

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

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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 Board supports the contents of this report.

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. **Anti-Social Behaviour** – Inclement weather has seen a relative down-turn in occurrences of anti-social behaviour. Joint work with the Police has proved successful in the identification of 23 perpetrators, all of whom have been subject to follow-up home visits.

7. **New Harbour Authority Website** – The RHHA website went ‘live’ on 7 September. The website has been modernised, the intent being to make essential information easier to find and provide real-time weather and tidal information. Further additions, including a video ‘fly-through’ of the River and a section on History will be added over the coming months. The Harbour Authority would welcome any feedback on the new site.

Appendix 1 To Marine
Director Report

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Incidents and Events

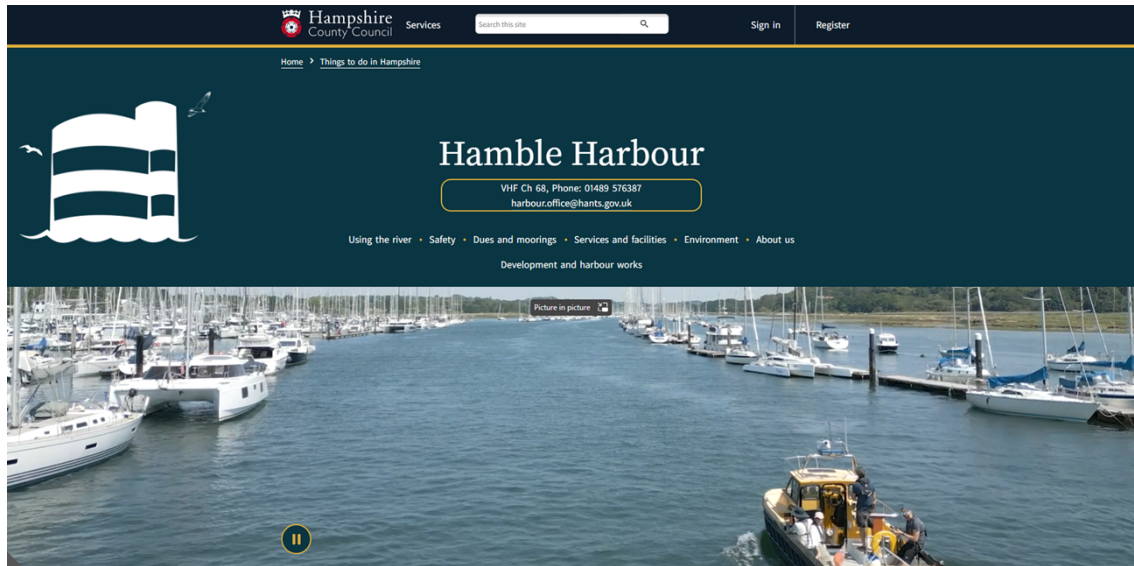
- 8.01 08 Jul. Preparations for a visiting rally. Attended the A27 Bridge to disperse jumping. Speed and wash enforcement off Warsash. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse swimmers. Liaison with Hamble Life Boat.
- 8.02 09 Jul. Pink Ferry broken into and set adrift in the small hours. Liaison with a boat owner who had stopped the Ferry to recover to Hamble. Liaison with HM Coastguard and Hampshire Police. Assistance given to a yacht with steering failure in Southampton Water. Vessel recovered to her berth.
- 8.03 10 Jul. Preparations for a rally. Towed a small yacht with engine failure to her berth. Tow given to a second yacht with engine failure from the mouth of the River to Hamble Jetty.
- 8.04 11 Jul. Boat coding work. Tow of a yacht with engine failure from the mouth of the River to her mid-stream mooring. Responded to a call from a member of the public reporting a tender being cast adrift by youths at Hamble Jetty.
- 8.05 12 Jul. Assistance given to a visiting yacht rally. Attempted recovery of a tender from Warsash Beach. Tender recovered at next High Water. Liaison with a River user reporting the theft of a tender. Light audit.
- 8.06 13 Jul. Recovered two tenders set adrift by youths from Hamble Jetty. Liaison with owners and Hampshire Police. Assistance given to the skipper of a yacht involved in a minor berthing collision. Responded to a call from a member of the public reporting youths setting tenders adrift from Hamble Jetty. Liaison with Hampshire Police.
- 8.07 14 Jul. Moorings check in strong winds. Light traffic.
- 8.08 15 Jul. Strong winds. Light traffic. Replaced fenders on moored yachts. Liaison with mooring holders affected.
- 8.09 16 Jul. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor regarding requirement to repair mooring defects resulting from strong winds. Movement of vessels affected. Assistance given to a small motor launch which had run over a mooring line. Liaison with a mooring holder reporting a hit-and-run collision.
- 8.10 17 Jul. Liaison with mooring holders affected by mooring maintenance works. Liaison with Hamble Life Boat.

