

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Report

<b>Committee</b>	River Hamble Harbour Management Committee
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### 1. Recommendations

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

### 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 trend:

- 4.1.1. A marked increase in anti-social behaviour at Hamble, resolved by Police action and the onset of cooler weather.

- 4.1.2. This Summer's fine weather meant that this became a daily event, involving large groups of as many as 60 young people (aged 9-teens), some of whom engaged in routine public intimidation, threats of as well as actual violence, trespass, criminal damage and breaking of a Hamble Parish Council (HPC) Bye Law. These are criminal and public order matters. Nevertheless, this activity also affected the businesses and visitors using Hamble Jetty, the Hamble Lifeboat and local Sailing Clubs. RHHA officers attended routinely and enjoyed some success in dispersing groups. Disappointingly, a more aggressive and persistent element remained, intimidating the public, damaging boats, subjecting the Pink Ferry to graffiti, threatening and assaulting their staff, and committing damage to safety services including Hamble Lifeboat.

- 4.1.3. Criminal activity is Police business. Swimming in the vicinity of the Quay is contrary to a HPC Bye Law. Enforcement of the relevant powers is

important to reassure the public. The RHHA and others represented this to the Police, who responded. This formed part of our effort to reassess the risk under the port Marine Safety Code and add additional control measures to ensure that our marine risks are maintained to levels that are as low as reasonably practicable.

- 4.1.4. The Police implemented three Dispersal Orders, covering all anti-social behaviour in the area. These gave Police and Police Community Support Officers the power to disperse those involved and prevent them returning within 48 hours.
- 4.1.5. Separately, the HM and DHM met with the Hedge End Sergeant and officers at Hamble Jetty on various occasions to act on offenders. Our body-worn cameras and the evidential regime put in place ensured that regular offenders could be targeted. Our social media posts updating the River community received widespread support and sharing. This went some way to reassuring River Users that this behaviour will not be allowed to continue.
- 4.1.6. We were mindful that anti-social behaviour and malicious hoax calling was taking place in regard to other areas of the River and did not allow this trend to distract us from our wider responsibility for Marine Safety within the Hamble. A Notice To River Users was also issued for the benefit of those navigating in the vicinity.
- 4.2. 9 Jul. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Liaison with a mid-stream mooring holder regarding theft at a mooring. Alongside Hamble Jetty to disperse successfully a group of swimmers. Attendance at a Marina Fuel berth to investigate spillage of diesel. A small quantity of diesel had spilled into the River when a tank was overfilled. The majority had been retained by bunding action and spray subsequently broken up by propellor wash. Renewal of fuelling risk assessments initiated.
- 4.3. 10 Jul. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Routine Patrol Boat maintenance. Clean tide gauges. Attended Hamble Jetty at various times throughout the day to disperse swimmers.
- 4.4 11 Jul. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Routine liaison visit to Fairthorne Manor. Patrol responded to a call from visiting pleasure craft reporting a yacht aground off Brooklands Quay. Chartered yacht had grounded on soft mud and re-floated with the assistance of a RIB. Skipper navigational error – for review at next Quarterly Operational and Safety Meeting (QOSM). Patrol responded along with Calshot Lifeboat (via HMCG) to an incident off a sailing club. A yacht, returning alongside her proper mooring after racing had suffered a berthing incident while approaching her pontooned berth. The crew had fallen from the boat while trying to step onto the pontoon and fallen onto the pontoon and then into the water, suffering suspected fractures in the process. Emergency services attended and victim recovered to Southampton General Hospital for treatment. Investigation conducted with Cdre of the Sailing Club in question. Subject to review at the next QOSM. Routine inspection of the Marine Safety Management System by the Designated Person.
- 4.5. 12 Jul. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol responded to a call from HMCG regarding a Digital Selective Calling (DSC) Alert from a vessel at a mid-River marina. Liaison with HMCG revealed that a person had been

reported as having fallen into the water. Patrol attended, along with Hampshire Ambulance and HMCG Rescue Team. The casualty, wearing an automatic lifejacket (which self-inflated) had fallen overboard from a motor vessel attempting to unberth in a strong tidal stream and become trapped at the stern of another vessel. Casualty recovered and first aid administered by First Responders. Casualty evacuated to Southampton General Hospital for treatment and recovery. Investigation conducted by HM team to ascertain causes. Subject to review at next QOSM. Patrol assisted the owner of a moored yacht in picking up his proper mooring. Boat coding work. Patrol took a report of an attempted theft of an outboard motor on a mid-stream mooring near Lands End.

