

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee:	River Hamble Harbour Management Committee
Date:	4 December 2020
Title:	Marine Director and Harbour Master's Report and Current Issues
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Purpose of this Report

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

Recommendation

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

Executive Summary

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

Contextual Information

Patrols

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

Issues

6. **Marine Safety Management System Audit** – The RHHA Designated Person undertook a routine inspection of the Marine Safety Management System on 18 November. This review was focused on replicating the type of inspection that would be carried out by the Regulator. The Harbour Authority was found to be compliant. This will enable the Duty Holder to write the Harbour Authority's three yearly letter of compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code to the Regulator (the Maritime and Coast Guard Agency) by the next deadline of 31 March 2021.
7. **Annual Trinity House Audit** – An officer of Trinity House conducted an annual paper audit of Aids to Navigation on 28 October to confirm compliance with the River Hamble Harbour Authority's status as a Local Lighthouse Authority. Records were found to be in good order. The written report is at Annex A.
8. **Universal Marina** – In parallel with the live application for Harbour Works' Consent (HWC) for 'additional berthing' at Universal Marina, Universal Marina also made its application to the Crown Estate to take on the 'J' Run of pontoons, which it requires to achieve the development. This application would have affected directly 42 private mooring holders as well as those from clubs which are tenants on the moorings. As part of its responsibilities to the Crown Estate under the terms of the Management Agreement, the Harbour Authority engaged in an open consultation process to feed back to both the Crown, in order to inform its judgement, and to the Developer. That consultation drew attention to the HWC application published on the RHHA Website. 170 replies were received by a variety of means, all in opposition. The Crown Estate concluded that it could not agree to this proposal given it would otherwise result in 'detriment to its operations on the River Hamble and to the interests of its berthing holders both immediately affected and more broadly on the River'. The Crown Estate has said it remains open to exploring alternative schemes that would not adversely affect The Crown Estate's mid-stream moorings. Natural England has advised that the RHHA should undertake an Appropriate Assessment under the Habitats Regulations.

Appendix 1 To Marine
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04 December 2020

Incidents and Events

- 5.1. 02 Sep. Marina liaison.
- 5.2. 03 Sep. Removed fallen tree from Badnam Creek.
- 5.3. 04 Sep. Marina liaison. Paddleboard liaison. Recovered abandoned yellow kayak from the upper River.
- 5.4. 05 Sep. Paddleboard and Kayak support at Swanwick. Shore liaison. Attended a call from a member of the public reporting two kayaks capsized between the bridges. Four persons had been recovered to the boatyard having capsized in the current. Clients of a local hire company. Company brief had advised individuals of the challenges of the current at that time.
- 5.5. 06 Sep. Took report of theft from a vessel in a sailing club. Owner had been onboard during the theft (reported to Police). Crime reference taken. Responded to a call of a speeding RIB at Swanwick towing an inflatable ring with persons on board. Vessel stopped and skipper warned verbally. Compliant. Anti-foul speed trials in Southampton Water.
- 5.6. 07 Sep. Light traffic. Stopped and warned verbally two jet skis for speeding at the mouth of the River.
- 5.7. 08 Sep. Jet Ski database logging and Police liaison. Patrol Boat maintenance.
- 5.8. 09 Sep. Boat coding work. Defect rectifications enforced. Tide gauge work at Bursledon. Support to mid-week dinghy racing.

