

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee	River Hamble Harbour Management Committee
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Title:	Marine Director and Harbour Master's Report and Current Issues
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1. Recommendations

1.1. It is recommended that the River Hamble Harbour Board:

- a) Endorses the independent Inspection by the Designated Person of the Marine Safety Management System, at paragraph 4 and agrees to write a signed statement of compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code to the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.
- b) Notes paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5.

2. Summary

2.1. This report combines the reports of the Harbour Master and Marine Director, summarises the incidents and events in the harbour and covers any issues currently under consideration by the Marine Director.

3. Patrols

3.1. The harbour has been patrolled by the Duty Harbour Master at various times between 0700 and 2230 daily.

4. Incidents and Events

4.1. The reporting period has seen the following trends:

- a. Further occurrences of commercial bait-digging, at a level consistent with that experienced at this time of the year.
- b. A number of propulsion failure-related incidents, not inconsistent with those experienced in previous years.
- c. A number of incidents involving fouled propellers, caused by inexperience or misjudgement when picking up or leaving moorings. This number is small and also similar to that experienced in previous years.

d. For situational awareness, figure 1 illustrates the ratio of patrol attendance for both 2016 and 2017.

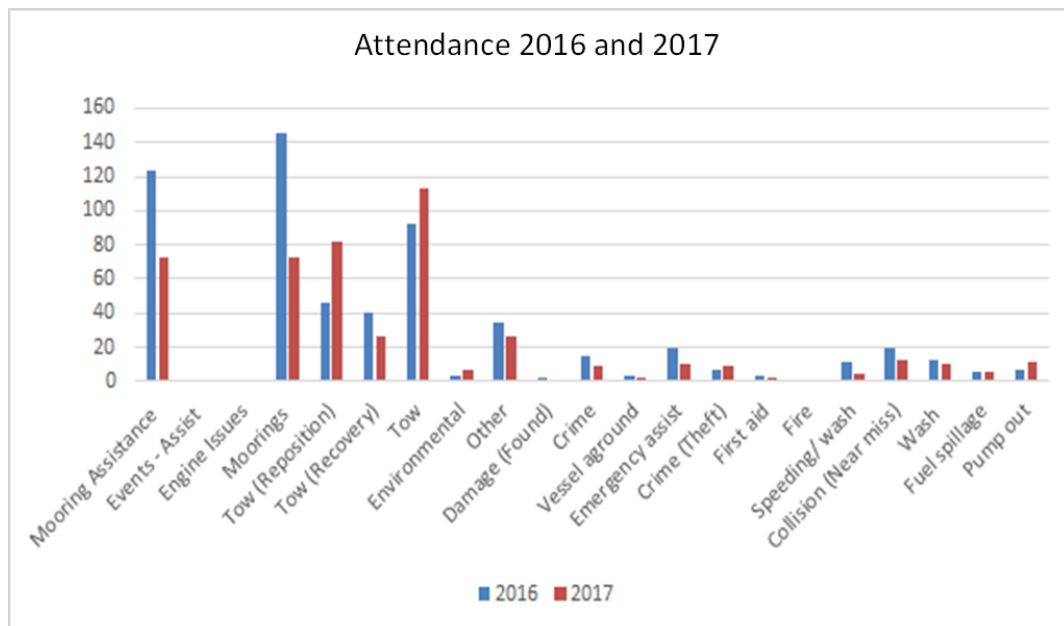


Figure 1 – Patrol attendance figures

- 4.2. 05 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Routine inspection of Aids to Navigation.
- 4.3. 06 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Continued routine inspection of Aids to Navigation and liaison with Light service provider.
- 4.4. 07 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Freed a yacht with fouled mooring lines. Support to a visiting yacht rally.
- 4.5. 08 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Moved an incorrectly moored yacht to the midstream Visitors' Pontoon. Further checks (correct) on changed light (No 9 Pile).
- 4.6. 09 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Monitoring of bait digging in the vicinity of Badnam Creek.
- 4.7. 10 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Routine liaison with a Boatyard. Tide Gauge maintenance. Routine patrol and moorings checks.
- 4.8. 11 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Continued Tide Gauge maintenance. Monitoring of bait digging near Salterns Boatyard, Swanwick Hard and near the Chinese Bridge
- 4.9. 12 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Further monitoring of bait digging in Badnam Creek. Support to a Southampton Solent University PhD Study on sound transmission.
- 4.10. 13 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Monitoring of bait digging in Warsash area.
- 4.11. 14 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Towed a yacht with a propulsion defect from the mouth of the River to Hamble Point Marina.