- 4.6 13 Jul. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Tow of a large yacht from her proper mooring to the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon prior to routine pile maintenance. Routine Patrol Boat maintenance. Responded to a report from HMCG regarding a minor glancing collision in benign conditions between a yacht underway and a mid-stream moored yacht on the 'J' run. No injuries. Scuffing to the stern quarter of the impacted vessel. Initial investigation conducted. Details exchanged between owners and photographs passed to the owner of the damaged yacht.
- 4.7. 14 Jul. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol conducted four tows of yachts from their proper moorings on the 'H' run prior to routine pile maintenance work. Following a report from an adjacent mooring holder, investigated an apparent buoyed mooring failure off Hamble. Crown Estate mooring contractors subsequently confirmed that the upper sinker arrangement had failed. Vessel fendered initially to avoid the potential for damage to adjacent moored yachts and the sinker arrangement made good.
- 4.8. 15 Jul. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol in the mouth of the River to advise returning motor vessels of excessive wash. Assisted a visiting Dutch catamaran alongside in a strong ebb.
- 4.9. 16 Jul. Routine patrol and mooring checks. Patrol gave safety advice to a small group of swimmers inshore at Land's End. Patrol attended a grounded motor boat at Hook Spit. One person had been on board and was standing safely adjacent to the boat. Liaison with HMCG. Vessel re-floated at HW. Patrol attended Hamble Jetty once more in response to a report of anti-social behaviour. Patrol returned a white tender to her proper mooring following reports that it had been misappropriated by members of the group. On questioning, the group denied any knowledge.
- 4.10. 17 Jul. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Checked pile lines of a mid-stream moored yacht at the owner's request. Loose pile lines replaced. Attended Hamble Jetty for routine liaison with the Pink Ferry. Observed and reported to Southern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority and UK Border Force a group on in excess of 10 Cockle Pickers on Hamble Spit. Patrol recovered a drifting and unoccupied tender from the River between Crableck and Swanwick. Patrol attended a yacht with a fouled propellor off Warsash. Patrol conducted a tow of a yacht from her proper mooring on the 'H' run to the mid-stream Visitor's Pontoon prior to Routine Crown Estate pile maintenance.
- 4.11. 18 Jul. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Routine liaison with Southampton Harbour Patrol. Liaison with Hampshire Police regarding crime on or about the River. Male identified and arrested from CCTV

footage in a Marina for theft. Reported theft of CCTV to Police from a Warsash fishing vessel. Patrol recovered a large log from the Main Channel off Warsash.

- 4.12. 19 Jul. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol towed a yacht to her proper mooring. Routine liaison with a Marina.
- 4.13. 20 Jul. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol returned one yacht to her proper mooring following completion of planned Crown Estate pile maintenance work. Patrol followed a Motor Boat from Warsash to a mid River marina following a failure to adhere to Bye Law 5, and General Directions 1 and 2. Owner required to report to the Harbour Master for warning.
- 4.14. 21 Jul. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol responded to a call from a boatyard above the bridges regarding individuals jumping into the River from the A 27 Bridge. Police called and attended. Patrol attended Hamble Jetty – three swimmers dispersed from the Jetty, not verbally compliant. Patrol remained at the Jetty for an hour to monitor. Patrol returned to Warsash to disperse a group on swimmers from the tender link span. Compliant. Patrol responded to a call from a vessel at a marina above the bridges regarding two speeding PWCs. Attended and warned. Patrol responded to a call from HMCG reporting a 'Pan' call from a vessel near the mouth of the River. On arrival, 'Sea Start' on scene and Hamble Lifeboat stood down by HMCG.
- 4.15. 22 Jul. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Responded to a report of a motor boat with engine failure and at anchor off RHCP. Four persons on board. Towed to a nearby boatyard for defect rectification. Attended Hamble Jetty to monitor and attempt to disperse a large group of around 60 young swimmers. Dispersal successful but remained alongside for deterrence purposes. Assisted Hamble Lifeboat in conveying a paramedic team to an incident off Calshot at HMCG request. Left Hamble Lifeboat on scene and returned to Hamble Jetty to attempt to disperse the same group of abusive and unruly swimmers. Left Hamble Jetty in pursuit of two speeding PWC, departing towards Calshot. PWC from outside the River. Unable to pursue.
- 4.16. 23 Jul. Routine patrol and moorings checks. In response to a call from a frightened member of the public, HM and Patrol attended Hamble Jetty to disperse a group of around 30 young swimmers, climbing on private property and the Hamble Lifeboat. Group advised individually and collectively of need to respect private property, the safety service provided by the Life Boat, the Hamble ferry and River taxi service, Hamble Parish Council's Byelaw against swimming within 5m of the Jetty and the Harbour Authority requirement not to swim from the Jetty. Group then warned and ordered from the pontoon. Warnings ignored. Owner of a Royal Yacht Squadron launch moored at the Jetty and subject to damage by the group contacted by RHHM via the RYS and advised to move (grateful response). Swimmers also committed damage to moored tenders at Hamble Jetty. Recorded on Body Worn Camera. Police called but higher priority events (among them a stabbing at Locks Heath) prevented immediate attendance. Notice to River Users issued (No 6 of 2018) to warn vessels in the vicinity of Hamble for the remainder of the Summer. Further calls taken through the afternoon of anti-social and threatening behaviour at Hamble Jetty. Two

