

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee	River Hamble Harbour Board
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1. Recommendations

- 1.1. It is recommended that the River Hamble Harbour Board notes the contents of this report.

2. Summary

- 2.1. This report 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. No graph is presented on this occasion as any difference from the figure previously presented is too minor to be noticeable:
 - a. An increasing number of incidents involving running out of fuel.
 - b. A continuation in the number of incidents of petty theft, across the River but most notably in the Warsash area.
 - c. Increased liaison with UK Border Force, reflecting the vulnerability of the Hamble as a disembarkation point for illegal immigration.
 - d. Continuation, from last year, of anti-social behaviour at a number of locations within the River.
- 4.2. 03 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Photographed debris sitting below Mean High Water Springs in a boatyard for follow-up action. Planned maintenance on a patrol vessel. Assisted a new sub-let moorer into his new berth.
- 4.3. 04 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Recovered a tender adrift off Warsash. Owner traced and informed. Owner reported the

theft of his fuel. Hailed a motor launch witnessed speeding until No 9 Pile and gave him a Harbour Master's direction to proceed alongside at Warsash for warning.

- 4.4. 05 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Responded to a radio call from a tender which had run out of fuel in the Main Channel at Warsash. Towed alongside Warsash Jetty. Commercial tow of three yachts.
- 4.5. 06 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor regarding the ongoing pile maintenance programme. Routine Patrol Boat maintenance.
- 4.6. 07 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Rendered assistance to a RIB owner unable to start his engine. Routine liaison with the Crown Estate contractor on the ongoing pile maintenance programme. Responded to a report of a pontoon fouled by a trapped ring. Unable to free the pontoon until the next low water.
- 4.7. 08 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Pontoon at 4.6 freed. Liaison between the Crown Estate contractor and a sailing club regarding the movement of yachts as part of the Crown Estate's pile maintenance programme.
- 4.8. 09 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Routine liaison with Southampton Patrol launch afloat. Liaison with mooring holders over readiness of their moorings following the Crown Estate pile maintenance programme. Returned two yachts to their proper moorings.
- 4.9. 10 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Maintenance work at the River Hamble Country Park Jetty.
- 4.10. 11 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Rendered assistance to a mooring holder asking for his boat to be checked. Returned two yachts back to their proper moorings following the replacement of their piles. Routine patrol boat maintenance.
- 4.11. 12 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Embarked Crown Estate Agents and Contractors for a survey of the piles replaced. Pumped out a yacht with a flooded cabin. Monitored and owner informed. Routine liaison with a marina.
- 4.12. 13 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit. Checked vessel pumped out at 4.11. No further ingress of water. Liaison with commercial user of Hamble Jetty regarding the Summer plan for dealing with anti social behaviour at Hamble Jetty.
- 4.13. 14 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with a sailing club. Re-checked vessel at 4.11 for further flooding. No ingress. Vessel programmed for lift-out. Assisted a rowing boat in a strong ebb at Swanwick. Owner not local. Responded to a call from a member of the public regarding a speeding RIB in the upper Hamble. Not located.
- 4.14. 15 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Checked a snagged mooring on the 'F' run. Commercial check of a mid-stream moored yacht at the request of its owner.

- 4.15. 16 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Re-launch of CROWN following completion of planned maintenance. Towed three yachts from the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon to their proper moorings as part of the Crown Estate pile maintenance programme.
- 4.16. 17 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Patrol towed a vessel broken down in the Main Channel off Warsash to the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon for defect rectification. Escorted the vessel subsequently to her proper berth under her own power. Assisted a yacht pinned against a sailing club walkway. Patrol gave a warning to a tender speeding at Swanwick. Commercial tow of a yacht to a yard for lift-out.
- 4.17. 18 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with the Crown Estate contractor. Quarterly Operational and Safety Meeting.
- 4.18. 19 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Jet wash of mid-stream Visitors' pontoon. Patrol towed a motor boat with engine failure from the mouth of the River to Swanwick. At 1730 responded to call from a kayaking company based in a marina regarding a kayak, overdue by an hour and a half. HM Coast Guard and the Police informed. Kayaker's mobile telephone called to no avail. HMCG tasked 2 Lifeboats for a search of the adjacent Solent. Kayak reported to have arrived at the marina at 1930. Patrol responded to a report of swimming and anti-social behaviour at Hamble Jetty. Dispersed.
- 4.19. 20 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Commercial tow of a yacht from a boatyard to its proper mooring. Patrol responded to a further report of anti-social behaviour at Hamble Jetty (swimming, jumping from the gantry and litter). Dispersed.
- 4.20. 21 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Routine liaison with Warsash fishermen. Responded to a call from a River User trapped on his mooring.
- 4.21. 22 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Patrol witnessed a collision in a marina between a berthing yacht and a berthed catamaran. The yacht had failed to take account of a strong ebb flow which swept it downstream onto the bowsprit of a catamaran. The owner then made contact with other craft while attempting to free himself. There were no injuries. Owners of yachts informed by the Marina.
- 4.22. 23 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. General mooring advice given to mooring holders afloat. Nothing significant to report.
- 4.23. 24 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Planned patrol boat maintenance. Making up of mooring lines.
- 4.24. 25 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Removed a yacht from her mooring for persistent failure to pay Harbour Dues.
- 4.25. 26 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Routine liaison with Crown Estate mooring contractors. Discussion on next pile maintenance schedule. Supported BBC Countryfile team, visiting the River to film the Blue Marine Foundation and Portsmouth University's Solent Oyster Restoration Project.

