

# Port of Liverpool Navigation Aids

## Consultation on the Effectiveness of the Formby Safe Water Mark

The Mersey Docks and Harbour Company (MDHC) has conducted a consultation into the effectiveness of the Formby Safe Water Mark. Notice of the consultation was sent to Port Users on the 24th April 2008.

I received sixteen replies with the following results to the two questions posed.

1. Is the Formby Safe Water Mark more a hindrance than a help to your type of vessels with regard to safety of navigation?

*Only four responders thought that Formby Safe Water Mark (two ferry companies with PEC holders, a sailing club and a simulator provider) was a hindrance with twelve responders strongly supporting its retention in its present position.*

2. If it is more of a help then do we need to retain it in its present form (40 foot Boat Beacon) or would a smaller buoy with a high intensity light be an improvement?

*Of those that found it a help seven responders thought it could be changed to a High Focal Plane Buoy with a similar light and five responders preferred it to remain in its present form as a Boat Beacon with one responder preferring to change Crosby Safe Water Mark to use that Boat Beacon at Formby.*

Your responses will be taken into account when a long term decision is made on the continuation of the Boat Beacons, until that time Formby 40' Boat Beacon will be returned to station fully refurbished.

### Harbour Master

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