Police Officers attended along with the HM and two patrol officers to identify and disperse the group at 1700. Some of the group returned during the evening and removed one of the remaining tenders to the adjacent slipway. A number of adults nearby became involved at further Police involvement became necessary although no arrests were made.

- 4.17. 24 Jul. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol returned to Hamble Jetty to salvage two semi-submerged tenders from beneath the pontoon. Patrol monitored and reported to the relevant authorities two groups of bait diggers at Crableck and Swanwick. A further group of swimmers was identified at Hamble Jetty – compliant and dispersed on this occasion. Patrol towed two yachts from their proper moorings in advance of planned pile maintenance work.
- 4.18. 25 Jul. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol responded to a further call of anti-social and abusive behaviour at Hamble Jetty, including youths climbing on and damaging the Hamble lifeboat. Police called. Harbour office continued to take calls from River users and members of the public throughout the day regarding Hamble Jetty. Callers reporting criminal and anti-social behaviour advised to call the Police on either 101 or 999. HM called Police. HM attended Hamble Jetty with Patrol Officers to await Police arrival and effect dispersal, again recording events and individuals on Body Worn Camera. Patrol took a call at 1700 from a Sailing Club reporting a number of 'suspicious individuals' within the Club. Advised to call the Police. Patrol responded to a call from a River User reporting a RIB speeding in the lower River. Vessel apprehended and skipper (not local) warned. Patrol took a call from a Marina reporting a threat made by a young swimmer at Hamble Jetty to one of its customers. Advised to call the Police. Informed by Hampshire Marine Police Unit (PC Mark Arnold) that two consecutive Police Dispersal Orders had been put in place for the Hamble foreshore for the periods 0930 on 26 July until 2130 on 27 July and then 0930 on 28 July until 2200 on 29 July in response to the reality of the threat to the public at Hamble. Dispersal Order published at the Police request on RHHA social media with widespread interest and support.
- 4.19. 26 Jul. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol returned a yacht to her proper mooring following the completion of planned pile maintenance work. Replaced the upper section of the Crableck tide gauge. Police Dispersal order in force. Attended Hamble Jetty with Hampshire Marine Police Unit. Youths jumping from the RHHA bridge and Jetty and involved in anti-social behaviour. One young teenager subject to follow-up Police action after punching a member of the public. Case sub-judicae. Group dispersed and warned that to return within 48 hours would be a criminal offence. Evening patrol witnessed no swimmers at Hamble Jetty.
- 4.20. 27 Jul. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Cooler weather. Liaison with Police regarding the enforcement of the Dispersal order in force. Assisted a large yacht in returning to her mooring following the completion of planned pile maintenance work. Attended the 'G' run in response to a report of oil pollution. On arrival, a light sheen witnessed but with no obvious source. Broken up with propellor wash. HM and DHM attended Hamble Jetty to meet the local Police Sergeant and assess effectiveness of the Dispersal Order and reassure members of the public.

