

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Report

<b>Committee:</b>	River Hamble Harbour Board
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<b>Title:</b>	Marine Director and Harbour Master's Report and Current Issues
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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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**

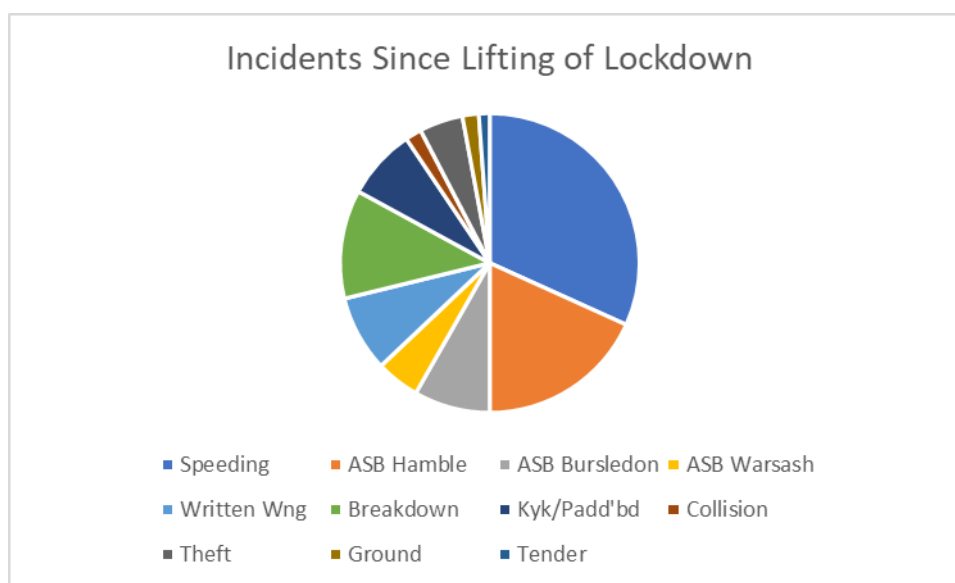
3. This report summarises the incidents and events which have taken place in the Harbour and addresses any issues currently under consideration by the Harbour Master. It covers a longer period because of the effect of Coronavirus on Governance meetings.

#### **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. During the period of Government lockdown because of COVID 19, Harbour Patrols conducted additional patrols for reassurance purposes at mooring holders' requests. The Harbour Authority also supported and facilitated legitimate commercial

work during this period, liaising with adjacent Harbour Authorities and the Coast Guard. Further additional activity daily under lockdown included policing Government restrictions and fielding calls from River Users wishing to stay on their boats as well as small craft users wishing to 'exercise' upon the water. The full list of incidents and events is at the Appendix to this report. Throughout the COVID restrictions and since, the volume of daily support activity listed above has been considerable and the amount of text in no way reflects the levels of activity, in particular anti-social activity, experienced.



Comparison of data with that from the same period last year is difficult. It is significant that, when added together, speeding and anti-social behaviour are most common, most notably at Hamble Quay.

## Issues

- 5. Coronavirus Restrictions** – The Harbour Authority has sustained its marine safety and environmental services unbroken throughout the Coronavirus outbreak. It has supported legitimate commercial traffic and businesses which could not operate from home throughout and advised on practical measures to remain compliant with changes in legislation. It has also informed and updated private mooring holders and marine businesses of changes and managed expectations of those anxious about their vessels. Adherence to the Law and guidelines has generally been very good with the very small number challenged on the water receptive. The lifting in restrictions, combined with the closure of schools and the furlough initiative saw an explosion in marine activity. This activity has been broad and seen a huge increase in paddleboard and kayak use, as well as in the use of Personalised Water Craft (jet skis) from Warsash. It has also brought

about an increase in the number of occurrences of anti-social behaviour. Extra patrols have been required to police the changing guidelines and support legitimate commercial traffic. These patrols also focused heavily on providing reassurance to the many River Users unable to visit their vessels in lockdown. Tailored support has been provided at no cost to mooring holders. In delivering this enhanced support, the Harbour Team has faced challenges with partners shielding and safeguarding of its own health and wellbeing through changes in procedures. A thorough Risk Assessment was conducted with additional control measures put in place to remain compliant and ensure robust capability delivery. The office remains closed to the Public but this is not affecting business operations and our position is fully sustainable. The uncertainty of our annual Visitor income, representing around £45000 caused initial concern. Vastly increased boating activity since the lifting in restrictions has been encouraging however. Last year, our visitors' and launching income at the end of July stood at £18000. This year has seen income of £10900. This latter figure represents income taken over 10 weeks and, while further Government restrictions cannot be ruled out, we continue to make inroads on the shortfall brought about by a fallow Easter period daily. Updates will be provided at future meetings.

6. **Navigational Matters** – The return of people to the water in May and since has brought additional challenges. Paddle boarding and kayaking has become more popular with larger numbers than ever using the River. While this has taken place everywhere in the River, the main centre for such launching has been the slipway at Swanwick. Here, the large number of those launching, many of them very inexperienced, combined with the large number of vessels navigating from and to their home berths in the many marinas and yards has brought friction and complaints. Many private individuals have bought paddle boards and kayaks and two paddle boarding companies have established themselves to take advantage of the business opportunity. This has made the River (and Swanwick car park) very busy. Recognising the challenges brought about by this, the Harbour Authority has reviewed the risks and put in place additional control measures which rely on both paddleboarders and craft navigating in the area to comply with existing clear Rules and new instructions, designed to minimise paddle board and kayak/canoe activity in the Main Channel. It is important to acknowledge that small craft cannot be prevented from accessing the water, nor would the Harbour Authority wish to. Board policy is rightly to encourage such use of the River. The Harbour Authority has commissioned and put in place signage to direct small craft out of the Main Channel. In doing so, it has recognised that these users will generally be less familiar with the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea. It has therefore developed signage using plain English and pictorial representations. The signage informs these users that they should not remain in the Main Channel but, taking account of the traffic, cross the River perpendicularly to pass inshore of the 'U' and 'V' pontoons on the Bursledon bank before crossing again, where visibility is best from

the Jolly Sailor to the inshore channel on the Fareham side between the 'Z' pontoons at the Training Wall. Further signage guides craft to keep to the right towards the Rail bridge and thence upstream. Reverse signage is also in place. This regime is supported by placing a patrol officer in the vicinity at particularly busy times. Patrol has also been moving on those from small craft who have been using private pontoons as sunbathing platforms. It must be recognised that larger craft using the area also have obligations, regardless of how busy the area may be. These obligations are based on International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCS) Rules 2 (responsibility), 5 (proper look out), 6 (safe speed) and 8 (action to avoid a collision), in particular 8 f (i) (ii) and (iii). These Rules apply within the River as elsewhere under IRPCS Rule 1 and General Direction Number 2. Owners and Skippers must be familiar with these Rules and the obligation placed upon them to navigate responsibly.

The River has also seen an increased number of Jet Ski launches from the slipway at Warsash brought about in part by closure of slipways at some other local harbours. Lack of knowledge or ignorance of the River Hamble Bye Laws has introduced additional challenges. Speeding, 'doughnuts' (circling at pace) and some abrasive behaviour has been encountered from a minority. It must be emphasised that most craft conform and are keen to learn. The RHHA takes payment for launches over the telephone. Riders are now briefed on the Bye Laws and what not to do in the wider Solent (approach commercial traffic within 500m). This has reduced the impact on other River Users and Harbour Authority patrols. Nevertheless, presence and liaison with the Marine Police Unit has led to a number of 'stops' and will potentially lead to three prosecutions for particularly irresponsible actions. I should like to register my thanks here to the Marine Unit which has been particularly pro-active both in the Hamble and outside. Finally, I would add that Jet Ski riders are particularly strong when it comes to settling Harbour Dues.