- 4.26. 27 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Attended the Hamble Jetty to fix no-swimming posters. Routine liaison with a number of Boatyards.
- 4.27. 28 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Light diesel fuel spillage witnessed near a marina – no obvious source. Broken up with propeller wash. Internal audit of Aids to Navigation. Responded to a VHF call from a yacht with propulsion failure adrift near the Warsash Navigational School Jetty. Towed to the Harbour Master's Jetty at Warsash. Subsequent liaison with UK Border Force.
- 4.28. 29 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Routine liaison with Hamble Life Boat. Liaison with HMCG and UK Border Force regarding yacht at 4.27.
- 4.29. 30 Apr. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Assisted a yacht onto her mid-stream berth. Routine Marina visit. Liaison with UK Border Force. Engagement with mid-stream mooring holders regarding the Crown Estate pile maintenance programme.
- 4.30. 01 May. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Re-secured yacht with a failed pile line. Reported to owner. Witnessed a long-keeled yacht run aground on Hamble Spit on a falling tide because of a navigational error in a strong onshore wind. Yacht had settled and was seen to be stable on arrival. Yacht re-floated on the next tide at 2300.
- 4.31. 02 May. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Routine exchange of No. 4 Beacon Navigational Light.
- 4.32. 03 May. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Routine patrol boat maintenance.
- 4.33. 04 May. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Responded to a call from a yacht with propulsion failure which had run aground in the vicinity of Mercury Marina. Yacht towed back to her proper mooring for defect rectification.
- 4.34. 05 May. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Responded while underway to a report from a passing yacht that two kayaks were navigating without due caution in the Main Channel. Kayaks witnessed to be part of a larger group which was advised to keep clear of the Main Channel. Towed a motor boat with propulsion failure (caused by a lack of fuel) to the nearest fuelling berth at Port Hamble. Towed two yachts from their proper moorings to the midstream Visitors' Pontoon on behalf of the Crown Estate.
- 4.35. 06 May. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Patrol towed a tender, adrift off Hamble jetty, which had run out of fuel to Port Hamble Fuel Jetty. Patrol gave first aid to a River User with a fishing hook embedded in his foot. Responded to a member of the public regarding anti-social swimming at Hamble Jetty. Swimmers dispersed on arrival.
- 4.36. 07 May. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. River very busy with a variety of users. Patrol to River Hamble Country Park to assess crabbing level and overall jetty use. Accompanied a motor boat with an intermittent control failure to her proper berth at a marina. Monitoring of Harbour Master's Jetty CCTV to observe two youths climbing around the locked gate from an unauthorised tender to embark in a local fishing boat. Youths dispersed. Tender 'stropped' pending further investigation.

4.37. 08 May. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Patrol responded to a number of calls from River Users and members of the public regarding a speeding motor boat causing excessive wash among kayakers and paddle boarders in the Upper Hamble. Patrol attended and found a boat matching the general description travelling South West, on the plane, at an estimated 20 knots. Vessel intercepted under Blue Light and skipper warned officially in writing of conduct. Patrol towed a further motorboat which had run out of fuel to the Warsash slipway for recovery. Patrol removed an unidentified tender from the Fishermans' Jetty at Warsash to the Harbour Master's jetty for retention pending return of its owner.

5. Swanwick Tender Storage

- 5.1. The Harbour Authority has no control over activity ashore above Mean High Water Springs, including the area used now for the storage of tenders. This note is aimed at providing context for the application for Harbour Works' Consent for the refurbishment of the sea wall at Swanwick Car Park, which is being considered as a separate item at this meeting. The development has attracted considerable interest and mixture of objection, support and comment from River Users. As part of a campaign to improve the offering for free tender stowage around the River, the Harbour Authority has engaged with River Users and the developer to ensure that the tender storage area is considered in any development work at that location. Car parking, traffic control and amenities such as bench seating and waste bins are not within the remit of the Harbour Authority and are not within the scope of this particular note. Related comments have been forwarded to the applicant's agent for consideration in its applications for permission to those authorities with these matters within their remits.
- 5.2. The existing area used as a Boat Park for some years has been subject to considerable tidying and organisation by an independent group of local volunteers over the course of the past eighteen months. The Harbour Authority and Fareham Borough Council have both assisted in the identification of usable and used, as well as disused tenders. In the case of the latter, this has led to some being disposed of. This has had the effect of improving the site considerably as a facility for the stowage of boats, although the result remains sub-optimal.
- 5.3. In a meeting with the developer in October, and conscious of River Users' declared need to improve the tender stowage offer around the River, the Harbour Authority established a willingness on the part of the former to retain the existing boat park area and improve it in a manner consistent with users' wishes. This positive action was welcomed, all the more so when the developer has agreed to fund it. The Harbour Authority has so far responded to 16 notes, the overall consensus of which is:
- That there has been a degree of nervousness about the potential for a loss of available tender moorings, in part driven by an indicative plan;
 - That charges for the use of those moorings might be raised by the developer;
 - That no Harbour Authority control over the site is deemed necessary and that the status quo in terms of organisation and maintenance would be desirable;

- That a 'soft' eg gravel-type covering to the area would be preferable;
- Posts should be positioned at intervals sufficiently close together around the perimeter to prevent cars being parked on the area given over to boats; these posts would ideally provide secure points for chain arrangements to which tenders might be locked as now. The posts would allow sufficient space for tenders of appropriate size to be manoeuvred between them.

5.4. Liaising with the Harbour Authority, the developer remains as keen as ever to listen to River Users' needs for the boat park area and is willing to fund reasonable improvements to the site in the event that consensus can be met. The Harbour Authority continues to help in developing that consensus.

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.)

DocumentLocation

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.