- 4.21. 28 Jul. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol conducted enhanced checks in higher winds. Vessels generally well secured. Liaison with a number of owners regarding minor mooring defects. Attended a mid-stream moored yacht on the 'G' run which appeared to have power supplied to her plotter. Liaison with owner. Replaced a number of fenders on vessels moored on the 'B' pontoon. Patrol responded to a call from a dog walker reporting a vessel aground in the Upper Hamble. Patrol attended and vessel intended to spend the night at anchor at its location. Patrol responded to a report from a member of the public reporting a small (20 ft) yacht adrift in the 'L' run. Patrol deployed to locate and recover the yacht. Liaison with Hamble Life Boat, confirming that the vessel was unmanned. Owner of the vessel in question traced and subject on ongoing HM investigation.
- 4.22. 29 Jul. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Secured loose main sail on two mid-stream moored yachts. Gave assistance to three adults and 2 children stranded on a mid-stream pontoon. Replaced a number of loose fenders on yachts moored on the 'B' Pontoon. Replaced a parted stern line on a mid-stream moored yacht.
- 4.23. 30 Jul. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Re-secured a loose mainsail on a mid-stream moored yacht. Responded to a report of a break-in on a Sailing Club vessel. Secured and reported. Follow-up checks on other yachts in the vicinity. Nothing untoward witnessed. Patrol warned two sailing club safety craft speeding with no reason to do so.
- 4.24. 31 Jul. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Took a report from a boatyard reporting a stolen RIB, the theft of which was captured on local CCTV. Police informed. RIB subsequently located in Southampton Water with two males fishing. Routine patrol craft maintenance. Observation and reporting of bait digging north of the bridges. Assisted a yacht with a foul propellor to the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon for defect rectification. Assisted a RIB aground off the Jolly Sailor public house with two persons on board. Towed clear.
- 4.25. 01 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Responded to a report of a broken down vessel at the mouth of the River. Towed back to her parent sailing club for defect rectification. Recovered a large section of a tree from the water under the A27 road bridge. Routine liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit. Analysis of effectiveness of recent Dispersal Orders at Hamble. Patrol responded to a call from a small racing keelboat aground on Hook Spit on an ebb tide. Yacht dry on arrival and two crew safe although frustrated at photographs being taken by passing vessels and at Harbour Authority's inability to assist pending more favourable tidal conditions. Liaison with HMCG and Calshot Lifeboat. Grounding occurred as a consequence of a parted shroud. Yacht re-floated at next HW (2200). Follow-up call from HM to Cdre of the affiliated Sailing Club.
- 4.26. 02 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Took a call from a member of the public reporting further anti-social behaviour at Hamble Quay. A tender had been misappropriated and was being used to gain access to the pontoons of the Royal Southern Yacht Club. Reported to the Police who attended jointly with Patrol. Police warnings given to those responsible.
- 4.27. 03 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol responded to a call from a member of the public regarding further anti-social behaviour at Hamble Jetty and three youths damaging a tender. Caller advised to dial 101 to

report the incident. Attended Hamble Jetty and dispersed a known crowd of youths. Routine liaison with Crown Estate mooring contractors regarding forthcoming pile maintenance work. Returned a mid-stream moored yacht to her proper mooring following completion of planned pile maintenance. Patrol stopped a motor vessel with 3 persons on board, concerned at the erratic nature of their navigation. All were drinking alcohol. Skipper warned with regard to Byelaws and General Directions in force. Later took a report that the same vessel had been speeding within the River. Patrol attended and directed the vessel to the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon. Skipper non-compliant and refused to give name and address, only that they came from Southampton. Verbal warning to skipper and crew recorded on body worn camera as evidence and vessel escorted from the River.

- 4.28. 04 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Stopped a PWC off Hamble Jetty to warn of excessive wake. Attended a vessel reported as having fouled that of an adjacent craft. Took a report from a member of the public about further anti-social behaviour at Hamble Jetty with a group of four youths stealing the same tender involved in earlier incidents. The group had attempted to row across the River and were apprehended mid-stream. Incapable of paddling back, the group abandoned the tender and swam back to Hamble Jetty monitored by patrol, which then recovered the tender and returned it to the Harbour Office pound to prevent further reoccurrence, informing the owner. Reported to the Police. Patrol towed a mid-stream moored yacht from her mooring to the Visitors' Pontoon pending completion of routine pile maintenance work.
- 4.29. 05 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse swimmers. Compliant. Assisted a canoeist in difficult in the Warsash pool. The canoe had capsized and was semi-submerged with the canoeist holding on to the upturned hull. Both recovered and returned to Hamble Jetty.
- 4.30. 06 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Traced a fishing net left on Warsash Hard to its owner. Routine liaison with UK Border Force. Informed of a number of gang-labourers deported having been working illegally near Shoreham. Gave assistance to a visiting French yacht.
- 4.31. 07 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Routine liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit.
- 4.32. 08 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Routine patrol boat maintenance work.
- 4.33. 09 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Liaison with Hampshire Police regarding criminal behaviour at an adjacent boatyard. Patrol recovered a large branch from the upper River. Patrol towed a small motor vessel with propulsions failure to Hamble Point Slip.
- 4.34. 10 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Increased traffic owing to Cowes Week. Late cover for Cowes Fireworks. Relatively light traffic. Numerous motor craft guided into the main channel with a number returning unlit. Reasonable steps, including the use of lights and night vision glasses taken to direct traffic back into the Main Channel off Hook Spit.
- 4.35. 11 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol attended upper Hamble following report of a speeding RIB. Vessel located at the Jolly Sailor. Owner given a verbal warning.