7. **Anti-social and Criminal Behaviour** – The lifting in lock down restrictions, combined with the closure of schools have been key factors in a surge in anti-social behaviour. With one notable exception – that of a threat of violence to RHHA personnel at Warsash, this has predominated on the West bank of the River in three locations: Hamble Jetty, Bursledon Bridge and from the fields to the North of the M27 Bridge. Every occurrence has been caused by large groups of young people. Examples of behaviour include the overt use of Class B drugs, under-age drinking, physical violence, theft and criminal damage. The Harbour Authority is not the proper authority to deal with this activity, nor is it able to deal with the underlying social causes. Instead, its role is to support the proper and responsible authorities, the Police, Eastleigh Borough Council and the relevant Parish Councils. The Police have attended all three locations following calls from members of the Public and from the Harbour Authority. Routine visits to Hamble Jetty by Patrol have been effective in clearing the jetty of swimmers. However, this problem is a broader one. Joint effort is

ongoing to support those responsible in identification of perpetrators using body-worn cameras. At Hamble, we have combined presence at busy times with signage banning the use of the jetty for all but those accessing it for the Pink Ferry and to access boats. Additional reasonable control measures include anti-climb paint on the bridge gantry. Given the Ferry's requirement for routine access and the fact that visitors may arrive after the Harbour Office has closed, it is not practicable or reasonable to lock the jetty. The Riverbed is surveyed regularly to ensure that obvious hazards are removed.

The A27 bridge has seen regular 'tombstoning'. Here, as elsewhere, the Police have attended regularly. Harbour Patrol presence, while marshalling paddleboarders and kayakers locally is effective in deterring those wishing to jump and alight from the adjacent slipway. Again, body-worn cameras are used under authorised arrangements to assist the police in the identification of those responsible.

The farmer's field on the West bank opposite Eastlands Boatyard has been a regular launching point in fine weather for swimmers across the Channel and climbing on vessels and pontoons. Verbal abuse here has been stronger than at most other locations and the throwing of missiles at passing boats is encountered. Alcohol is regularly a contributing factor. Police attendance has been frequent, and Harbour Patrols have achieved some limited success in dispersing the perpetrators.

In summary, it is striking that this social order problem takes place almost entirely on the West Bank of the River and is perpetrated by young people. Constants are verbal abuse and physical threats of violence from minors, under-age drinking and the use of Class B drugs. There is little if any respect for authority or private property. The Harbour Authority will continue to act in support of the proper authorities in any way it can while not compromising its statutory safety duties. While letters to parents and school headteachers from the Harbour Master can help, our powers are limited. While the River is a draw for these individuals, this is a much broader social problem which must continue to be addressed for reasons of public safety.

**Appendix 1 To Marine**  
**Director Report**  
**11 September 2020**

**Incidents and Events**

- 5.1. 09 Mar. Pile replacement programme checks. Office refurbishment work.
- 5.2. 10 Mar. Liaison with Crown Estate Pile Maintenance contractors. Towed two yachts from their proper moorings to temporary berths as part of the programme. Office refurbishment work.
- 5.3. 11 Mar. Liaison with Crown Estate Pile Maintenance contractors. Office refurbishment work.
- 5.4. 12 Mar. Investigated possible loss of a mid-stream mooring holder's tender. Responded to a call from a member of the public regarding an abandoned tender at Swanwick. Recovered to office and owner telephoned to arrange collection.
- 5.5. 13 Mar. Patrol boat maintenance. Office refurbishment work.
- 5.6. 14 Mar. Patrol observed a small motorboat, unoccupied, aground on saltmarsh in the Upper River at low water. Anchor deployed. Unable to reach the vessel at that state of tide. On re-visiting at High Water, the vessel was no longer present. Office refurbishment work. Day into night light audit.
- 5.7. 15 Mar. Patrol boat maintenance. Office refurbishment work.
- 5.8. 16 Mar. Continued office refurbishment work. Liaison with Hamble Lifeboat regarding a shore-based casualty at a Marina. Recovery of a metal float from the River at Crableck. Slipway clearance work. Tow of a vessel back to her proper mooring following pile repair work. Boat movement in preparation for pile replacement work on the 'B' run.
- 5.9. 17 Mar. Office refurbishment work. Trinity House Annual Light Audit: nothing significant to report.
- 5.10. 18 Mar. Liaison with Crown Estate pile maintenance contractor. Movement of vessels on the 'B' pontoon. Office refurbishment work.
- 5.11. 19 Mar. Movement of vessels on the 'B' pontoon. Liaison with Crown Estate pile maintenance contractor. Office refurbishment work.
- 5.12. 20 Mar. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor. Recovery of an oil drum from the Fishermens' Jetty. Office refurbishment work.
- 5.13. 21 Mar. Patrol boat maintenance..
- 5.14. 22 Mar. Check of pile lines at mooring holder's request. Office refurbishment work. Tide gauge inspection.
- 5.15. 23 Mar. Liaison with Crown Estate pile maintenance contractor. Commercial tow of vessel to Marina for lift out. Assisted a vessel with propulsion issues to her proper berth. Office refurbishment work. Evening:

Prime Minister's announcement of enhanced control measures and travel restrictions to manage the spread of Coronavirus. Risk assessment modifications commence. RHHA staff designated 'Key Workers'.

- 5.16.24 Mar. Staff briefing on implications of Coronavirus travel restrictions and impact on River Activity. Emergency response discussion and on the need for Personal Protective Equipment. Pile maintenance continuing under the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC) safety requirement. Movement of a number of vessels to accommodate pile replacement. Liaison with adjacent Harbour Authorities to enable legitimate commercial business.
- 5.17.25 Mar. See 24 Mar. Pile maintenance continuing under PMSC safety requirement. Movement of a number of vessels to accommodate pile replacement. Reinforcement of the need to bear down on all form of recreational on water activity as Patrol called by HM Coast Guard to assist in rescue of a yacht aground at the mouth of the River (one person on board). Vessel refloated at High Water (HW), attended by Calshot Lifeboat. Risk of compromise of social distancing while rescuing highlighted. Policing government restrictions and fielding calls from River Users wishing to stay on their boats and small craft users wishing to 'exercise' upon the water.
- 5.18.26 Mar. Liaison with Crown Estate pile maintenance contractor. Returned vessels to Hamble Point Marina following completion of dredging programme. Return of office equipment to HM office.
- 5.19.27 Mar. Paddleboarders and canoeists re-briefed and directed to leave the water. Compliant. Return of vessels to their proper mooring following completion of the Crown Estate pile replacement programme. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor.
- 5.20.28 Mar. Office refurbishment work. Re-fitted parted stern line on mid-stream moored yacht. Liaison with owners and yards. Attended a vessel whose owner had reported an alarm. No sign of damage/entry/compromise. Owner informed.
- 5.21.29 Mar. Enhanced mooring checks with people unable to travel to their vessels. Liaison with owners and yards. Liaison with adjacent Harbour Authorities to enable legitimate commercial business.
- 5.22.30 Mar. Checked mid-stream moored yachts at owners' requests. Liaison with the Marine Police Unit regarding enforcement of Coronavirus restrictions.
- 5.23.31 Mar. Replaced shredded cover on mid-stream moored vessel. Owner informed. Two private fishermen moved on from HM Jetty Warsash in line with Southern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority (SIFCA) guidelines.
- 5.24.01 Apr. Liaison from Crown Estate mooring contractor. Warned local River User for breaching Government guidelines.
- 5.25.02 Apr. Liaison with Crown Estate pile contractor.
- 5.26.03 Apr. Enforcement against a single sculler inbound who returned to Netley.