- 4.12. 15 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Routine Patrol boat maintenance.
- 4.13. 16 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Refit of bilge pump in HYDRA.
- 4.14. 17 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Assistance provided to a fishing vessel broken down in the mouth of the River. Towed to Warsash for defect rectification. Support to a River User whose vessel had fouled her mooring chains. Report of collision damage on the 'G' Run between a vessel underway and a moored craft. No witnesses. Logged. Routine liaison with Southern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority. Movement of vessels to meet the requirements of the routine Crown Estate Pile Replacement Programme.
- 4.15. 18 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol gave assistance to a tender caught in a strong ebb. Quarterly Operational and Safety Meeting. Record of decisions and actions incorporated into the Marine Safety Management System. Monitoring of further bait digging at Badnam Creek. Movement of vessels to meet the requirements of the routine Crown Estate Pile Replacement Programme.
- 4.16. 19 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Movement of vessels to meet the requirements of the routine Crown Estate Pile Replacement Programme.
- 4.17. 20 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Preparation for forecast poor weather over the weekend (Storm Brian).
- 4.18. 21 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Rendered assistance to a number of yachts with unfurled sails in high winds. Re-secured compromised fendering on a number of berths.
- 4.19. 22 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Assisted a vessel with a propulsion defect alongside the scrubbing piles at Warsash. High winds persisting in the aftermath of Storm Brian.
- 4.20. 23 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Movement of vessels to meet the Crown Estate pile maintenance programme requirements.
- 4.21. 24 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Commercial boat operator coding. Assistance to a River user in the recovery of submerged equipment. Routine liaison with Crown Estate Mooring Contractor regarding the ongoing pile maintenance programme. Movement of vessels to meet the programme requirements. Attended a mooring reported as having a failed riser. Vessel secured. Photographs taken and passed to the appropriate contractor for defect rectification. On passing, patrol noticed a yacht with an open cockpit hatch. Reported the same to the yacht owner and re-secured the hatch.
- 4.22. 25 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Movement of vessels to meet the Crown Estate pile maintenance programme requirements. Bailing out of tenders alongside at Warsash.
- 4.23. 26 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Re-secured a loose boom on a midstream-moored yacht. Assisted a yacht with a fouled propellor at her mooring. Routine check of patrol boats' First Aid equipment..
- 4.24. 27 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Attended a yacht with no obviously fitted pile lines. Reported to owner for rectification. Monitored commercial bait digging at Warsash. Routine liaison with Hampshire Police.

- 4.25. 28 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Walk ashore at River Hamble Country Park for litter collection on the foreshore. Attended a non-paying yacht on the midstream Visitors' pontoon.
- 4.26. 29 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol took a number of calls from River Users regarding a speeding motorboat between Swanwick and Mercury Bend. Patrol attended the scene and witnessed the craft at speed. On pursuit, craft quickly recovered by owners at Swanwick Slipway and departed, towed by a vehicle at speed. Event reported to Hampshire Police and subject to ongoing joint investigation.
- 4.27. 30 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol attended a yacht aground on Hook Spit on a falling tide. Yacht (chartered) freed and returned to charter company for damage assessment.
- 4.28. 31 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol assisted a yacht onto the Warsash scrubbing piles. Further movement of vessels to meet the Crown Estate pile maintenance programme requirements
- 4.29. 01 Nov. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Routine liaison with Crown Estate Mooring Contractor. Movement of vessels to meet the programme requirements. Patrol moved a tender from Warsash to Hamble at the request of her owner.
- 4.30. 02 Nov. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Reduced visibility owing to fog during the forenoon. Advice given afloat to River Users regarding fog routine in the River.
- 4.31. 03 Nov. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Further investigation with the Police into the speeding incident of 29 Oct. Follow-up on two non-paying visiting yachts.
- 4.32. 04 Nov. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Routine liaison a River Boatyard.
- 4.33. 05 Nov. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Escorted a yacht with defective motor propulsion to a mid River marina. Patrol supported the routine Wetland Birds Survey. Supported visit of 'Princess Caroline'.
- 4.34. 06 Nov. Routine patrol and moorings checks.
- 4.35. 07 Nov. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Movement of vessels to meet Crown Estate pile replacement programme requirements.
- 4.36. 08 Nov. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Liaison with a sailing club regarding a half-submerged pontoon.
- 4.37. 09 Nov. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Routine liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor. Work on the 'A' Run complete. Return of vessels to their proper moorings. Liaison as necessary with owners.
- 4.38. 10 Nov. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Routine Marina liaison visit. Preparation for a rally.
- 4.39. 11 Nov. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Litter collection ashore at the River Hamble Country Park jetty.
- 4.40. 12 Nov. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Assisted a yacht with motor propulsion failure.