- 4.36. 12 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol recovered two logs from the upper River. Patrol responded to a call from a member of the public reporting a buoy adrift off Hamble Point Marina. Nothing found despite extensive search.
- 4.37. 13 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol recovered and commenced search for a small dory recovered from the River bank near Swanwick. Routine RHHA RIB maintenance.
- 4.38. 14 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Boat coding work. Support given to Warsash Sailing Club 'Kipper' Week. Patrol recovered a number of large branches from the upper River. Stood by a yacht with intermittent propulsion failure pending her arrival at her berth in a Bursledon marina. Stood by a second yacht with intermittent propulsion failure pending her arrival at her mid-stream berth.
- 4.39. 15 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol stood by a yacht with reported gearbox failure from the mouth of the River to Warsash Jetty for defect investigation. Patrol responded to a report from a Sailing Club of a speeding motor boat of Port Hamble. Nothing encountered.
- 4.40. 16 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Replaced mooring lines on behalf of a mid-stream mooring holder. Monitoring of bait diggers reported at Crableck.
- 4.41. 17 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Responded to a call from a boatyard of a semi-submerged vessel, apparently abandoned on a mid-stream pontoon. Patrol attended, pumped out and recovered vessel to the Harbour Office for tracing of owner. Liaison with Hampshire Police revealed that the vessel had not been reported as stolen.
- 4.42. 18 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Responded to a call from the member of the public requesting first aid assistance for a lacerated index finger. Immediate first aid given pending transfer to QA A and E. Liaison with UK Border Force regarding a visiting yacht. Assisted a RIB adrift off Hook Spit with engine failure. Liaison with Hampshire Police regarding a report of two young people (in a large mixed group) climbing on visiting boats at Hamble jetty causing distress and damage. This resulted in a vessel departing Hamble at 2240, fearing for their safety.
- 4.43. 19 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol assisted in towing a large motor vessel to the proper berth. Patrol assisted a yacht with a broken rudder to Warsash for defect rectification.
- 4.44. 20 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Assisted a mid-stream mooring holder in pumping out an inundated tender.
- 4.45. 21 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol towed a yacht commercially from the Fishermens' Jetty to the Harbour Master's Warsash Jetty.
- 4.46. 22 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol stopped and cautioned the master of a yacht towing two girls through the water, holding on to a fender, off Warsash.
- 4.47. 23 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Routine liaison with UK Border Force for afloat checks. Carried out routine pontoon maintenance at Warsash.

- 4.48. 24 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Further routine liaison with UK Border Force for spot checks. Routine marina liaison visits, in company with UKBF. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit. Patrol attended Hamble Jetty in response to a call from a member of the public reporting that a cygnet had swallowed a hook and line. On arrival, the hook and line were removed (straightforward) and the cygnet released. Patrol towed a vessel with propulsion failure from the mouth of the River to her proper mooring for defect rectification.
- 4.49. 25 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol conducted a commercial tow of a yacht from the entrance to the River to her proper berth. Patrol responded to a call from a local business about further anti-social behaviour at Hamble Jetty. Four repeat offenders were invited to leave the Jetty, which they did. Patrol attended the upper River following another report of a swan with a hook in its bill. Again, hook removed and swan released without incident. Notices placed and social media employed to illustrate the dangers of discarding tackle.
- 4.50. 26 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol warned two Personal Water Craft (Jet Skis) off Warsash for creating excessive wash. Patrol responded to a report of an oil spill within a marina. On arrival, a small patch of diesel was traced to a spillage ashore that had not been sufficiently well cleaned up. Inclement weather had caused the remaining diesel to enter the River via a culvert. Broken up by propellor wash. Marina informed and clean up action taken.
- 4.51. 27 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol towed a broken-down RIB from Bursledon to her proper berth. Patrol surveyed some broken branches obstructing the Main Channel near the Bark Store near Pinkmead. Intent to return and clear. Upper River very busy with canoeists, kayaks, Sups and a swimmer, as well as large numbers crabbing.
- 4.52. 28 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol responded to a report from a private mooring resident that an adjacent moored vessel had dragged. Attended and discovered loose mooring lines. Resecured. Preparations and boat movements in advance of the Bursledon Regatta. Report of a minor berthing collision in a Bursledon Boatyard. Vessel owners placed in touch with one another. Steering gear failure had been a primary cause but skipper error was also a contributory factor. One of the crew of the motor vessel underway had twisted her ankle and was taken to hospital as a precaution. Patrol responded to a report from a member of the public reporting a speeding red motorboat between the bridges which had swamped a kayak. Motorboat traced to a local yard. HM contacted yard owner and obtained details of the owner. Subsequent investigation led to a meeting with the motorboat owner and kayaker. Other witnesses revealed that the motor boat had not been speeding, rather that the wash created had caused the kayak in question to roll heavily. On balance, the incident was less dangerous than was first apparent. Nevertheless, the motor boat owner was reminded that minimising both speed and wash were important factors when approaching small vessels. Owner contrite. Verbal warning deemed sufficient on this occasion.
- 4.53. 29 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Routine patrol boat maintenance. Patrol moved three vessels from their proper moorings to

alternatives in preparation for programmed routine Crown Estate pile maintenance.