- 5.9. 10 Sep. Support given to a visiting rally at Warsash.
- 5.10. 11 Sep. Nothing significant to report.
- 5.11. 12 Sep. Gave assistance to a vessel with propulsion failure off Crableck. Airlock found, vessel re-started.
- 5.12. 13 Sep. Heavy paddleboard and kayak traffic at Swanwick. Presence maintained and guidance given to follow newly erected signage.
- 5.13. 14 Sep. Marina liaison. Moved a vessel occupying a private mooring.
- 5.14. 15 Sep. Gave assistance to a RIB with propulsion failure off Crableck. Photographic evidence of small structure between the bridges taken for subsequent action.
- 5.15. 16 Sep. Patrol boat service work. Liaison with HM Coast Guard and Calshot Life Boat to assist motor vessel to Warsash for defect rectification.
- 5.16. 17 Sep. Liaison with the Crown Estate Mooring Contractor regarding pile maintenance. Liaison with HM Coast Guard regarding persons reported stranded on a mid-stream pontoon. Heavy paddleboard traffic at Swanwick. Removed a group of 5 persons – all consuming alcohol from a private pontoon – compliant. Attended a small yacht, caught fast on a mooring pick-up line. Liaison with bait diggers to enforce Bye Law on proximity to piles. Liaison with a private mooring holder to remove a visiting yacht from his mooring.
- 5.17. 18 Sep. Re-secured loose mooring lines on a mid-stream moored yacht. Owner informed. Patrol stopped and warned a RIB off Warsash for excessive speed and wash. Assisted a paddleboarder with cramp at Swanwick.
- 5.18. 19 Sep. Patrol gave assistance to two kayakers experiencing difficulty in strong tidal streams between the bridges. Both kayakers returned to Swanwick. These were private hires from a local paddleboard business at the slip which had briefed the kayakers on the tidal conditions in advance. Patrol recovered a group of 4 teenagers drifting downstream on the ebb tide adjacent to Lincegrove and Hacketts' marshes. Patrol stopped and warned two jet skis off Hamble for excessive speed and wash. Patrol liaised with the owners of two unattended jet skis who had arrived from Southampton.
- 5.19. 20 Sep. Patrol boat maintenance work. Heavy paddleboard/kayak traffic. Presence at Swanwick. Two vessels anchored moved on. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse swimmers.
- 5.20. 21 Sep. Attended a marina to investigate a report of an oil spill. Small spillage detected at very fine level which had clearly taken place days previously. Source unclear. Dispersed with propeller wash. Patrol gave assistance to a commercial vessel with gearbox defect (loss of astern propulsion). Turned off gas in a mid-stream mooring holder's vessel at the request of the owner.
- 5.21. 22 Sep. Marina liaison. Paint punt maintenance work. Jet ski database work.

- 5.22.23 Sep. Jet ski database work. Resecured a mid-stream moored yacht with loose lines. Inclement weather, light traffic.
- 5.23.24 Sep. Inclement weather, light traffic.
- 5.24.25 Sep. Patrol boat maintenance work. Marina liaison regarding an abandoned tender. Inclement weather, light traffic.
- 5.25.26 Sep. Liaison with UK Border Force. Responded to a call from a RIB aground on Hook Spit. Vessel re-floated on the rising tide. Skipper error. Marina liaison.
- 5.26.27 Sep. Tide gauge maintenance work, Bursledon. Liaison with a mooring holder regarding a change in vessel too large for the existing mooring. Patrol stopped and warned a motor vessel for excessive speed and wash in the mouth of the River.
- 5.27.28 Sep. Recovered a large grey mooring buoy from Hook Spit to Warsash.
- 5.28.29 Sep. Patrol boat maintenance.
- 5.29.30 Sep. Responded to a call from a marina reporting excessive movement of a moored vessel in strong winds. On attendance, nothing significant found. Lines checked. Marina liaison.
- 5.30.01 Oct. Patrol boat maintenance. Jet wash of the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon.
- 5.32.02 Oct. Reset fenders on a mid-stream moored catamaran. Attended a yacht with a gas alarm sounding. Alarm activated by short circuit in rain. Owner informed.
- 5.33.03 Oct. Liaison with HM Coast Guard regarding a report of a missing dog. A black Labrador was recovered by Hamble Life Boat. Took a report from a boatyard reporting the sinking of a motor vessel while alongside at its mooring between the bridges. A small amount of fuel was reported to be in the vessel and small leaks evident. Harbour Authority booms laid. Records taken. Liaison with NE/EA. Preparations for lift.
- 5.34.04 Oct. Boatyard attendance to inspect site of sinking and integrity of booming arrangements. Booming effective against small leak of diesel oil witnessed. Further preparations for lift.
- 5.35.05 Oct. Boatyard attendance to inspect site of sinking and integrity of booming arrangements. Booming effective against small leak of diesel oil witnessed. Vessel re-floated with assistance from yard crane on the embankment. Booms adjusted to conform with the movement of the vessel. Works to ensure vessel's structural integrity prior to recovery. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police unit regarding a stolen tender.
- 5.36.06 Oct. Patrol boat maintenance work. Liaison with boatyard regarding vessel recovery and clean-up. Inspection of a tree reported to have fallen near Curbridge. Returned a recovered tender to her owner.
- 5.37.07 Oct. Light traffic. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit. Adjusted a cover on a motor vessel which had filled with water.

