

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Report

<b>Committee:</b>	River Hamble Harbour Management Committee
<b>Date:</b>	5 March 2021
<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 Management Committee supports the contents of this report to the Harbour Board and agrees to support the approval of arrangements for extending time limits on Harbour Works' Consent in exceptional circumstances as referred to in section 7.

#### **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. **M27 Motorway Bridge** – The RHHA received notification that the drainage issue from the M27 Bridge would not be progressed under the Smart Motorways initiative in October. Disappointed at the lack of apparent will to take this forward, the Vice Chairman of the Harbour Board wrote in January to the Regional lead for Highways England to pursue the matter. The letter was copied to our three riparian Members of Parliament. The letter's receipt has been acknowledged and a further update will be provided in due course.
  
7. **Harbour Works' Consents – Exceptional extensions to three-year restrictions** – A small number of developments previously granted Harbour Works' Consent have not been completed within the three-year conditioned award. Where it is still the intent to complete these works and an application is made by the developer in question within the three-year permission period for exceptional extension, it is intended to bring the matter before the Board where a finite extension appropriate to the project will be considered on its merits. Approval may be granted subject to:
  - the plan being unchanged;
  - reasonable cause being given;
  - adjacent planned development being known about or under consideration by the Harbour Authority;
  - no change to statutory consultees' regulations or policies in place requiring a second consultation.
  - a clear plan from the developer on the length of extension required (this should not in any case be greater than three years from the date of any extension granted). No further extension will be granted.

Where the developer approaches the Harbour Authority after the three-year permission period has expired, it is recommended that a new full application be required.

Where the application is made to extend the Harbour Works' Consent, in view of the additional work required to bring the matter before the Board, a charge of £166 plus VAT is recommended.

**Appendix 1 To Marine**

**Director Report**

**Dated 5 March 2021**

**Incidents and Events**

7.1. 09 Jan. Moved a yacht with a fouled propeller from HM Pontoon to the scrubbing piles for defect rectification. Inspection and cockpit pump-out of a yacht low in the water. Assistance to Hampshire Ambulance and Fire Brigade mud rescue team to recover a person stuck in the mud off the Bunny Meadows footpath.

7.2. 10 Jan. Movement of pontoons to HM Jetty Warsash.

7.3. 11 Jan. Maintenance of Aids to Navigation.

7.4. 12 Jan. Assistance given to a Motor Cruiser in movement from the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon to her proper mooring. Approached and advised three members of the public fishing off Bursledon regarding COVID regulations. Routine liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit.

7.5. 13 Jan. Boatyard liaison. Liaison with UK Border Force regarding a visiting yacht skippered by a foreign national.

7.6. 14 Jan. Marina liaison. Power wash of jetties at Warsash.

7.7. 15 Jan. Assistance given to a River user reporting a stolen outboard engine. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit. Continued power wash of pontoons at Warsash.

7.8. 16 Jan. Tow of three vessels to alternative moorings on behalf of the Crown Estate in order to facilitate pile iron repair.

7.9. 17 Jan. Liaison with River Users regarding COVID regulations. Routine liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit.

7.10.18 Jan. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit and UK Border Force regarding the yacht at 7.5. Antifoul speed test. Advice given to two persons, swimming in the Main Channel. Patrol boat maintenance.

7.11.19 Jan. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor regarding pile iron replacement. Patrol boat maintenance.

7.12.20 Jan. Replaced worn mooring lines on a mid-stream moored yacht. Attended a yacht reported as shifting on her mooring – no issues.

7.13.21 Jan. Enhanced mooring check following overnight high winds caused by Storm Christoph. Fenders re-positioned on a number of vessels.

7.14.22 Jan. Maintenance of Aids to Navigation. Patrol boat maintenance.

7.15.23 Jan. Sector Light check (correct).

7.16.24 Jan. Inspection of a pontoon reported as being in poor condition. Liaison with owner. Maintenance of Aids to Navigation.

7.17.25 Jan. Patrol boat lift out and maintenance.

7.18.26 Jan. Pump out of a number of inundated tenders at Warsash. Maintenance of Aids to Navigation. Boatyard liaison.

7.19.27 Jan. Patrol boat re-launch and sea trials.

7.10.28 Jan. Maintenance of Aids to Navigation. Rescue of two kayakers in difficulty off Warsash. One kayaker had capsized in a strong ebb tide and suffered from an asthma attack. Ambulance called, PPE worn. Oxygen administered as individual was not carrying an inhaler. Hampshire Ambulance Service administered further first aid before releasing the individual.

7.11.29 Jan. Recovered a buoy adrift off Bursledon. Re-programming of Aids to Navigation. Liaison with River Users regarding COVID restrictions.

7.12.30 Jan. Liaison with Hamble Life Boat. Responded to a call from a member of the public of an individual in difficulty between the bridges. On arrival, the individual in question was found to not need assistance but had been recovering a loose pontoon float.

- 7.13.31 Jan. Maintenance of the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon. Liaison with HM Coast Guard regarding a report of a red flare within the Solent.
- 7.14.01 Feb. Replaced two worn cleats on the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon. Pontoon inspection River Hamble Country Park Jetty. Signage replacement.
- 7.15.02 Feb. Marina and boatyard liaison. Attended RHCP in response to a call from a member of the public reporting a swan in distress. RSPCA on site. No further RHHA involvement.
- 7.16.03 Feb. Yard fencing replacement. Maintenance of Aids to Navigation. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit regarding a stolen dinghy. Dinghy later located on the saltmarsh between the bridges and returned to owner.
- 7.17.04 Feb. Boat coding work. Mustering and checking of patrol boat Personal Protective Equipment. Liaison with Hampshire Police regarding the reporting of a gathering of people at Hamble. Pump out inundated tenders at Warsash. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor. Light Audit to confirm functionality of replaced Aids to Navigation.
- 7.18.05 Feb. Boatyard and Marina liaison. Yard fencing replacement.
- 7.19.06 Feb. Attended a small yacht on the 'M' run apparently low in the water. On inspection, some water found to be in the cockpit and also in the bilges. Pumped out and owner informed. Monitored for leaks but brackishness indicated rainwater.
- 7.20.07 Feb. Patrol to Upper River. Yard fencing replacement work continued.
- 7.21.08 Feb. Very little River activity and cold (-6 Deg C). Yard fencing replacement work.
- 7.22.09 Feb. Very little River activity and cold. Yard fencing replacement work.
- 7.23.10 Feb. Very little River activity and cold. Yard fencing replacement work.
- 7.24.11 Feb. Boatyard and Marina liaison.
- 7.25.12 Feb. Boatyard and Marina liaison.
- 7.26.13 Feb. Liaison with Hamble Life Boat. Preparations for forecast strong winds. Assisted a tender and occupants struggling under oars in strong tidal stream. Very cold.
- 7.27.14 Feb. Removal of a shredded tarpaulin from a vessel. Tarpaulin in danger of becoming a hazard to navigation. Owners informed. Re-positioned fenders on a number of mid-stream moored vessels.

7.28.15 Feb. Jet washed mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon. Liaison with an owner of a mid-stream moored yacht regarding an onboard alarm – traced to a faulty carbon dioxide monitor.

**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

**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.