- 4.54. 30 Aug. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Liaison with the Bursledon Regatta Committee and conducted three boat movements in advance of the Regatta firework display.
- 4.55. 01 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol conducted a further three boat movements in advance of the Bursledon Regatta fireworks. Diagnosed and repaired engine fault on ROSE. Support to the Regatta programme.
- 4.56. 02 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Liaison with a Bursledon boatyard regarding a complaint made by a vessel in an adjacent yard. Monitoring of bait digging off Crableck. Return of boats displaced by the Bursledon Regatta fireworks to their proper moorings. Liaison with owners.
- 4.57. 03 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol assisted a small yacht with intermittent propulsion failure from her mooring to a marina for defect rectification.
- 4.58. 04 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks.
- 4.59. 05 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Returned a yacht displaced from her proper mooring for the Bursledon Regatta Fireworks. Walk ashore litter pick at River Hamble Country Park.
- 4.60. 06 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Assisted a yacht which had had a propulsion failure while approaching her berth, resulting in a minor collision. Liaison with owners to exchange details.
- 4.61. 07 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol assisted a yacht aground off Warsash. Yacht re-floated without incident. Skipper error. Patrol towed a yacht from the Harbour Master's Jetty to the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon. Patrol gave a verbal warning to the skipper causing excessive wash at the mouth of the River.
- 4.62. 08 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol towed a vessel from her proper mooring to the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon in preparation for planned Crown Estate pile maintenance work. Patrol displaced two visiting yachts from piles vacated for the purposes of pile maintenance.
- 4.63. 09 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol responded to a call from a boatyard reporting an injured Black-Tailed Godwit. A clam had become fastened on its foot. The bird was recovered to the office, the clam removed and the bird placed in a box to recover overnight. Patrol conducted a commercial tow a broken-down yacht from Hamble Point to Universal Marina.
- 4.64. 10 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol to Botley for removal of overhanging branches preventing safe navigation. Warsash Jetty maintenance.
- 4.65. 11 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Supported Adler and Allen oil spill training exercise.
- 4.66. 12 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Routine Marina liaison.

- 4.67. 13 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Supported the Chairman of the Hamble Estuary Partnership and Southampton Solent University. Preparations for the Hamble Classics' Regatta.
- 4.68. 14 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Boatman licencing work. Intercepted a large yacht being towed by two RIBs and blocking the Main Channel. Tow escorted from the River and skipper of yacht advised of the requirement to complete a towing form for tows of that nature.
- 4.69. 15 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Routine liaison with Hamble Life Boat.
- 4.70. 16 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol gave assistance to a mid-stream moored yacht which, in attempting to berth, had become caught fast on her mooring lines. Freed. Towed a RIB with engine failure from the mouth of the River to Warsash HM Jetty for defect rectification. Support to Hamble Classics' Regatta.
- 4.71. 17 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Routine liaison with Crown Estate contractors regarding pile maintenance.
- 4.72. 18 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol responded to a report of two yachts with loose sails flogging in high winds. Patrol attended and re-secured sails. Patrol boat maintenance. Patrol responded to a report of a diesel spillage near Hamble Jetty. Attended, source not apparent. Light film broken up with propellor wash.
- 4.73. 19 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Freed a tender trapped under the Fishermens' Jetty. Responded to a report from a marina of a yacht with a flogging sail on a mid-stream mooring. Attended and made good.
- 4.74. 20 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol replaced a parted bowline on a mid-stream moored yacht.
- 4.75. 21 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol replace a number of fenders in strong winds. Attended a vessel with a parted stern line, swinging on its buoyed mooring. Made good and liaison with owner.
- 4.76. 22 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol returned three vessels to their proper moorings following completion of routine pile maintenance. Liaison with HM Coast Guard and Calshot and Hamble Life Boats regarding the tow of a vessel to Hamble which had run aground at Calshot Spit. Vessel hull deemed intact and escorted into the River for defect rectification. Replacement of fenders in strengthening winds.
- 4.77. 23 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol returned two vessels to their proper moorings following completion of routine pile maintenance. Patrol attended a mid-stream moored yacht with a flogging jib and re-secured it. Patrol gave assistance to a mid-stream moorer reporting criminal damage to his fuel filling cap. Liaison with Hampshire Police. Patrol directed two fishermen to leave the Harbour Master's Jetty following behaviour inconsistent with safety.
- 4.78. 24 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol responded to a call from a Marina, of a yacht alarm on a mid-stream moored yacht. On attendance, the alarm was not evident and no obvious reason for an alarm was witnessed. Patrol conveyed a stranded boat owner to Universal Marina.

