

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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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to record formally RHHA patrol operations and inform the Duty Holder of significant events and trends having a bearing on the Marine Safety Management System.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee supports the contents of this report to the Harbour Board.

Executive Summary

3. This report summarises the incidents and events which have taken place in the Harbour and addresses any issues currently under consideration by the Harbour Master.

Contextual Information

Patrols

4. The Harbour has been patrolled by the Duty Harbour Master at various times between 0700 and 2230 daily. Mooring and pontoon checks have been conducted daily throughout the period.

Issues

6. **RHHA Safety Bulletin 2/22** – Analysis of Summer trends has led to the issue of the Harbour Master's second safety bulletin of 2022, sent to all River Users. The bulletin is at Appendix 1. All responses to date have been favourable and endorsed the observations made.

Appendix 1 To Marine

Director Report

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Incidents and Events

- 7.01. 08 Oct. Support to Bird Aware bird count. Assistance given to a mooring holder reporting attempted theft of a tender.
- 7.02. 09 Oct. Survey of channels towards Botley and Curbridge and potential tree obstructions to navigation. Moved on a visiting yacht from a private Crown Estate mooring.
- 7.03. 10 Oct. Re-furled a loose and flogging jib on a mid-stream moored yacht. Liaison with owner. Recovered two large branches from the Main Channel South of Swanwick to Warsash for disposal. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor.
- 7.04. 11 Oct. Pre-emptive tree cutting opposite the Bark Store to maintain main channel access.
- 7.05. 12 Oct. Three-yearly Oil Spill Response exercise attended by the Regulator (the MCA) and the Environment Agency.
- 7.06. 13 Oct. Liaison with a mid-stream mooring holder to recover mooring items from a pontoon. Assistance given to a commercial yacht following a minor berthing incident. Maintenance of the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon.
- 7.07. 14 Oct. Engineering survey of Warsash Bridge supporting piles. Further pontoon board maintenance of the midstream Visitors' Pontoon. Assistance given to two visiting yachts. Routine liaison with UK Border Force.
- 7.08. 15 Oct. Support to a visiting yacht with propulsion failure. Assistance given to a local business reporting a requirement for the RHHA defibrillator. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit regarding a vessel of interest.
- 7.09. 16 Oct. Liaison with a mid-stream mooring holder reporting damage sustained (but not reported at the time of collision) to his vessel. Assistance given to a yacht having difficulty picking up her mooring. Stopped and warned verbally a small motor vessel off Hamble for excessive speed and wash – compliant.
- 7.10. 17 Oct. Nothing significant to report.
- 7.11. 18 Oct. Pumped out inundated tender at Warsash. Boatyard and Marina liaison.
- 7.12. 19 Oct. Liaison with Warsash Maritime College regarding a missing marker buoy. Tree removal work in the Upper River.

- 7.13. 20 Oct. Replacement decking work on the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon. Liaison with Hamble Lifeboat.
- 7.14. 21 Oct. High winds. Replacement of fenders on vessels on the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon. Refurled flogging sails on two yachts off Crableck.
- 7.15. 22 Oct. Defibrillator battery change. Liaison with Hampshire Ambulance to recover and treat a casualty with a head injury incurred while sailing in the Solent.
- 7.16. 23 Oct. Liaison with UK Border Force, Hampshire Police and Lymington Harbour regarding a vessel and person of interest. Stood by a large yacht with propulsion failure entering the River.
- 7.17. 24 Oct. Responded to a call from a member of the public reporting a parted line on a mid-stream moored yacht. Yacht re-secured and owner contacted. Further liaison with Hampshire Police and UK Border Force regarding the vessel of interest at 7.16. Survey of Upper River channels for obstructions.
- 7.18. 25 Oct. Preparations for 'Wetwheels' Hallowe'en event. Advice given to a training yacht making use of a private mid-stream mooring.
- 7.19. 26 Oct. Search in the Upper River for a large branch reported by a member of the public – not located. Liaison with Solent Coastguard and Calshot Lifeboat to recover a small yacht to Warsash for defect rectification. Support to a mooring holder reporting the theft of an outboard motor. Ref-furled a flogging sail on a yacht off Crableck. Liaison with owner.
- 7.20. 27 Oct. Liaison with the owner of a mid-stream mooring holder regarding a missing pile line. Delivery of stores to a mid-stream moored vessel.
- 7.21. 28 Oct. Recovered a large branch from the Main Channel off Crableck to Warsash for disposal.
- 7.22. 29 Oct. Moved on two small fishing vessels fishing off Crableck contrary to Byelaw 7. Assistance given to a motor cruiser with propulsion failure off Crableck.
- 7.23. 30 Oct. Liaison with a yacht owner and Hampshire Police to report an incident of attempted theft from the vessel overnight while the owner was on board. Incident found to be one of several attempts of theft in the vicinity that evening. Assistance given to a mid-stream moored yacht having lost her pile line.
- 7.24. 31 Oct. Further liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit over theft attempt at 7.23. Towed a yacht from Warsash to her proper mooring.
- 7.25. 01 Nov. Re-furled a flogging headsail on a yacht moored off Hamble. Owner informed. Re-secured lines on a number of mid-stream moored yacht. Preparations for the arrival of Sea Cadets' vessel. Liaison with UK Border Force regarding a vessel of interest.