- 5.27.04 Apr. Enforcement of Coronavirus guidelines with a local individual (compliant after debate) wishing to visit his vessel alone and disagreeing with Government management. Enforcement action with a single paddleboarder.
- 5.28.05 Apr. Enforcement of Coronavirus guidelines with numerous paddle boarders in the Upper Hamble – all receptive.
- 5.29.06 Apr. Tide gauge maintenance. Liaison with a River User attempting to visit his vessel – receptive to advice. Support to a local yard conducting legitimate business.
- 5.30.07 Apr. Liaison with a River User found on his vessel – he already knew the advice but had disregarded it – receptive to advice. Escorted ashore. Liaison with Marine Police Unit to return a single kayaker ashore.
- 5.32.08 Apr. Liaison with UK Border Force regarding visiting yachts from Germany and France. Patrol stopped a male kayaker with his daughter in the Upper Hamble. Kayaker non-compliant, complaining that he worked for the NHS and was entitled to relaxation/exercise. Name and address given and checked – confirmed as a General Practitioner from a practice in the New Forest. Support to a light level of legitimate commercial traffic.
- 5.33.09 Apr. HM stopped a visiting private recreational motor vessel (4 persons on board) attempting to come alongside Hamble Jetty. Escorted from the River – liaison with Southampton HM and Cowes HM, where the vessel arrived later. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit to discourage a number of canoeists attempting to access the River from Hillhead. Coastguard informed.
- 5.34.10 Apr. Removal of two large pieces of timber from the Main Channel.
- 5.35.11 Apr. Coronavirus guideline enforcement with a compliant kayaker in the Upper River.
- 5.36.12 Apr. Liaison with the Pink Ferry regarding Ferry Hard maintenance.
- 5.37.13 Apr. Standard activity.
- 5.38.14 Apr. Patrol witnessed a tender alongside a mid-stream moored yacht near Crableck. Owner on board and advised of Coronavirus essential travel requirements. Initially non-compliant. HM escorted owner ashore.
- 5.39.15 Apr. Tow of yacht (5.38) to her proper mooring.
- 5.40.16 Apr. Pursued 3 Rigid Inflatable Boats (RIB) into Southampton Water. Later discovered RIBs on sea trials for a legitimate business. Company advised of need to clear operations with relevant HMs in order to avoid being stopped.
- 5.41.17 Apr. Stopped a private motor vessel off Hamble claiming to be a commercial move. Skipper claimed falsely to have permission to move from the Harbour Office. HM Direction given to return alongside. Compliant.



- 5.42.18 Apr. Liaison with a Marina regarding the commercial delivery of a yacht and the requirement to ensure awareness of all relevant HMs through whose waters the vessel would pass in order not to divert safety assets.
- 5.43.19 Apr. Advice given to three compliant paddle boarders at the River Hamble Country Park (RHCP), claiming non-awareness of Coronavirus restrictions. Support to Hamble Lifeboat investigating a general search for a missing person (not confirmed to be within the Harbour). Missing person found ashore mid-afternoon having been fishing within the River.
- 5.44.20 Apr. Liaison with a visiting Ministry of Defence (MOD) RIB. Liaison with the Marine Police Unit to re-brief and send ashore a visiting kayaker.
- 5.45.21 Apr. Patrol recovered a large log from the Main Channel near Crableck.
- 5.46.22 Apr. Work to furnish pile cap on B17 as a prospective Oyster Catcher nest. Supported commercial move of a yacht inbound from Gosport. Patrol sighted a group of people cycling on the Bunny Meadows footpath. One had fallen off and sustained grazing injuries. Patrol put ashore, donned Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and given First Aid. Patrol responded to a call from HMCG reporting a cow stuck in muddy ground near Botley. Farmer, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) and veterinary surgeon in attendance.
- 5.47.23 Apr. Replaced rubbish bins at the rear of the building because of sustained fly tipping. Patrol stopped a private RIB in the vicinity of the M27 bridge. 2 persons on board claiming not to be aware of restrictions. Advised to return ashore and escorted. Supported a legitimate local business in essential hull repairs to a catamaran. Catamaran deliberately grounded on Hamble Spit. HM made both HMCG and Southampton HM aware in advance. Office fielding calls from members of the public suspecting inappropriate recreational activity.
- 5.48.24 Apr. Liaison with visiting Southampton Harbour Patrol vessel.
- 5.49. 25 Apr. Advised three canoeists of Coronavirus restrictions in the Upper River – all compliant. A number of large logs recovered from the Main Channel. Office refurbishment work.
- 5.50.26 Apr. Patrol stopped 7 paddle boarders in the Upper River and advised them of Coronavirus restrictions – all receptive. One kayaker resisted advice and was directed to return home. Patrol recovered a large tractor tyre, semi-submerged in the Main Channel above the RHCP jetty. Tyre had been cast adrift from Fairthorne Manor by a group known to that organisation.
- 5.51.27 Apr. Southern Water visit to assess overflowing main drain in RHHA yard. Patrol recovered a large branch from the Main Channel. Patrol attended Hamble Lifeboat following a call from a member of the public in Hamble reporting dazzling lights. On arrival, an ad-hoc 'bird scarer' was found to be the source, made of retired compact discs.

- 5.52.28 Apr. Patrol recovered a dove which had landed in the River. Bird recovered to the Harbour Office, dried, fed and released two days later. Fielded numerous calls from members of the public reporting recreational boating. Patrol attended and advised around a dozen paddleboarders and kayakers of coronavirus restrictions – compliant.
- 5.53.29 Apr. 'Harbour Assist' (new harbour management system) training.
- 5.54.30 Apr. Support to Hampshire Marine Police Unit in attending a potential suicide from A27 bridge. Individual talked down by the Police and given appropriate assistance.
- 5.55.01 May. Standard activity.
- 5.56.02 May. Pumped out bilges of two mid-stream moored yachts at owners' request. Advised two individuals fishing between the bridges of Coronavirus guidelines – compliant. Advised two persons in a canoe similarly – compliant. Advised one person in a tender attempting to check a mid-stream moored yacht similarly – compliant.
- 5.57.03 May. Advised a lone sculler entering the River of Coronavirus guidelines – compliant. Liaison with Southampton Harbour Master regarding the same individual. Liaison with local commercial fishermen.
- 5.58.04 May. Response to a call from a member of the public reporting an individual on his mid-stream moored vessel on the 'A' run. On arrival, individual had departed. Attended a mid-stream moored yacht on the 'J' run whose owner was on board conducting maintenance. Entirely dismissive of Harbour Authority intervention. Contacted by HM by telephone who advised regarding the current Law and guidelines. Responded to a call from a member of the public reporting a legitimate local commercial fisherman.
- 5.59.05 May. Light audit.
- 5.60.06 May. Liaison with local owners of Aids to Navigation regarding shortcomings. Pumped out a mid-stream moored yacht appearing low in the water. No damage. Owner informed. Monitoring regime set up with agreement of owner.
- 5.61.07 May. Patrol towed a mid-stream moored yacht back to her proper mooring following maintenance work. Replaced failed light on pile J1. Adjusted pile lines on a mid-stream moored yacht.
- 5.62.08 May. Liaison with a local charter company regarding a commercial move to another berthing provider. Attended Swanwick hard to engage with a number of people attempting to kayak. Abusive towards patrol. Police informed. Recovered a large log from the Main Channel. Attended a yacht with two persons on board. Yacht had returned (heavy lift) from the Caribbean and sailed to a Crown Estate mooring. Owner advised of current regulations – compliant.

