

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee:	River Hamble Harbour Board
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Title:	Marine Director and Harbour Master's Report and Current Issues (to include routine Review of Vision and Strategic Plan)
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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 by the River Hamble Management Committee 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 1900 daily. Mooring and pontoon checks have been conducted daily throughout the period.

Issues

5. **Three-yearly Review of Strategic Vision and Plan.** This routine review is underway, led by the Chairman of the Harbour Board and involving the Chair of the Management Committee. Members are aware that these high-level documents sit at the top of our hierarchy of plans and cascade down to our Business Plan which we review annually. They are public documents, available on the Harbour Authority's website. At our last review, there was general agreement that the papers were unlikely to require great change – consensus is that that remains true. They have been and continue to be very useful reference documents for Officers acting on the Authority's behalf.

Annex A to Marine Director and Harbour Master's Report

- 6.01 05 Oct. Liaison with a mooring holder reporting collision damage incurred. Interview with witness. Assistance given to a mooring holder in fitting new pile lines. Berthing assistance given to a visiting rally.
- 6.02 06 Oct. Investigated a report of a piled pontooned mooring with a failed chain -located – temporarily re-secured and liaison with mooring holder to achieve permanent repair. Returned two yachts from the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon to their proper mooring following pile iron replacement work.
- 6.03 07 Oct. Support to the Solent Oyster Restoration Project (sampling). Liaison with a mooring holder and the Crown Estate Mooring Contractor regarding non-compliant pile lines. Life-jacket maintenance. Light Audit.
- 6.04 08 Oct. Visit of HRH The Princess Royal to Warsash Sailing Club on its re-opening. Strong winds and some rain – very light traffic.
- 6.05 09 Oct. Light traffic. Tidy of yard at Warsash following inclement weather.
- 6.06 10 Oct. Maintenance of mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon.
- 6.07 11 Oct. Recovered a plastic refuse bin from Hook Spit. Maintenance of Port Hand Marker at Hamble Slipway.
- 6.08 12 Oct. Liaison with a mooring holder reporting collision damage to his vessel. Recovered a mooring picking-up buoy from the foreshore at Swanwick.
- 6.09 13 Oct. Removed old pile lines from a mid-stream mooring. Pumped out inundated tenders at Warsash.
- 6.10 14 Oct. Pump-out assistance given to a mooring holder.
- 6.11 15 Oct. Loose boom secured on a mid-stream moored yacht. Liaison with owner. Commercial make-up of lines for a mid-stream mooring holder.
- 6.12 16 Oct. Targeted moorings check following completion of pile iron replacement works.
- 6.13 17 Oct. Removed and recovered a large branch from under a pontoon in the Upper River to Warsash. Targeted compliance checks. Removal of a yacht to the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon and liaison with her owner – Missing shackle bolt. Stopped and warned the skipper of a resident RIB for excessive wash off Crableck.
- 6.14 18 Oct. Patrol craft maintenance. Patrol to Botley Arm to remove overhanging branches. Boat coding work.
- 6.15 19 Oct. Pump-out of inundated yacht ahead of bad weather and check of drains. Joint attendance with emergency services (ambulance, Coastguard

mud rescue team, Hampshire Fire Brigade in response to a report of two elderly members of the public self-reporting entrapment by high tide near the Chinese Bridge. Recovered to Hamble. Check of mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon in advance of forecast strong winds.