- 4.41. 13 Nov. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Check of River Hamble Country Park jetty.
- 4.42. 14 Nov. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Monitored bait digging at Badnam Creek.
- 4.43. 15 Nov. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Received complaint from a downwind yachtsman of smoke from a motor craft starting her engines. Routine inspection of Aids to Navigation.
- 4.44. 16 Nov. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Routine maintenance work on RHHA RIB HYDRA.
- 4.45. 17 Nov. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Replaced upper fixed Green light on Fishermens' Jetty
- 4.46. 18 Nov. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Supported Sharks Canoe Race between the River Hamble Country Park and the RAFYC. Patrol to the Horse and Jockey. Nothing significant to report.
- 4.47. 19 Nov. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with Hamble Life Boat regarding a report of a speeding motorboat – not traced. Routine survey of Aids to Navigation. Yellow top mark seen to be missing from Saltern's Boatyard. Green top mark at Pink Ferry Hard rusty. Both reported for corrective action. Assisted a small yacht in recovering to a trailer at Warsash Hard.
- 4.48. 20 Nov. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Yellow top mark (4.47) replaced. Refurbished fendering at HM Jetty Warsash. Monitoring of bait digging at Badnam Creek.
- 4.49. 21 Nov. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Continued refurbishment of fendering at the HM Jetty Warsash. Routine liaison with a River Boatyard.
- 4.50. 22 Nov. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks in strong winds. Hosted Blue Marine Oyster Project meeting.
- 4.51. 23 Nov. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Conducted annual Oil Spill Table Top exercise. Environment Officer to Botley and Curbridge by River. Re-secured three craft at their moorings. Owners informed.
- 4.52. 24 Nov. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Commercial tow of a vessel from a Boatyard the HM Jetty at Warsash.
- 4.53. 25 Nov. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Towed a yacht from her proper mooring to the midstream Visitors' Pontoon to accommodate maintenance work.
- 4.54. 26 Nov. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Patrol pumped out the bilges of a small motorboat at Warsash Jetty. Returned a yacht to her proper mooring following completion of planned maintenance work. Investigated a high-pitched alarm from yacht on the 'I' Run. Cause of alarm was low battery voltage. Reported to owner. Recovered an inundated tender at Warsash slip. Owner informed. Monthly routine checks of First Aid kits.
- 4.55. 27 Nov. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Re-secured loose headsail on a moored yacht. Owner informed.

- 4.56. 28 Nov. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Re-secured loose sail on a mid-stream moored yacht. Removed and disposed of a dead fox in the River at Warsash.
- 4.57. 29 Nov. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Routine liaison with the Crown Estate contractor regarding forthcoming pile replacement works.
- 4.58. 30 Nov. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with a boat yard to assist a launch with a fouled propellor. Patrol rendered assistance to a yacht (bilge pumping).
- 4.59. 01 Dec. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor.
- 4.60. 02 Dec. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Support to the Solent Wetlands' group bird survey.
- 4.61. 03 Dec. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks.
- 4.62. 04 Dec. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Patrol towed a motor boat with propulsion failure to Stone Pier Yard for defect investigation.
- 4.63. 05 Dec. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Patrol replaced fenders on a mid-stream moored yacht. Patrol conducted a commercial tow of a yacht from her mooring on the 'J' run to Stone Pier Yard for maintenance.
- 4.64. 06 Dec. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Routine boatyard liaison. Patrol responded to a report of a dead swan within the River near Botley. Unable to attend owing to the state of the tide.

5. Marine Safety Management System

- 5.1. The Marine Safety Management System (MSMS) was inspected independently by the Harbour Board's Designated Person on 30 November. The audit allowed the Designated Person to assure the Duty Holder that the MSMS, for which they are collectively and individually responsible, continues to operate effectively.
- 5.2. The outcome of the inspection and its conclusions will allow the Duty Holder to write a signed statement to the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, the Regulator, to certify the Harbour Authority's continued compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code. This certification will last until 31 March 2021, in line with instruction set out in the Regulator's Marine Information Note 556(M) of September 2017.
- 5.3. The audit is at Appendix 1.

6. Future Development Plans

- 6.1. Initial consultations have revealed that improvements to existing public slipways are sought by a number of River Users. Scoping work on options for Hamble, Swanwick and Bursledon will take place during the early part of 2018.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Strategic Plan**

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

A full Equalities Impact Assessment for the River Hamble Harbour Authority's compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code (including environmental responsibilities) has been carried out and this report does not raise any issues not previously covered by that Assessment.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. This report does not deal with any issues relating to crime and disorder.

3. Climate Change:

- 3.1. How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption? The contents of this report have no impact on carbon footprint or energy consumption
- 3.2. How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts? Not applicable to this report.