- 5.63.09 May. Returned an individual kayaker to Land's End slipway advising of Coronavirus guidelines - compliant. Patrol stopped a small inflatable dinghy at the mouth of the River with three persons on board which had launched from the Itchen. Advised of Coronavirus regulations and returned to Itchen. Southampton HM informed. Attended Swanwick hard to deter launch of a group of 6 kayakers. Advised of Coronavirus regulations. Initially non-compliant but eventually persuaded not to launch and to find alternative means of 'exercise'. Advised a member of a sailing club that recreational sailing was not allowed in the current situation – compliant. Liaison with Crown Estate mooring contractor.
- 5.64. 10 May. Responded to a call from a member of the public reporting two kayakers in the Upper River. None evident on arrival. Recovered a large branch from the Main Channel off Bursledon.
- 5.65. 11 May. Fielded numerous telephone enquiries on interpretation of the lifting of Coronavirus restrictions.
- 5.66. 12 May. Update to all mooring holders individually, as well as all marinas and yards on the implications of the lifting in travel restrictions. Overwhelming majority grateful for update with many positive replies for clarity. A small number of notes received expressing disagreement with restrictions on travel. Liaison with adjacent HMs to align approach to return to boating. Notices To River Users (NTRU) and emails to mooring holders, marinas and yards issued to reflect change in circumstances.
- 5.67. 13 May. Liaison with numerous river users regarding advice on a return to recreational boating and implications. Checks on moorings for those unable to travel long distances because of overnight restrictions.
- 5.68 14 May. See 13 May.
- 5.69. 15 May. Checks on moorings for those unable to travel long distances because of overnight restrictions. Stopped two small tenders speeding off Hamble – escorted to HM Jetty and verbal warning given. Large number of paddleboarders and kayakers now launching from Swanwick and Warsash following the lifting in restrictions. Advice given on the need not to remain in the Main Channel and keep clear of large craft. Increased number of Jet ski launches witnessed at Warsash. RHHA anecdotally absorbing jet-ski traffic from other harbours with closed slipways. With office remaining closed to visitors, payments being taking over the telephone, giving opportunity to brief on Bye Laws and behaviour.
- 5.70. 16 May. Fielded a number of questions regarding when an overnight visit to boats might be allowed. Liaison with Southern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority regarding a number of bait diggers. General good humour as those able to visit their boats expressed thanks. Heavy jet ski traffic at Warsash. Patrol presence in mouth of River to bear down on speeding and groups blocking the channel. Heavy River traffic. Paddle board and kayak launches from Swanwick and Bursledon continuing to be

heavy. Signage commissioned to direct this traffic away from the Main Channel and inshore at Bursledon. Took numerous complaints from larger craft owners on the proliferation of paddle boards. As part of a comprehensive risk assessment, 'simple' signage directing small craft decided upon, including a larger sign ashore, making clear the risks of impeding larger traffic. Notes sent also to marinas, yards and large craft owners about the responsibility of large craft in planning their journeys in the light of heavier traffic density. Paddle boarding and kayaking cannot be 'banned'. Larger craft have responsibilities under the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea which cannot be dismissed.

- 5.71. 17 May. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Continued liaison with numerous river users regarding advice on a return to recreational boating and implications. Checks on moorings for those unable to travel long distances because of overnight restrictions. Fielded further questions regarding when overnight visits to boats might be allowed.
- 5.72. 18 May. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Continued liaison with numerous river users regarding advice on a return to recreational boating and implications. Checks on moorings for those unable to travel long distances because of overnight restrictions. Fielded further questions regarding when overnight visits to boats might be allowed. Boat coding work. Liaison with the Marine Police Unit.
- 5.73. 19 May. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Continued liaison with numerous river users regarding advice on a return to recreational boating and implications. Boat coding work. Intercepted a yacht which had spent overnight away from Hamble contrary to Government guidelines – warned skipper of contravention. Hailed by a vessel which had run out of fuel at Bursledon – taken in tow. Removed a group of 10 youths from Eastlands Boatyard pontoons, having swum from the Western River bank. Stopped and warned a small motor boat for excessive speed and wash in the Upper River.
- 5.74. 20 May. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Continued liaison with numerous river users regarding advice on a return to recreational boating overnight and implications. Checks on moorings for those unable to travel long distances because of overnight restrictions. Fielded further questions regarding when overnight visits to boats might be allowed.
- 5.75. 21 May. Policing paddle board and kayak activity. Continued liaison with numerous river users regarding advice on a return to recreational boating overnight and implications. Checks on moorings for those unable to travel long distances because of overnight restrictions. Fielded further questions regarding when overnight visits to boats might be allowed. Verbal warnings given to numerous motorboats for excessive speed and wash in the mouth of the River.

- 5.76.22 May. As 21 May.
- 5.77.23 May. As 5.75. Patrol officer stationed ashore to advise paddle boarders and small craft users on conduct.
- 5.78.24 May. See 5.75. Took a report of a tender stolen from Hamble Jetty. Tender located later at the Ferry Hard. Reunited with owner. Heavy jet ski traffic. Patrol stationed at the mouth of the River to control speeding vessels. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse groups of youths engaged in anti-social behaviour. Liaison with Hedge End Police and the Marine Police Unit.
- 5.79.25 May. See 5.75. Exceptional paddle board and kayak activity in the Upper River in fine weather. Patrol stopped and warned a jet ski speeding off Crableck. Patrol assisted a kayak capsized adjacent to the pontoon at Deacons. Two paddlers recovered. Attended Eastlands Boatyard to disperse a large group of youths which had swum across from the adjacent fields. Liaison with the Jolly Sailor public house regarding paddle boarders using their pontoon. Support to a very large yacht inbound through heavy traffic for maintenance at a River yard. Liaison with a mid-stream mooring holder reporting a theft. Liaison with HM Coast Guard to recover a motorboat with engine failure at the mouth of the River.
- 5.80.26 May. See 5.75. Harbour Assist (new management system) training. Recovered a rusted bicycle and a large branch from the River. Attendance at Hamble Jetty to disperse a large group of youths engaged in anti-social behaviour. Boat coding work.
- 5.81.27 May. See 5.75. Advised an open water swimmer to keep out of the Main Channel near Crableck. Attended Eastlands Boatyard to assist in the dispersal of a large number of swimmers climbing onto pontoons. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse a large group on youths engaged in anti-social behaviour.
- 5.82.28 May. See 5.75. Advised an open water swimmer to keep out of the Main Channel near Crableck. Attended Eastlands Boatyard to assist in the dispersal of a large number of swimmers climbing onto pontoons. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse a large group on youths engaged in anti-social behaviour.
- 5.83.29 May. See 5.75. Monitored traffic and jet ski activity at the mouth of the River. Moved on a kayaker fishing from a private mid-stream pontoon. Conducted a search for a small RIB reported speeding near Hamble Jetty. Not located. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse a large group on youths engaged in anti-social behaviour. Escorted a motor vessel with intermittent propulsion issues to her proper berth on the 'G' run. Patrol responded to a call from a member of the public regarding speeding jet-skis in the Upper River. Attended, gave a verbal warning and then escorted the craft to Swanwick for recovery. Patrol intercepted a motor vessel navigating

erratically near Swanwick. Crew appeared to have been drinking but compliant when directed to return to their marina berth. Escorted.

- 5.84.30 May. See 5.75. Very busy in the Upper River with paddle boarders and kayaks. Patrol stopped a large RIB playing excessively loud music bound up River.
- 5.85.31 May. See 5.75. Patrol stopped four jet skiers entering the River at high speed from Calshot. Warned and jet skis returned to Calshot. Patrol stopped and warned a jetskier off Warsash for excess speed and wash. Very receptive. Liaison with HMCG, Calshot and Hamble Lifeboat in relation to the light aircraft which had ditched in the sea off Calshot. 2 casualties brought into Warsash by Hamble Lifeboat for recovery to hospital via ambulance.
- 5.86.01 Jun. See 5.75. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse a group of youths engaged in anti-social behaviour. Inspected the wreck off Crableck in response to a call from a member of the public reporting a fire. Heavy social media comment. Source of the fire appeared to be material placed within the wreck at low water. Hand-written 'hate' mail received at the Harbour Office levelling blame against the Harbour Authority for the event and threatening action against private moored vessels. Police informed.
- 5.87.02 Jun. See 5.75. Stopped a speeding jet ski at the mouth of the River. Verbal warning given. Gave assistance to two paddle boarders pinned against a pontoon on a strong ebb tide between the bridges. Attended Eastlands boatyard to disperse a large group of youths engaged in anti-social behaviour on pontoons, having swum from adjacent farmland. Patrol faced with a hail of verbal abuse and threats from the group, some of whom were known to the Police for previous criminal behaviour. Police in attendance. Patrol assisted 2 young people in a small RIB broken down off Crableck. Towed to Swanwick slipway for recovery. Patrol evicted numerous paddle boarders from private 'U' and 'V' pontoons where they had gathered to sunbathe. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse another large group of youths engaged in anti-social behaviour.
- 5.88.03 Jun. See 5.75. Patrol attended a report of a small diesel fuel spillage at Port Hamble. Light sheen broken up with propeller wash. Patrol responded to a call from a mid-stream mooring holder reporting muddy footprints on deck – no evidence of break in. Other adjacent vessels checked but no further evidence of access discovered.
- 5.89.04 Jun. See 5.75. Patrol craft anti-foul trial inspection.
- 5.90.05 Jun. See 5.75. Boat coding work. Search for and recovery of abandoned tender off Crableck. Recovered a large branch from the Main Channel in the Upper River. Patrol slowed and stopped an outbound motor cruiser (Itchen based) warned verbally for speeding.