- 5.38.08 Oct. Boatyard liaison regarding sunken vessel, now recovered to the hard.
- 5.39.09 Oct. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit. Attended an oil spillage at the Fishermens' Jetty Warsash. Contained with Tier One equipment, recorded and measures taken to charge costs. Material disposed of. Warning given.
- 5.40.10 Oct. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit. Escorted a catamaran with single engine failure to Swanwick.
- 5.41.11 Oct. Jet ski database work. Stopped and cautioned a motor vessel for excessive speed and wash.
- 5.42.12 Oct. Hampshire Marine Police Unit liaison regarding a suspect vessel. Liaison with member of the public reporting a development on the intertidal zone at Hamble.
- 5.43.13 Oct. Light traffic.
- 5.44.14 Oct. Patrol recovered a vessel adrift and unmanned off Warsash. Vessel recovered to link span and owner traced. Manufacture and fit of mooring lines for a mid-stream mooring holder.
- 5.45.15 Oct. Recovered a large tree trunk from the Main Channel in the upper River. Liaison with a commercial operator to assist in freeing a line from a vessel's propeller.
- 5.46.16 Oct. Attended the fallen tree in Curbridge to make arrangements for removal. Inspection of Botley channel for similar obstructions following stronger winds.
- 5.47.17 Oct. Liaison with HM Coast Guard regarding a yacht on the mid-stream Visitors' pontoon. MAYDAY call received in relation to one of two persons on board. Life Boat in attendance. Ambulance called to Warsash. On arrival, CPR administered to unconscious male initially and continued throughout yacht transit to HM Jetty Warsash where First Responders in attendance. Jetty cleared of members of the public and onlookers. Casualty removed from the scene by ambulance. Report received subsequently that the crew member had died, having suffered a catastrophic stroke. From initial call to First Responders attending at Warsash – 15 minutes.
- 5.48.18 Oct. Recovered a large fence post from the Mian Channel at Crableck.
- 5.49. 19 Oct. Recovered three large logs from the Main Channel in the upper River in high tides. Patrol re-secured a mid-stream moored yacht with parted stern lines. Re-secured a loose head sail on a mid-stream moored yacht.
- 5.50.20 Oct. Paint punt maintenance. Recovered a tree trunk from the Main Channel to Warsash.