- 8.11 18 Jul. Tow of a motor vessel with engine failure from the mouth of the River to Warsash Jetty. Advice given to inbound motor vessels about excessive wash off Warsash.
- 8.12 19 Jul. Assistance given to an outbound motor vessel with engine failure. Store tidy. Liaison with a Hamble tender owner regarding damage to his tender caused by youths.
- 8.13 20 Jul. Liaison with HM Coast Guard to locate a vessel with a transmitting locator beacon within a marina.
- 8.14 21 Jul. Liaison with a member of the public reporting the theft of his tender. This tender had been one recovered by Patrol earlier in the week. Returned to owner. Enforcement of diving regulations. Commercial tow of a small yacht from a yard to her mooring. Routine liaison with Hampshire Police regarding the management of anti-social behaviour.
- 8.15 22 Jul. Commercial tow of a small yacht. Line adjustment on two mid-stream moored yachts. Liaison with owners.
- 8.16 23 Jul. Liaison with Hamble Life Boat. Slowed a speeding RIB in the mouth of the River.
- 8.17 24 Jul. Assistance given to a RIB with engine failure. Routine liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit. Liaison with the owner of a yacht incorrectly moored on a private mooring.
- 8.18 25 Jul. Commercial making-up of mooring lines for a mid-stream mooring holder.
- 8.19 26 Jul. Light traffic.
- 8.20 27 Jul. Commercial making-up of mooring lines for a mid-stream mooring holder. First Aid kit maintenance.
- 8.21 28 Jul. Liaison with a yacht owner regarding a hit-and-run collision resulting in damage to his vessel. Movement of two vessels to accommodate repair works to pile irons.
- 8.22 29 Jul. Liaison with a private mooring contractor to report dragging of two moorings.
- 8.23 30 Jul. Assistance given to the owners of two small motor vessels recovering at Warsash.
- 8.24 31 Jul. Liaison with a mooring holder affected by essential pile repair works.
- 8.25 01 Aug. Liaison with a mid-stream mooring holder reporting the recovery of a beached tender. Tender had been locked but the lock had been cropped. Liaison with Hampshire Police.
- 8.26 02 Aug. Local outage of 440V supply to Warsash Pontoon. Supply repair work. Moorings checks on behalf of two mid-stream mooring holders. Liaison with the owner of a visiting yacht at Hamble reporting

- anti-social behaviour. Commercial tow of a small yacht to her new mooring.
- 8.27 03 Aug. Commercial tow of a small yacht to her proper mooring. Movement of a small vessel moored on the 'hatched' area at Hamble Jetty. Routine replacement of No2 Mark white light.
- 8.28 04 Aug. Recovered a small RIB aground on Hook Spit near No 3 Mark. Recovered a small dry bag from a mid-stream pontoon.
- 8.29 05 Aug. Refurbishment of Grace Dieu protected wreck marker.
- 8.30 06 Aug. Liaison with displaced mooring holders to arrange return to moorings following repair works.
- 8.31 07 Aug. Reconnection of 440V supply to Warsash Jetty. Light traffic.
- 8.32 08 Aug. Tow of a visiting vessel with engine failure to Warsash Jetty for defect rectification. Recovered a log from the Main Channel in the upper river. Light audit.
- 8.33 09 Aug. Replacement of vandalised signage at Hamble jetty with new steel safety signage. Advice given to a training yacht using a private mooring for berthing practice.
- 8.34 10 Aug. Repair of damage to Warsash slipway caused by jetski wash during craft trailer recovery. Recovery of a broken safety marker at Warsash slipway. Assistance given to a broken-down tender off Warsash. Assistance given to a yacht with a fouled propellor.
- 8.35 11 Aug. Liaison with Hampshire Police at Hamble Jetty regarding anti-social behaviour. Criminal damage – sinking of tenders.
- 8.36 12 Aug. New safety signage prepared for fitting at Hamble Jetty. Liaison with Hamble Lifeboat. Further liaison with Hampshire Police regarding management of anti-social behaviour at Hamble Jetty. 9 young people identified using body-worn camera footage for follow-up police and Eastleigh Borough Council action
- 8.37 13 Aug. Responded to calls from members of the public reporting youths on moored yachts at Bursledon. On arrival, youths had dispersed.
- 8.38 14 Aug. Light traffic.
- 8.39 15 Aug. Liaison with Southampton HM to recover a small motor vessel stolen from the River. Liaison with a mid-stream mooring holder regarding a missing pile line.
- 8.40 16 Aug. Liaison with the Environment Agency regarding a discharge of effluent from a Southern Water outfall near Manor Farm. Environment Agency on site to investigate. Attended Hamble Jetty with Hampshire Police to disperse swimmers. Attended Lands End following a report from a member of the public of young people climbing on moored vessels. Attempted to disperse but non-compliant. Body-worn camera footage taken to pass to Hampshire Police.