- 5.91.06 Jun. See 5.75. Several large branches recovered from the Main Channel.
- 5.92.07 Jun. See 5.75. Liaison with UK Border Force and Southern IFCA regarding a group of cockle pickers on Hamble Spit. Tree pruning work to maintain the channel in the Upper River. Patrol attended Hamble Quay as a 3-year-old boy fell in the water from the Harbour Wall. Father jumped in to recover the boy. Both given first aid (rewarming/blanket) pending arrival of ambulance. Recovered to hospital for treatment for shock.
- 5.93.08 Jun. See 5.75. Patrol boat maintenance work. Liaison with UK Border Force and Southern IFCA regarding a group of cockle pickers on Hamble Spit. Attended and advised a yacht returning to the UK from the Caribbean.
- 5.94.09 Jun. See 5.75. Checked position of a mid-stream moored yacht whose mooring appeared to have dragged a short distance. Crown Estate mooring contractor informed for rectification. Moved on a day-visitor from a private mooring. Patrol boat maintenance work.
- 5.95.10 Jun. See 5.75. Patrol stopped and warned verbally two jet skiers for speed and excessive wash at the mouth of the River. Took a call from a mooring holder claiming to live aboard. Having investigated, this turned out not to be true and individual not only in contravention of Government guidelines but also mooring licence. Owner informed and directed to vacate the vessel.
- 5.96.11 Jun. See 5.75. Inspection of J21/22 piles revealed loose horse rail bolts. Reported to Crown Estate mooring contractor for defect rectification.
- 5.97.12 Jun. See 5.75. Patrol boat anti-foul inspection.
- 5.98.13 Jun. See 5.75. Fielded further questions regarding when overnight visits to boats might be allowed.
- 5.99.14 Jun. See 5.75.
- 5.100.15 Jun. See 5.75. Assisted Sea Start in the movement of a vessel to 'G' pontoon. Gave assistance to a capsized canoeist at the end of Swanwick slipway. Re-secured pick-up buoy on a mooring on the 'H' run. Paddleboard signage work. Attended Eastlands boatyard to disperse another group of swimmers which had crossed from adjacent farmland. Youths throwing material at passing boats. Marine Police Unit in attendance.
- 5.101.16 Jun. See 5.75. Patrol attended a vessel aground on Hamble Spit (skipper error) on a falling tide. Too far aground to be assisted off. No injuries. Liaison with HMCG. Attended Hamble jetty to disperse a group of youths engaged in ant-social behaviour. Patrol assisted a small tender which had run out of fuel back to Swanwick slipway. Patrol responded to a call from a member of the public regarding a speeding jet ski at the mouth of the River. Written warning given following earlier safety briefing. HM

removed three male youths from the Fishermens' Jetty following their verbal assault on the RHHA Administrative Officer. HM threatened with physical violence. Marine Police unit attended and took names – two gave false names and addresses. Correct names discovered by HM and follow-up Police action conducted.

5.102.17 Jun. See 5.75. Boat coding work.

5.103.18 Jun. See 5.75. Responded to several calls from members of the public and River users reporting a collision between a departing yacht and a moored yacht opposite Hamble. No injuries. Underway yacht had driven into the stern of the moored yacht at 6 knots causing extensive damage above the waterline to both vessels. Responsible yacht was under new ownership and bound for Northney Marina. HM direction given to place responsible yacht alongside at Warsash pending investigation. Skipper admitted incident (as he could not fail to do) and cautioned. In excess of £10k damage to impacted yacht. HM required departing yacht to give full details prior to departure and telephoned ahead to Northney to caution the marina of the yacht's arrival between 1730 and 1800 in case of similar inattention.

5.104.19 Jun. See 5.75. Patrol assisted a small dory which had run out of fuel adjacent to Hamble Jetty. Patrol Boat maintenance work. Patrol responded to a call from a member of the public reporting two persons struggling in the mud next to a dinghy on the Pink Ferry hard. Dinghy and persons recovered and warmed. Given advice on the need for a secondary means of propulsion.

5.105.20 Jun. See 5.75. Escorted a tow through busy traffic at the mouth of the River. Patrol attended a yacht with bilge alarms sounding on the 'B' pontoon. Minor ingress evident – owner informed and vessel monitored.

5.106.21 Jun. See 5.75. Responded to a call from a member of the public regarding speeding vessels in the Upper River. None located on attendance. Patrol slowed and warned a speeding jet ski at the mouth of the River. Patrol towed a tender with defective propulsion back from her parent vessel's mooring to Warsash.

5.107.22 Jun. See 5.75. Supported pile replacement of V19. Patrol responded to a call from a River User reporting a speeding jet ski at Swanwick. Verbal warning given. Patrol liaised with Hampshire Marine Police unit regarding a report from a sailing club about two youths who had stolen one of the Club's safety boats in broad daylight. The Club had pursued the thieves out of the River towards Netley where the boat was found abandoned and ultimately recovered to Warsash. Police in attendance.

5.108.23 Jun. See 5.75. Liaison with UK Border Force and Southern IFCA regarding a group of around 12 cockle pickers on Hamble Spit. Support to Royal Navy navigation training. Patrol attended Hamble jetty with Hampshire Police to disperse a large group of youths engaged in anti-social



behaviour. Patrol assisted a laser dinghy with a broken rudder back to Warsash slipway. Monitored a large group of swimmers opposite Eastlands boatyard.

5.109.24 Jun. See 5.75. Slowed and warned a number of motor vessels speeding and creating excessive wash in the mouth of the River. Responded to a call from a RIB reporting a collision between two yachts underway just outside the mouth of the River. No injuries. Owner of one vessel was clearly suffering from shock. Vessel accompanied back to her proper berth on the 'H' run. Responded to a call from a member of the public reporting 'tombstoning' off the A27 bridge. On attendance, a group was identified at Deacon's slip but no jumpers witnessed. Patrol intervened to stop a group of youths ripping out and throwing clumps of saltmarsh into the River above the bridges. Youths departed. Patrol assisted a large yacht with no astern gear alongside the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon. Patrol attended the 'J' pontoon to disperse a group of young swimmers. Patrol slowed and warned two jet skis entering the River at speed. Patrol attended Hamble Jetty to disperse a group of youths engaged in anti-social behaviour. Patrol slowed and warned two more jet skis for speeding and excessive wash in the mouth of the River.

