work that happens across the sector;
- focus on the key themes of coastal awareness, fishing safety and the benefits of the use of partnerships;
- facilitate the sharing of knowledge, experience and best practice; and
- capitalise on the momentum produced by previous MSWs to ensure safety messages reach the widest possible audience.

I look forward to discussing maritime safety issues as we continue to reaffirm our shared commitment to safety in what is such a diverse sector.

I urge you to seize the opportunity provided by MSW to highlight the brilliant work that you all do, whatever your role, to keep those using our seas and waterways safe.

MSW can also provide a context for the important conversations which develop our knowledge of risks and hazards, provide learning from accidents to prevent reoccurrence and enhance shared understanding to secure a safer future for everyone from professional mariners to those taking their first trip to our amazing coast.

However, there is always more that can be done to explain the inherent dangers and keep people out of harm's way. Everyone can make a genuine difference in their individual roles but it is only through partnership working that we can develop the framework which will support a step change in safety performance and ensure preventable accidents, and their tragic consequences, are eliminated.

Social media provides an excellent and accessible platform to promote key safety messages. Please make use of our MSW logo (attached) and the hashtags **#maritimesafetyweek** and **#maritimesafetymatters** before, throughout and beyond the week itself.

I am looking forward to hearing your plans for MSW 2023 and please let us know what you will be doing via [maritimesafety@dft.gov.uk](mailto:maritimesafety@dft.gov.uk) to ensure we can capture everything that is happening and increase our collective impact.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in making MSW a great success.

Yours,  
Charlotte

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