Patrol assisted a yacht made fast on a mooring line off Hamble Point. Yacht freed.

- 4.79. 25 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol recovered a derelict fishing tender to Warsash Slip.
- 4.80. 26 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Liaison with owners of remaining vessels displaced as a result of the programmed Crown Estate pile maintenance programme. Routine liaison with the Crown Estate contractor.
- 4.81. 27 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol conducted a commercial tow of a yacht from her proper mooring to a boatyard for defect rectification. Patrol assisted a large commercial yacht to her berth following engine failure.
- 4.82. 28 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol recovered a large log from the River opposite Hamble Jetty. Patrol re-secured a flogging main sail on a mid-stream moored yacht and liaised with the owner. Patrol attended a minor berthing collision in a marina (skipper error) and ensured details exchanged. Patrol returned a yacht to her proper mooring following completion of planned pile maintenance work. Recovered a large block of wood (sleeper) from the River off Crableck.
- 4.83. 29 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Assisted a mid-stream moored yacht owner to his mooring.
- 4.84. 30 Sep. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Liaison with a number of mooring holders regarding pontoon defects. Patrol responded to a call from a member of the public reporting a floating obstruction in the water off the Chinese Bridge. On attending, nothing found. Verbal caution of skipper whose motor boat had created excessive wash. Routine liaison with Hamble Life Boat.
- 4.85. 01 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol towed a yacht from the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon to the HM Jetty at Warsash.
- 4.86. 02 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol responded to a call from a departing yacht reporting her grounding on Hook Spit. Attended and towed off safely. Skipper error. Patrol apprehended a speeding RIB and gave a verbal warning to the skipper. Assisted a yacht onto her mooring.
- 4.87. 03 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Bait digging observation at Hackett's Marsh. Hamble Jetty maintenance.
- 4.88. 04 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Survey of potential mounts for an additional tide gauge North of the A27 bridge.
- 4.89. 05 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Further visit to the Bark Store to remove overhanging branches.
- 4.90. 06 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Assistance given to a visiting rally at Hamble Jetty.
- 4.91. 07 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Boat coding work. Stood by a yacht with reported propulsion problem from the mouth of the River to Mercury Marina. Patrol recovered an abandoned tender to Warsash.

- 4.92. 08 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Support to routine ABP hydrographic survey. Boatman licencing work. Survey of power tools. Retrieved tender adrift off the 'I' Run and returned to owner.
- 4.93. 09 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Assisted a commercial craft with engine problems to Warsash Jetty. Liaison with HM Coast Guard to receive casualties at Warsash, arising from a motor vessel grounding on the Bramble Bank.
- 4.94. 10 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Preparation for Trinity House audit of Aids to Navigation. Routine patrol boat maintenance.
- 4.95. 11 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Routine patrol boat maintenance. Removed a number of large branches afloat in the upper River. Gave assistance to a River user reporting damage to his yacht.
- 4.96. 12 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Strong winds. Attended a small yacht with a deck-stepped mast, dismasted. Liaison with owner. Routine liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit. Liaison with a River boatyard. Recovered a number of branches afloat in the upper River. Re-secured a loose awning and flapping sail cover on separate mid-stream moored yachts.
- 4.97. 13 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol replaced a number of fenders displaced during the spell of high winds.
- 4.98. 14 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Liaison with two yacht owners on the 'A' run reporting damage to their yachts. Returned a catamaran to her proper mooring following tackle maintenance. Patrol gave assistance to the skipper of a small motor boat, broken down on Warsash Slipway.
- 4.99. 15 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Warsash Jetty maintenance.
- 4.100. 16 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Hamble Jetty maintenance.
- 4.101. 17 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Warsash slipway clearance. Responded to a call from a marina reporting an alarm on a mid-stream moored yacht. Noting a previous alarm in a similar location, attended and located an alarm on a Crown Estate licensee on the 'M' run. On investigation, nothing untoward found. Owner contacted and alarm reset.
- 4.102. 18 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Assisted a mooring holder in transfer of equipment to his mid-stream moored yacht. Attended a yacht aground on Hook Spit. The yacht, a charter, had run aground because of skipper error. Yacht pulled clear and inspected for damage by the charter company. Responded to a call from a member of the public reporting net fishing. On investigation, the fisherman in question was one of a small number of RHHA licensed mullet fishermen.
- 4.103. 19 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. 'Frank', the RHHA Budgerigar died. Many well-wishers gave their condolences. Frank had been much-loved by our visitors.
- 4.104. 20 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Liaison with Hamble Life Boat. A number of vessels warned verbally for the creation of excessive wash.
- 4.105. 21 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Assisted a mid-stream moored yacht skipper in the recovery of a submerged pile line. Patrol moved a RIB anchored on Mercury Bend. RIB skipper advised of Bye Law 16