5.110.25 Jun. See 5.75. Re-secured two vessels on the Warsash HM Jetty against a strong flood tide. Patrol attended Hamble Jetty to disperse a group of youths engaged in anti-social behaviour. Assisted a mid-stream mooring holder who had run over his pile line. Further attendance at Hamble Jetty, this time with the Police to disperse a large group of youths engaged in anti-social behaviour. Assisted an arriving yacht with headsail furling problem. Slowed and warned a number of speeding RIBs at the mouth of the River. Further attendance at Hamble Jetty to disperse a large group of youths engaged in anti-social behaviour. Police informed of repeat occurrence. Attended the A27 bridge to disperse a group of youths 'tombstoning' from the bridge. Attended the Jolly Sailor Public House jetty following a report of an individual with a cut foot. First Aid administered (in PPE) and individual ferried to the Hard for ambulance treatment. Patrol attended Eastlands boatyard to monitor and disperse a large group of youths swimming across the Main Channel. Police in attendance.

5.111.26 Jun. See 5.75. Attendance at Hamble Jetty to disperse a group of youths engaged in anti-social behaviour. Attended the mid-stream Visitor's Pontoon following a report that an outboard engine had been dropped into deep water. Engine had not leaked – later recovered by diver. Rescued two tired dinghy sailors capsized opposite Hamble Jetty. Attended Hamble Jetty once more to disperse a much larger group of youths engaged in anti-social behaviour. Police informed.

5.112.27 Jun. See 5.75. Responded to calls from members of the public regarding large numbers of smooth hound fish dead on the foreshore at Hamble. This legitimate 'by-catch' had been lost over the side in foul weather by a commercial fisherman who recovered the fish. Fielded

numerous calls about this issue. Liaison with Marine Police Unit in warning several speeding jet skis in the mouth of the River.

- 5.113.28 Jun. See 5.75. Re-secures pile line on a mid-stream moored yacht. Liaison with Hamble Life boat. Strong winds.
- 5.114.29 Jun. See 5.75. Made up pile lines for Crown Estate mooring holder. Attended a vessel moored incorrectly on a private Crown Estate mooring. Mooring holder and owner of incorrectly moored vessel contacted. Removal arranged.
- 5.115.30 Jun. See 5.75.
- 5.116.31 Jun. See 5.75.
- 5.117.01 Jul. See 5.75. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor.
- 5.118.02 Jul. See 5.75.
- 5.119.03 Jul. See 5.75. Attended a yacht aground in Warsash bay (skipper error) on a falling tide in strong onshore winds. Skipper uninjured. Re-floated and towed off at 2100 on the evening tide.
- 5.120.04 Jul. See 5.75. Responded to a call from a member of the public reporting a paddleboarder in difficulty off Brookfield House. On attendance, paddle lost but self-recovering using a hand-held sail. Attended a tender on the mud adjacent to the Chinese Bridge. Responded to a call of a speeding motor vessel in the mouth of the River – owner given a verbal warning. Government restrictions on overnight stays on vessels lifted.
- 5.121.05 Jul. Gave assistance to a couple in a rowing boat struggling against wind and tide in the Upper River. Responded to calls from numerous River Users reporting a speeding motor vessel between Crableck and Swanwick. Attended and apprehended vessel – skipper details taken and official warning given.
- 5.122.06 Jul. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Following an incident involving verbal abuse at the on duty RHHA Administrative Officer, HM attended the Fishermens' Jetty where the same belligerent youths from 16 June were engaged in Fishing. Witnessed by two local fishermen, the HM faced similar verbal abuse and threats before evicting the two. Police called and individuals later visited at home. Both already known to the local Police for theft and violent behaviour. Patrol traced a vessel previously reported for excessive wash near Port Hamble fuel jetty. Contact made with owner and warning given.
- 5.123.07 Jul. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Patrol recovered a drifting pick-up buoy and returned it to its owner. Attached a temporary safety line to replace a parted chain on a mid-

stream pontoon. Owner informed. Patrol assisted a large motor yacht alongside at Warsash. Gave assistance to a broken down club launch.

5.124.08 Jul. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Patrol boat maintenance. Support to club dinghy racing.

5.125.09 Jul. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Patrol boat maintenance. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit.

5.126.10 Jul. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Patrol boat maintenance. Patrol advised two private fishermen against mooring to RHHA navigation buoy. Patrol chased and stopped three jet skis at speed from Warsash to Hook Spit. Written warnings given for speeding and contravention of Bye Law 5 (safe navigation). Patrol directed two vessels to weigh anchor adjacent to Swanwick. Light audit.

5.127.11 Jul. Inclement weather. Light traffic. Liaison with the Police regarding the theft of an outboard motor. Patrol responded to a report of an ongoing break in to a yacht off Hamble. On attendance, Patrol witnessed an individual tampering with the vessel. On approach, the man claimed to be working on the boat for a friend. Patrol did not believe the man and called for police assistance. Hedge End Police attended with the assistance of Patrol and the man was arrested on suspicion of theft. A false address was given. The individual was later identified and is the subject of ongoing prosecution.

5.128.12 Jul. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Attended a visiting Belgian yacht aground on Hamble Spit (skipper error). 2 persons on board, no injuries. Yacht pulled clear with the assistance of passing Southampton Patrol vessel. Patrol stationed in the mouth of the River to bear down on speeding jet ski behaviour. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit. Patrol attended Hamble Jetty to disperse a large group of youths engaged in anti-social behaviour.

5.129.13 Jul. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Attended Hamble Jetty to assess requirement for anti-climb paint following HM/EBC/HPC/Police meeting. Patrol boat maintenance. Liaison with HMCG regarding a broken down jet ski within the Solent. No further action.

5.130.14 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor.

5.131.15 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Marina liaison work.

- 5.132.16 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Patrol boat maintenance. Water supply compliance work with Southern Water and HCC.
- 5.133.17 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. At 2130, witnessed three jet skis pass the Harbour Office at speeds in excess of 30 knots. Hampshire Marine Police Unit (under their Operation WAVEBREAKER) were at the mouth of the River, having stopped a non-compliant speeding motor boat. Marine Unit gave chase and stopped three jet skis near the Itchen Bridge who were attempting to abscond. Following numerous speeding incidents and given the gravity of this offence, it is intended that these will be pursued for prosecution.
- 5.134.18 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Gave assistance to a yacht with propulsion failure on the 'H' run. Stopped and advised a small RIB towing a kayak which was bouncing off moored vessel on the 'H' run. Patrol approached by a large motor vessel complaining of small craft activity at Swanwick. Patrol advised the skipper of RHHA efforts to educate paddle boarders/kayakers and guide them out of the Main Channel and also, when pressed, questioned the skipper on his own interpretation of IRPCS Rules 2, 5, 6 and 8. Skipper unable to answer and unclear as to his own responsibilities, despite hubris. Patrol responded to a call from a River User regarding a collision between a motor vessel underway in the Main Channel and a mid-stream moored yacht alongside her proper mooring. Slight scuffing witnessed on well-found yacht – owner informed and details exchanged. Underway skipper clearly at fault. Support to Hamble Life boat in recovery of motor vessel which had taken on water outside the Hamble. Vessel recovered to Warsash.
- 5.135.19 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Patrol assisted a yacht which had lost her propeller alongside the Warsash scrubbing piles for defect rectification. Patrol responded to a call from a member of the public reporting that she thought she had broken an ankle while in the mud opposite and upstream from the RHCP Jetty. Patrol made best speed to assist. On arrival patrol administered First Aid in PPE, fitting a splint and, on agreement with the victim and her husband conveyed both back to Swanwick car park, from which they self-reported to A and E. patrol rescued two persons from the water near the Railway Bridge after their tender took on water. Patrol boat maintenance work. Liaison with Southampton Patrol to recover a small motor boat just outside the River.
- 5.136.20 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Drinking water compliance work at Warsash. Towed a yacht from the 'B' pontoon to her proper mooring. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor.

Attended the A27 Bridge to deter swimmers and jumpers from the bridge. Patrol gave assistance to a motor vessel with propulsion issues.