- 8.41 17 Aug. Training assistance to Hampshire Marine Police Unit. Liaison with a mooring holder following pile repair works. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse swimmers. Eventually compliant. Slowed and warned a resident RIB for excessive speed and wash off Warsash.
- 8.42 18 Aug. Fitting of improved safety signage at River Hamble Country Park Jetty. Liaison with the owner of a vessel on JM Jetty Warsash. Engine left running.
- 8.43 19 Aug. Liaison with Hamble Lifeboat. Inspection of a small yacht at owner's request following report of collision. Pump-out of inundated RIB at Warsash.
- 8.44 20 Aug. Slowed and warned a number of inbound vessels at the end of the weekend. Assistance given to Hamble Lifeboat in recovery of a yacht with a fouled propellor. Enforcement of anchoring regulations off Crableck.
- 8.45 21 Aug. New safety signage placed at Swanwick Slipway. Attended Lands End Slipway following report of theft of tender by 5 youths. Liaison with Hampshire Police.
- 8.46 22 Aug. Hydrographic (depth) survey of Main Channel South of Warsash. Preparations for Bursledon Regatta and Hamble Classics Regatta.
- 8.47 23 Aug. Regatta preparations. Dispersal of 6 swimmers at Hamble Jetty am. Returned pm to disperse a larger group of swimmers. Tow given to a small motor vessel to return to Botley Mill on ebb tide. Attended Lands End moorings to disperse aggressive swimmers on privately moored vessels. Body-worn camera evidence taken for Hampshire Police. Stopped and warned for speeding a jetski off Hamble.
- 8.48 24 Aug. Regatta berthing preparations. Report taken of the theft of a tender from a mid-stream moored vessel. Assistance to Hampshire Marine Police Unit regarding a vessel of interest. Liaison with HM Coastguard and Hamble lifeboat to trace a marine alert within a marina.
- 8.49 25 Aug. Jetty inspection at RHCP. Support to vessels arriving for Regattas. Assistance given to a small tender off Lands End. Support to HM Coastguard to locate a vessel of interest. Further liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit regarding vessel of interest at 7.48.
- 8.50 26 Aug. Support to Regatta events and traffic throughout the day. Clearance of Regatta fireworks exclusion zone.
- 8.51 27 Aug. Return of vessels to their proper moorings following Regatta fireworks. Stood by a racing powerboat reporting propulsion failure. Recovered a small motor vessel adrift in the Main Channel off Hamble. Vessel Identified. Liaison with owner.

- 8.52 28 Aug. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor. Investigation into a collision reported by a member of the public.
- 8.53 29 Aug. Re-secured a mid-stream moored yacht with a failed bow line. Liaison with owner. Replaced vandalised signage at RHCP Jetty.
- 8.54 30 Aug. Recovered an abandoned tender from Hook. Liaison with a River User over paddlecraft safety advice.
- 8.55 31 Aug. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit regarding a vessel of interest. Visit to paddleboard hire company to check on safety briefings given. Quality of briefings high.
- 8.56. 01 Sep. Stopped and warned the skipper of a small RIB for excessive speed and wash off Crableck.
- 8.57 02 Sep. Towed a small broken-down motor vessel to HMJ Warsash for defect rectification. Flagged down by the skipper of a small motor vessel. Crew member had a cut foot. First Aid administered.
- 8.58 03 Sep. Assisted a small yacht with propulsion failure onto her Club mooring. Responded to a call from a member of the public reporting a group of young people climbing on boats at Lands End. On arrival they had dispersed.
- 8.59 04 Sep. Pile replacement programme inspection.
- 8.60 05 Sep. Specific moorings check on behalf of the Moorings Officer. Liaison with mooring holders. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit. Dispersal of swimmers at Hamble Jetty. Returned to Hamble Jetty to clear youths from the moored Pink Ferry.
- 8.61 06 Sep. Stopped and warned vessels in the mouth of the River for excessive speed and wash. Dispersal of swimmers from Hamble Jetty. Returned to Hamble Jetty pm to disperse another group of swimmers.
- 8.62 07 Sep. Responded to a call from the owner of a yacht moored off Lands End, reporting youths on moored yachts. Advised to call 999 for crime in progress reported. Patrol also called 999. Youths dispersed. Attempted to disperse youths jumping from the A27 Bridge. Non-compliant – Body worn camera footage taken to pass to the Police. Launch of revised Harbour Authority website.



- 8.63 08 Sep. Responded to a call from a member of the public reporting cattle 'stuck' in mud opposite RHCP Jetty. On attendance, cattle safe and drinking only. Hosted local fishermen's meeting with the Southern Inshore Fisheries' Conservation Authority. Routine meeting with Hampshire Marine Police Unit. Two persons subject to Community Resolution Orders following anti-social behaviour at Lands End. Further Body Worn Camera footage recorded of individuals boarding moored vessels off Lands End. Passed to the Police for action.
- 8.64 09 Sep. Recovered a drifting buoy. Contact made with owner for return. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse swimmers. Not compliant. Body Worn Camera footage taken. Passed to the Police. Police called but unable to attend on this occasion.
- 8.65 10 Sep. Advice given to swimmers in the Main Channel off Swanwick. Compliant. Stopped and warned the driver of a RIB off the Chinese Bridge for excessive speed and wash.
- 8.66 11 Sep. Liaison with the owner of a mid-stream moored yacht regarding non-compliant mooring lines. Liaison with a landowner in the Upper River near Botley to arrange for removal of a large fallen tree blocking the River and survey adjacent trees.

**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.