(prohibition of anchorage, except in an emergency). Towed a yacht which had run out of fuel to Hamble Jetty.

- 4.106. 22 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol recovered an abandoned white tender from the mouth of the River to the Harbour Master's Jetty at Warsash. Small scale slipway clearance work at Warsash. Recovery of a second tender adrift off Bursledon to the Harbour Office.
- 4.107. 23 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Dispute resolution between two parties near the Fishermens' Jetty.
- 4.108. 24 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Boatman licensing work. Routine liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit. Observed two burned-out vehicles on National Trust property on the intertidal marsh at Burrige. Reported to both the Police and the National Trust. Only one identifiable but not yet reported as stolen. Vehicles have since been recovered by the National Trust. Trinity House Light Audit (report below).
- 4.109. 25 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Assisted a mid-stream mooring holder whose yacht had a flat battery. Patrol gave a verbal warning to a RIB creating excessive wash in the upper River.
- 4.110. 26 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Attended a yacht in twilight with an activated Man Overboard light. Yacht unattended. Local search conducted in case of MOB. Nothing found. Owner contacted and light extinguished.
- 4.111. 27 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Small-scale slipway clearance at Warsash. Supported local bird count data. Assisted a large yacht in coming alongside the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon. Patrol attended a yacht low in the water and discovered a large amount of water inside and in the cockpit. Pumped out and no obvious source of any leak discovered. Yacht secured and monitored. Owner contacted.
- 4.112. 28 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol stood by a large yacht with intermittent propulsion problems while returning to her proper marina berth. Investigation into persistent non-payment of Harbour Dues by a visiting charter yacht.
- 4.113. 29 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Preparations for support to Portsmouth University/Blue Marine Foundation plan to regenerate native Solent oyster population. Patrol towed two yachts from their proper moorings to the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon prior to planned pile maintenance work.
- 4.114. 30 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks. Patrol attended a fire on a mid-stream moored yacht off Hamble Quay. The 26' yacht was on a privately owned mooring, approximately 50 yards off the Pink Ferry slip. Smoke in the cabin caused the skipper to be evacuated immediately. Emergency services (Hampshire Fire Brigade, RHHA teams, River Hamble Life Boat and HM Coast Guard) attended within 10 minutes. Fire quickly out of control, causing mast to fail and become embedded in the mud. The owner's report of embarked but unexploded gas bottles, combined with the severity of the blaze and associated acrid smoke, combined with the fact that the yacht would not be able to move meant that the Harbour Master and Chief Fire Officer made the decision to delay attacking the fire pending certainty that the gas canister had discharged. Hampshire Fire Service then

extinguished the blaze operating from the broad after deck of Hamble Life Boat. The vessel sank in 1.5m of water and was subsequently recovered for disposal.

4.115. 31 Oct. Routine patrol and moorings checks.

## **5. Marine Safety Management System**

5.1. The Marine Safety Management System underwent a further routine inspection by the Designated Person on 11 July. On this occasion, focus fell on the tactical linkages between the Risk Assessments and the Standard Operating Procedures. All previous recommendations were closed out and the MSMS was certified as continuing to operate effectively. The Report is at Appendix 1.

## **6. Trinity House Light Audit**

6.1. Trinity House conducted an audit of Aids to Navigation within the River Hamble on 24 Oct. There were no outstanding actions and our systems were reported as being in 'Good Order'. The report is at Appendix 2.

## **7. Three-yearly Navigational Safety Consultation**

7.1. The Port Marine Safety Code Guide to Good Practice recommends that Harbour Authorities consult regularly and formally with harbour users on matters of safety. Our latest consultation is underway and seeks views on:

a. Uncontrolled swimming at Hamble Jetty - an invitation for any observations and suggestions on what might be done to reduce the risks to River Users.

b. The provision of Aids to Navigation within the River. Are there any suggestions for their improvement?

c. What additional safety information would be valued by River Users on signage at access points to the River?

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

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