- 5.137.21 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Exchanged No 5 Beacon light. Patrol stopped and warned three jet skis leaving the River at speed, despite guidance given on launch. Two were contrite but one was not, resulting in a formal written warning being given. Patrol recorded a report of a break-in to a vessel on the 'HP' run. During early evening and while conducting jetty maintenance at Warsash patrol witnessed a large motor vessel apparently out of control on the Eastleigh side of the River collide with a number of moored yachts. A passing RIB was attempting to slow the motor vessel down. Patrol deployed at best speed to bring the vessel (with control failure) under control and return her to her marina for assessment and defect rectification on a strong ebb.
- 5.138.22 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Patrol witnessed a visiting motor vessel occupying a Crown Estate private mooring for lunch. Advised the skipper that the mooring was private and that other Visitors' moorings were available at the mouth of the River. The skipper and his wife both deployed a volley of abuse at patrol, which was recorded on our incident form. The vessel was traced to a yacht club in Wales and the owner identified and invited to contact the Harbour Master via the Club Secretary. He did so and was effusively contrite. No further action taken. HM attended Hamble Jetty with Police officers from Eastleigh, Fareham (for local continuity) and the Marine Unit to disperse a very large group of youths engaged in ant-social behaviour and criminal activity. A group had been attempting to steal the River Taxi from her mooring and also steal a tender from the jetty. Names were taken by the police in case follow-up action necessary. Later, a further call was taken at the Harbour office when the police had departed of repeat offences. HM attended and evicted the perpetrators, making a further report to the police.
- 5.139.23 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Patrol assisted a yacht which had become foul on a neighbour's picking-up rope. Patrol recovered a Warsash based tender from the Pink Ferry hard and returned her to her owner. Patrol assisted a yacht to her mooring on the 'E' run.
- 5.140.24 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Patrol attended Hamble Jetty once more to disperse a group containing familiar faces engaged in anti-social behaviour. Patrol directed a vessel anchored at Mercury bend to weigh. Patrol moved on a vessel occupying a private Crown Estate mooring to the Visitors' Pontoon. Patrol stopped and warned a motorboat towing an inflatable rubber ring with children in it upstream. Skipper warned verbally. Compliant.

- 5.141.25 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream.
- 5.142.26 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Patrol moved on a visiting RIB using a private Crown Estate mooring. In the course of departure, one of the crew fell overboard but was recovered without incident. Patrol stopped and warned verbally a jet ski in the mouth of the River for speeding and creating excessive wash. Compliant.
- 5.143.27 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Fitted new pile lines at the request of a Crown Estate mooring holder.
- 5.144.28 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Supported a piling contractor in the lifting and re-driving of Pile V19. Fitted new pile lines at the request of a Crown Estate mooring holder.
- 5.145.29 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Attended a vessel whose downstream mooring chain had parted. Patrol liaison with the Crown Mooring contractor to move the vessel pending defect rectification. Pumped out an inundated tender at Warsash Jetty. Attended a Marina near the A27 bridge and moved on a number of swimmers climbing on private pontoons. Assisted a yacht with a foul propeller returning to the River. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police unit regarding jumpers from the A27 bridge.
- 5.146.30 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit which had stopped a speeding jet ski in the mouth of the River. Evidence passed to HM for action. Written warning issued to an individual from Southampton. Patrol attended Hamble Jetty once more to disperse another large group of youths engaged in anti-social behaviour. Responded to a report of swimmers in the Main Channel off Hamble. On attendance, swimmers were unmarked and advised to make their way ashore. Compliant. Patrol attended Eastland boatyard to disperse a group of 6 swimmers diving in and off private pontoons. Patrol assisted a tender, broken down, back to Hamble Quay. Patrol attended Hamble Jetty again, this time with the police to disperse a large group of youths engaged in pot smoking, alcohol consumption and other anti-social behaviour. Patrol attended a vessel with an alarm – no evidence of damage or issues – owner contacted.
- 5.147.31 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Patrol attended Hamble Jetty to disperse another group of youths engaged in anti-social behaviour. Patrol attended Eastlands boatyard to disperse a group of youths engaged in anti-social behaviour. Non-compliant/abusive. Police informed. Patrol returned to Hamble Jetty to disperse the same (and others)

group of youths still engaged in anti-social behaviour. Youths drinking spirit alcohol and smoking pot openly at benches on Hamble foreshore. Police informed.

- 5.148. 01 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Assisted a yacht with propulsion failure to her berth. Stopped a departing jet ski for excessive speed and wash. Fishermens' Jetty cleared of crabbers and private fishermen. Patrol stopped and warned a motor vessel for speeding and dangerous navigation at the mouth of the River. Official warning given because of the impact on other traffic.
- 5.149. 02 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Warsash HM Jetty painting (yellow hatching). Re-furled a flogging headsail on a mid-stream moored vessel. Liaison with HM Border Force and Southern IFCA regarding a group of in excess of 20 cockle pickers on Hamble Spit.
- 5.150. 03 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit regarding the theft of a jet ski from a marina. Recovered an inflatable tender, believed to have been used in association with the theft to the Harbour Office for forensic checks. Marina search to identify a motor vessel reported as having created excessive wash and damage to a tender in the Main Channel near the 'H' run. Took a report from a mooring holder of a collision involving a yacht underway and a moored yacht. Investigation indicated a failure to navigate responsibly and keep a proper look out. Official warning given and support ongoing to an insurance claim and repair.
- 5.151. 04 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Maintenance work on No 5 Light. Patrol Boat maintenance work. Patrol assisted a paddle boarder in distress from Swanwick to a marina. Light audit.
- 5.152. 05 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Removed a tyre swing from the M27 motorway bridge. Re-united stolen tender with its owner. Liaison with Police regarding two stolen outboard engines located under an inverted tender ashore at Land's End. Stopped and warned a jet ski for speeding off Warsash. Stopped and warned a speeding RIB off Warsash.
- 5.153. 06 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Slipway clearance at Warsash. Patrol dispersed swimmers at Bursledon reported to be jumping from the A27 bridge. Patrol responded to calls from members of the public reporting swimmers on various marina pontoons at Bursledon and North of the M27 bridge. Further patrol response to disperse jumpers from

the A27 bridge. Patrol attended Hamble Jetty to disperse swimmers who were swimming to the adjacent yacht club pontoons.

- 5.154. 07 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse a large group of abusive swimmers who were also climbing on adjacent yacht club pontoons. Liaison with a marina regarding an apparently abandoned Rigid Inflatable Boat. Patrol towed a small motor boat with propulsion failure from the Upper River to a boatyard for defect rectification. Attended the M27 motorway bridge to disperse a number of jumpers. Towed a small motor boat with propulsion failure to its parent yacht club. Responded to a call from a member of the public reporting a swimmer with an injury North of the M27 bridge. Attended but swimmer had self-recovered to an adjacent boatyard and had been collected by parents for treatment. Attended Hamble Jetty following a report from a member of the public of anti-social behaviour. On arrival, over 30 youths present. Verbally abusive to patrol and police called. Police attended, names taken and dispersed.
- 5.155. 08 Aug. Attended Hamble Jetty to apply anti-climb paint to the upper area of the bridge in order to discourage jumpers. Signage refreshed. Towed a small tender which had run out of fuel from Mercury bend to the fuel berth. Patrol gave assistance to a paddle boarder who had lost a paddle off Swanwick Hard. Patrol called to Hamble Jetty to disperse a group of swimmers. Returned at numerous times throughout the afternoon to do similarly. Removed a group of youths from adjacent yacht club pontoons. Patrol towed a small motor vessel with engine failure to Warsash HM Jetty for defect rectification. Intercepted and warned a speeding jet ski off Warsash. Patrol attended Hamble Jetty in response to a report of theft of a tender. On attendance, youths had stolen Hamble Life Boat's tender from their mooring. Police called, tender recovered and returned to the mooring. Police attendance to disperse a group engaged in anti-social behaviour (drugs/under-age drinking, verbal abuse/threatening behaviour) on Hamble Quay. Later removed a group of 8 youths who had returned to the jetty following the earlier police incident. Attended the A27 Bridge to disperse a group of 7 young people, jumping from the bridge. Non-compliant. Reported to the Police who were unable to attend. Further attendance at Hamble Jetty to disperse swimmers.
- 5.156. 09 Aug. Attended the A27 bridge to disperse a further group of jumpers. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse large groups of swimmers repeatedly throughout the day. Slowed and verbally warned a number of speeding jet skiers in the mouth of the River. Removed a number of swimmers from the Main Channel off Hamble. Reminded a number of members of the public of the private nature of the Fishermen's Jetty at Warsash.
- 5.157. 10 Aug. Attended the 'U' run to remove rubbish left by paddle boarders and kayakers using private pontoons as swimming and sun bathing platforms. This has become a routine activity. Attended Hamble Jetty with new Hamble beat Police Officer to explain the nature of the Hamble