- 5.51.21 Oct. Liaison with a member of a Hamble sailing club reporting the theft of his vessel from her mooring overnight. Vessel later found alongside a fuel berth and unattended.
- 5.52.22 Oct. Patrol boat maintenance work.
- 5.53.23 Oct. Patrol boat maintenance work. Liaison with a boatyard regarding clearance of material on the River bank. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor regarding pile maintenance.
- 5.54.24 Oct. Inclement weather and building winds. Enhanced mooring checks leading to re-securing work on four mid-stream moored vessels.
- 5.55.25 Oct. Heavy rain and light traffic. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit firearms team over fast departure to Sandown Bay for NAVE ANDROMEDA incident.
- 5.56.26 Oct. Liaison with 'Wetwheels' to put in place Halloween themed decorations. Liaison with a local fisherman reporting the possibility of a disused sinker adjacent to his drying mooring. CE contractors engaged to inspect and if necessary facilitate removal.
- 5.57.27 Oct. Patrol boat maintenance work. Inclement weather. High winds. Enhanced mooring checks. Liaison with Armed Forces' training within the River.
- 5.58.28 Oct. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit over items dredged up by a local fisherman. Liaison with Armed Forces training teams.
- 5.59.29 Oct. Nothing significant to report.
- 5.60.30 Oct. Patrol boat maintenance.
- 5.61.31 Oct. Inclement weather. High winds. Recovered abandoned dory from Hamble to Warsash.
- 5.62.01 Nov. Jet ski database work. Patrol boat maintenance work
- 5.63.02 Nov. Following strong winds, baled out inundated tenders at Warsash. Liaison with Marinas and boatyards, as well as River Users regarding the Prime Minister's announcement on future restrictions. Recovered a mooring buoy from the foreshore adjacent to Bunny Meadows. Liaison with commercial mooring contractor. Liaison with local fishermen to return fishing boxes washed overboard and recovered by patrol. Re-furled flogging sails on a number of mid-stream moored yachts. Patrol boat maintenance.
- 5.64.03 Nov. Liaison with the Crown Estate regarding Harbour Works' Consent. Liaison with mooring holders and commercial

- 5.65. 04 Nov. Speeding enforcement with a number of small motor vessels. Recovered a grey mooring buoy to Warsash. Pumped out a number of inundated tenders at Warsash HM Jetty.
- 5.66. 05 Nov. Pumped out a number of inundated tenders at Warsash HM Jetty.
- 5.67. 06 Nov. Support to 'Wetwheels' charity. Recovered a boat hook and cushion from the Main Channel.
- 5.68. 07 Nov. Assistance given to a mooring holder reporting scuffing damage to his vessel on a mid-stream mooring.
- 5.69. 08 Nov. Marina liaison.
- 5.70. 09 Nov. Patrol boat maintenance work. Liaison with a Sailing Club Member regarding the overdue arrival of a friend in his vessel. Vessel returned safely.
- 5.71. 10 Nov. Marina liaison. Patrol boat maintenance.
- 5.72. 11 Nov. Replaced cleat on the Fishermens' Jetty. Assisted a single-handed mid-stream mooring holder onto his berth.
- 5.73. 12 Nov. Patrol boat maintenance. Resecured a yacht at the Warsash scrubbing piles. Responded to a call from a member of the public reporting 2 speeding jet skis in the Upper River. On attendance, jet skis operating within the Bye Laws but reminded of the speed limit and need to navigate responsibly.
- 5.74. 13 Nov. Patrol boat maintenance.
- 5.75. 14 Nov. Pumped out an inundated RIB on the 'B' pontoon.
- 5.76. 15 Nov. Resecuring of lines on two mid-stream moored yachts. Responded to a call from a member of the public reporting a possible oil spill at Swanwick bend. On arrival nothing found.
- 5.77. 16 Nov. Inspected a mooring reported as dragging. Nothing untoward found. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit.
- 5.78. 17 Nov. Patrol boat defect rectification. Commercial tow of a mid-stream moored yacht to a yard for lift out. Responded to a call from a member of the public reporting two speeding jet skis in the Upper River. Jet skis located near Crableck bend and warned. Compliant.
- 5.79. 18 Nov. Patrol boat maintenance and trial following defect rectification.
- 5.80. 19 Nov. Boat coding work. Patrol craft anti-fouling work.
- 5.81. 20 Nov. Marina and boatyard liaison.

5.82.21 Nov. Support to dinghy racing activity off Warsash and in the mouth of the River.

5.83.22 Nov. Support to dinghy racing activity off Warsash and in the mouth of the River. Patrol boat maintenance work.

**REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:
Links to the Strategic Plan**

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

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

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

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

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

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

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