- 7.26. 02 Nov. Re-furled a loose headsail on a Crown Estate moored yacht. Owner informed. Re-secured a loose boom on a mid-stream moored yacht. Liaison with a Yacht Club to inform owner.
- 7.27. 03 Nov. Re-furled a loose headsail on a Crown Estate moored yacht. Owner informed. Recovered a yacht seating cushion adrift in the Main Channel off Crableck. Recovered a loose pontoon float from the Main Channel off Bursledon. Re-secured sail covers on two mid-stream moored yachts near the mouth of the River. Routine liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit.
- 7.28. 04 Nov. Re-secured loose mooring lines on two mid-stream moored yachts.
- 7.29. 05 Nov. Commercial tow of a yacht to a boatyard for lift out. Secured cockpit cover on a mid-stream moored motor vessel. Re-secured flogging headsail on a mid-stream moored yacht.
- 7.30. 06 Nov. Towing assistance given to a yacht aground on Hamble Spit. Yacht pulled clear and towed to her marina berth for examination. Stood by a returning yacht with propulsion failure and assisted her onto her proper mooring.
- 7.31. 07 Nov. Routine patrol craft maintenance. Re-secured a loose headsail on two mid-stream moored yachts.
- 7.32. 08 Nov. Preparation for the visit of Sea Cadets' vessel. Replaced numerous fenders and re-furled 3 headsails on mid-stream moored yachts. Re-secured at parted mooring line on a mid-stream moored yacht. Tide gauge cleaning.
- 7.33. 09 Nov. Mooring inspection tasking.
- 7.34. 10 Nov. Recovered a mooring buoy and loose tackle from the Main Channel in the mouth of the River. Buoy believed to have originated from the Solent.
- 7.35. 11 Nov. Responded to a call from a River User of a vessel alarm sounding off Crableck. On attendance, no alarm heard but observed a yacht with her main hatch open. Hatch secured and owner contacted.
- 7.36. 12 Nov. Mooring standards inspection on a yacht previously seen to have no pile lines – correct. Yacht tow from her proper mooring to the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon in preparation for a Marina's dredging programme. Stopped and warned verbally the skipper of a small tender for excessive speed and wash – compliant.
- 7.37. 13 Nov. Further attendance off Crableck following a report of an alarm. Alarm heard and owner contacted. Bailed out several inundated tenders at Warsash following heavy rain. Witnessed a parted mooring line on a mid-stream moored yacht. Liaison with managing agent.
- 7.38. 14 Nov. Pumped out inundated tenders at Warsash. Moorings survey on behalf of the Moorings Officer.

- 7.39. 15 Nov. Emergency planning logging and First Aid training. Furlled a loose headsail on a mid-stream moored yacht. Owner informed.
- 7.40. 16 Nov. Moorings check after strong winds. Warsash HM jetty maintenance. Boat coding work.
- 7.41. 17 Nov. Pile line check. Light traffic.
- 7.42. 18 Nov. Maintenance of Aids to Navigation. Assistance given to a small motor vessel aground on Hook Spit.
- 7.43. 19 Nov. Recovered and returned a loose Club mooring buoy.
- 7.44. 20 Nov. Light traffic.
- 7.45. 21 Nov. Pre-dredge liaison with a marina. Assistance given to two sailors stranded on a mid-stream pontoon. Pumped out an inundated tender at Warsash.
- 7.46. 22 Nov. CCTV maintenance work. HM attendance at Southampton Port User Group meeting. Support to Sea Cadets' visit.
- 7.47. 23 Nov. Visit of CCBS Director. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit regarding a person of concern.
- 7.48. 24 Nov. Recovered a wooden railway sleeper from the Main Channel.
- 7.49. 25 Nov. Deployed to investigate a smell of oil in the mouth of the River. A thin slick of oil, believed to be crude oil found between Hook Spit and Warsash discovered. Investigation with Southampton HM revealed 5-50 litres of light crude oil accidentally discharged from a tanker alongside at 0430hrs on an ebb tide. Reported volume, prevailing ebb and NW winds at time of spillage had not suggested risk to the Hamble. Evidence reported to Southampton HM, UK Coastguard, the Regulator (MCA), EA and NE for further investigation on reported volume and of other factors. HCC Emergency Planning Team informed as a matter of routine. Spillage commenced exit on ebb tide at 1118. Monitored.
- 7.50. 26 Nov. Patrol craft maintenance. Monitoring for any oil residue – very light sheen in some areas witnessed, dispersing.
- 7.51. 27 Nov. Pump-out of a mid-stream moored yacht at the owner's request. Monitoring for evidence of residual oil from 7.49. Light and localised sheens witnessed, dispersing.

**REQUIRED CORPORATE AND 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

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

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 by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

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

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

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

An EIA is not required as no negative impacts are anticipated.