incidents. Attended Hamble Jetty later. Jetty crowded with belligerent youths engaged in criminal damage of a tender. Captured on body worn camera while waiting for police attendance. Complete disregard for Patrol Officer advice and direction and verbal abuse directed at staff. 3 members of the group deliberately dived in front of the Patrol Boat on its slow final approach to the jetty necessitating evasive action. Youths strongly warned regarding this action but strong abuse given in return. Police called via 101 and raised to 999 in view of the sustained threatening nature of the behaviour which included one teenage male attempt to climb onto the patrol craft. Simultaneous call from a boatyard near the A27 bridge to attend and disperse a further group jumping into the Main Channel from the A27 Bridge. Police updated. DHM deployed in a second patrol boat to Hamble Jetty. Hampshire Marine Police Unit in attendance. Despite Police and HM presence, youths continued to attempt to access the pontoon. Expressions of appreciation from mothers with children and Hamble Life Boat regarding the efforts of Harbour Authority staff as the sole consistent authority to stand up to the persistent bad behaviour at Hamble Quay. During police attendance, one individual swam to and embarked in the Life Boat on the versa dock. Removed by the Marine Police Unit. With Police still present a group of youths swam to and climbed onto adjacent yacht club property. Told to leave by the Police, they refused and goaded the police with verbal abuse and swam back to Hamble Quay.

5.158. 11 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Support given to a visiting Belgian yacht. Attended Hamble Jetty in response to a call from a member of the public reporting aggressive behaviour. Advised to call the police over the telephone initially. On arrival a group of around 15 youths was jumping from the bridge, swimming to adjacent yacht club pontoons, climbing on private moored vessels and in front of the approaching Pink Ferry. Robust measures to deter and disperse on this occasion effective. Attended the 'U' and 'V' runs to find groups on privately owned pontoons sun bathing and drinking alcohol. When informed that these were private pontoons, the groups all became highly verbally abusive and refused to leave. Called to Hamble Jetty once more to disperse a larger group of youths swimming across the Main Channel. Remained in attendance until the Group had swum ashore. Responded to call from a boatyard at Bursledon and returned up River to disperse jumpers from the A27 Bridge who were jumping close to legitimate River traffic. Stopped a small tender speeding and creating excessive wash off Swanwick. The skipper complained that the Harbour Authority should not be policing activity such as his. Verbal warning given and details taken to collect Harbour Dues in respect of his 15hp craft. Stopped a Rigid Inflatable Boat towing a swimmer off Bursledon. Attended River Hamble Country Park Jetty but recalled to the A27 Bridge where two jumpers, previously hiding from police and patrol officers had re-commenced jumping. Youths present on the slipway on arrival with parents in attendance in a kayak. Separate witnesses reported parents encouraging the males to jump. All denied this and became abusive to Patrol Officers. Information shared with Marine Police

Unit along with body worn camera evidence. Returned to 'U' and 'V' runs to attempt to disperse sunbathers and swimmers. On this occasion compliant and rubbish removed. Responded to a call from a member of the public reporting a small group of youths jumping from Warsash College main life boat gantry. Hampshire Marine Police Unit already in attendance. Patrol stopped and warned two jet skis and a Rigid Inflatable Boat for speeding in the mouth of the River.

- 5.159. 12 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Responded to a call from a member of the public reporting two 'stranded' cockle pickers on Hamble Spit. Attended. Two persons able to walk ashore along spit under supervision. Liaison with River Hamble Country Park Rangers regarding a report of a fire ashore near the RHCP Jetty. Rangers in attendance and barbecue fire extinguished. Attended 'V' pontoons to remove trespassing sunbathers. Compliant. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse a group of swimmers. Attended the Main Channel between the boatyard and West bank to disperse a group of youths blocking the channel and demanding 'passwords' before letting vessel through. Group compliant when asked to move. Patrol cleared a group of around 10 young people swimming between a sailing club pontoon and the Fishermens' Jetty. Patrol then responded to a call reporting further jumpers from the A27 bridge.
- 5.160. 13 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Liaison with UK Border Force. Liaison with Hamble Life Boat and the Police regarding an aggressive and threatening individual who had locked himself in the Life Boat toilets.
- 5.161. 14 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse a small group of swimmers. Compliant. Liaison with a mooring holder regarding the theft of a tender. Responded to a report of a jet ski creating excessive wash in Warsash pool. Attended and re-briefed three jet ski riders who were very apologetic.
- 5.162. 15 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream.
- 5.163. 16 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Liaison with UK Border Force. Towed a yacht with propulsion failure from Mercury bend to her proper berth for defect rectification.
- 5.164. 17 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Joint meeting with the Police at the HM Office to discuss effectiveness of action at Hamble. Tow of a yacht from her berth and return.

- 5.165. 18 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Attended a lone private diver on a Crown Estate mooring and advised of safety requirements. Checked pile V19 following replacement.
- 5.166. 19 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Office yard rubbish clearance.
- 5.167. 20 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Responded to a call from a sailing club reporting swimmers from their mid-stream pontoon. Attended and very polite swimmers dispersed.
- 5.168. 21 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Strong winds. Re-secured a flogging sail on a mid-stream moored yacht. Owner informed. Secured a loose halyard on a mid-stream moored yacht. Owner informed. Replaced a number of fenders on moored yachts. Re-secured a second flogging headsail on a mid-stream moored yacht. Owner informed. Adjustment of a number of mooring lines to match weather conditions. Cold moved a visiting French yacht, exposed to the wind and swell.
- 5.169. 22 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Patrol recovered a mooring buoy displaced by the strong winds. Follow up action to replace. Assisted a motor boat with propulsions failure alongside for defect rectification.
- 5.170. 23 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Fitted new pile and safety lines for a mid-stream mooring holder.
- 5.171. 24 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Attended a mid-stream moored yacht which appeared low in the water. Pumped out and source traced to a leaking gland. Rate of ingress low but monitored and owner informed. Vessel moved ashore later for defect rectification. Preparations for high winds forecast for 25 Aug.
- 5.172. 25 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. High winds. Light traffic. Various attendances to re-position fenders and resecure lines. Refurled a loose foresail on a mid-stream moored yacht. Attended a yacht on a sailing club mooring with a parted stern line. Yacht re-secured.
- 5.173. 26 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor.
- 5.174. 27 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with HM Coast Guard regarding a motor vessel with an engine defect returning to the River.

- 5.175. 28 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Gave advice to two rafted yachts on the mid-stream visitors' pontoon. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor.
- 5.176. 29 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with a mid-stream mooring holder reporting a Rigid Inflatable Boat speeding between Crableck and Swanwick. RIB located and skipper re-briefed. First Aid equipment checks.
- 5.177. 30 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Attended a mid-stream moored yacht with parted pile lines. Temporary repair effected and owner informed. Attended a motor boat at anchor at the mouth of the River with engine failure. Towed to a yard for defect rectification.
- 5.178. 31 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream.
- 5.179. 01 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Policing paddle board and kayak activity at Swanwick/Bursledon and upstream. Boat coding work.

**REQUIRED CORPORATE AND 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

<b>Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents</b>	
<p>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.)</p>	
<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
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.