- 6.16 20 Oct. Strong winds. Refurled loose jib on a midstream moored yacht. Replacement of fenders as necessary. Collection and re-positioning of slipway signs displaced in strong winds.
- 6.17 21 Oct. Tree-cutting in Upper River on longer HW stand.
- 6.18 22 Oct. Routine liaison with HM Border Force.
- 6.19 23 Oct. Replacement of failed Pile Line on a mid-stream moored yacht. Liaison with owner.
- 6.20 24 Oct. Commercial tow of a yacht from a marina berth to her proper mooring.
- 6.21 25 Oct. Inspection of Hamble Jetty – replacement of items broken over Summer during Anti-social behaviour episodes and also emptying of salt bins of rubbish. Pump out of inundated tenders at Hamble Jetty. Slipway clearance work at Warsash.
- 6.22 26 Oct. Assistance given to visiting vessels at Warsash.
- 6.23 27 Oct. Preparations made for visiting large vessel. Patrol craft berth maintenance (replacement of fendering).
- 6.24 28 Oct. Liaison with Wetwheels in support of Hallowe'en event.
- 6.25 29 Oct. Liaison with HMCG regarding support to a vessel with propulsion failure outside the River.
- 6.26 30 Oct. Light traffic – Liaison with Hampshire Police regarding an aggressive male threatening vandalism at Warsash.
- 6.27 31 Oct. Yard clearance work at Warsash.
- 6.28 01 Nov. Support to Sea Cadets' visit. Assistance given to a small motor boat, foul on a mooring picking up line. Liaison with SIFCA regarding bait digging.
- 6.29 02 Nov. Liaison with Hampshire Police to report a pedestrian on the M27 Bridge.
- 6.30 03 Nov. Broke up a light sheen of diesel in the Upper River (no obvious source) with jet wash.
- 6.31 04 Nov. Recovery of Wetwheels Hallowe'en decorations. Jetty maintenance at Warsash.

- 6.32 05 Nov. Light diesel sheen broken up South of Swanwick. Unable to locate source.
- 6.33 06 Nov. Maintenance of Aids to Navigation. Jetty maintenance at Warsash. Light audit.
- 6.34 07 Nov. Assistance given to a motor vessel in coming alongside at Warsash. Further clearance of low branches on the Botley arm. Recovered a large branch from the Main Channel in the Upper River.
- 6.35 08 Nov. Liaison with Wetwheels. Recovery of a trailer, abandoned at Warsash. Removal of a non-paying vessel to the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon.
- 6.36 09 Nov. Liaison with the Crown Estate Mooring Contractor. Preparations for local fireworks display. Liaison with Hamble Lifeboat.
- 6.37 10 Nov. Recovered a large piece of timber from the Main Channel off Land's End. Punt float repair work, Warsash.
- 6.38 11 Nov. Bridge panel painting, Warsash. Liaison with the Crown Estate Mooring Contractor.
- 6.39 12 Nov. Routine liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit.
- 6.40 13 Nov. Bridge panel painting, Warsash. Located and dispersed a light sheen of diesel North of Hamble. No obvious source.
- 6.41 14 Nov. Refurbishment of 'facilities box' at Warsash Bridge. Light traffic.
- 6.42 15 Nov. Recovery of an unattended tender from Hamble to Warsash. Recovery of a small, abandoned motor vessel from the Upper River to Warsash. Re-secured a loose pile line on a mid-stream moored yacht. Response to a report from a member of the public of a diesel spillage at Lands End. Not located and not located. Clean of Tidal Gauge at Crableck.
- 6.43 16 Nov. Light traffic. Further cleaning of tidal gauges.
- 6.44 17 Nov. Assisted a mid-stream mooring holder in freeing a trapped pile line. Light traffic.
- 6.45 18 Nov. Targeted moorings check on behalf of the Moorings Officer.
- 6.46 19 Nov. Recovered a very large section of tree from the A27 Bridge to Warsash for disposal.
- 6.47 20 Nov. Responded to a call from a member of the public reporting a person in the water off Hamble. On arrival, a passing RIB had already recovered the casualty to Hamble. Casualty was cold but lived nearby and well enough to return home unaided. He had slipped and fallen from his tender.
- 6.48 21 Nov. Maintenance – HM Jetty Warsash. Light traffic.

- 6.49 22 Nov. Light traffic. Preparations for Storm BERT.
- 6.50 23 Nov. Storm BERT arrival. Maximum wind speed recorded 61 knots (gust). Very light traffic. Mooring and vessel observation and checks am and pm. Re-secured loose sheets and sails on two midstream moored yachts. Replaced several loose fenders.
- 6.51 24 Nov. Continuation of strong winds. Reduction in gusts to around 40 knots. Check of vessels on midstream Visitors' Pontoon and re-furling of flogging headsail on a midstream moored yacht. Liaison with owner – sail torn. Advice given to two individuals not wearing life-jackets while in a tender.

**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:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- b) 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;
- c) 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.