

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee:	River Hamble Harbour Board
Date:	12 April 2024
Title:	Marine Director and Harbour Master's Report and Current Issues
Report From:	Director of Universal 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.

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.

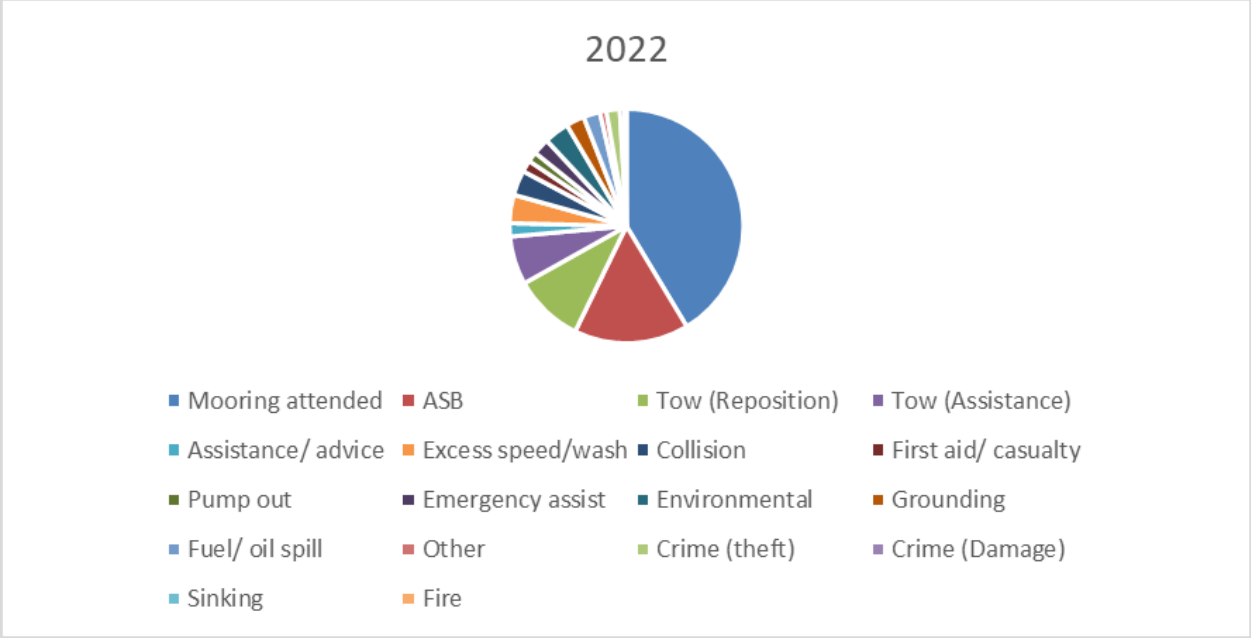
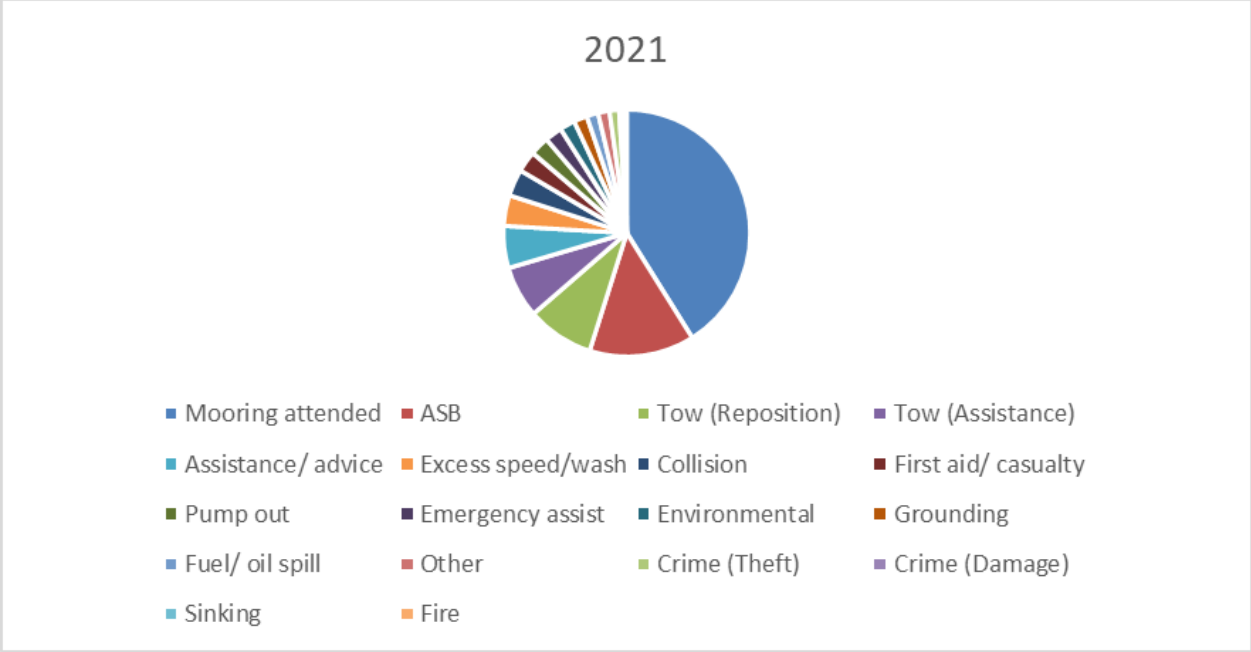
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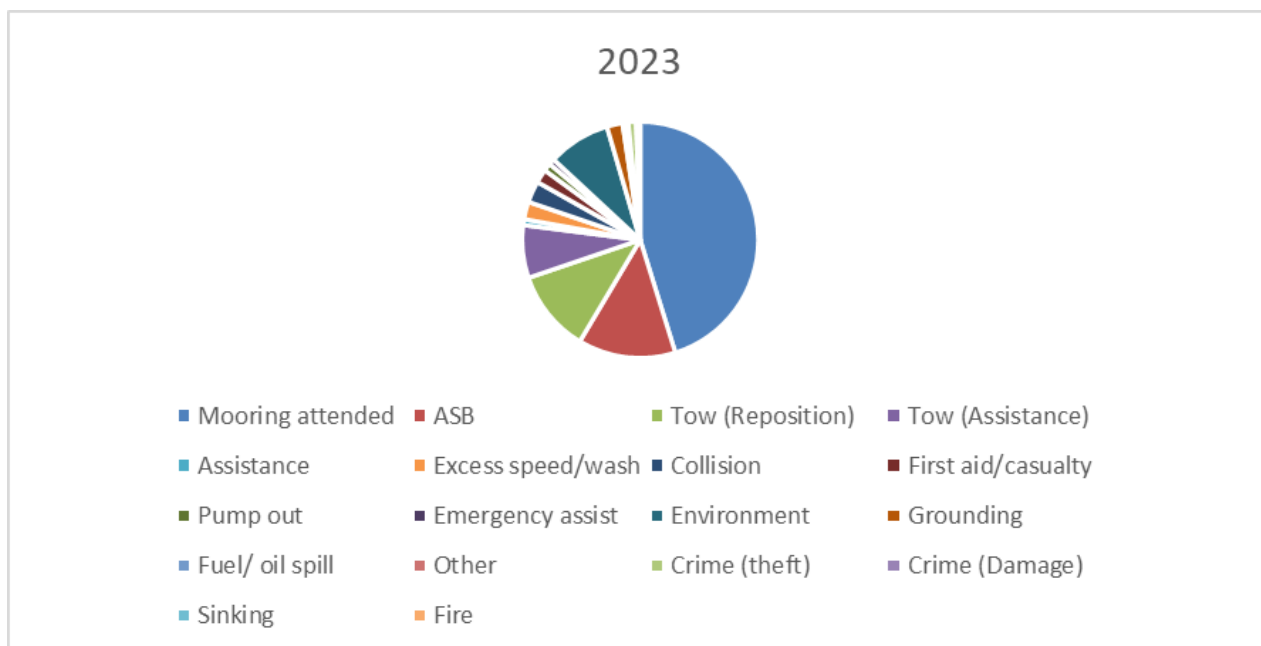
5. **Trinity House Inspection of Aids to Navigation** – A routine inspection of Aids to Navigation within the River was conducted by an officer of Trinity House 4 March 2024. A verbal update will be given.

6. **Incidents and Trends** – Analysis of incidents and trends is continually managed and recorded within the Harbour Authority's Marine Safety Management System (MSMS). This informs modifications made to the MSMS and is audited independently by the Designated Person. Reflections on trends are published twice each year in the form of the Harbour Master's Safety Newsletters. Trends are also highlighted in our Annual Report published in June. I have previously indicated that incident types have not varied substantially over the past three years. Charts showing this are provided at Annex A to this report for information.

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Charted Illustration of Incidents and Events





	2021	2022	2023
Mooring attended	164	180	169
ASB	55	69	50
Tow (Reposition)	35	42	42
Tow (Assistance)	27	29	27
Assistance/ advice	22	8	3
Excess speed/wash	16	17	9
Collision	14	15	11
First aid/ casualty	11	7	7
Pump out	10	6	4
Emergency assist	9	10	3
Environmental	8	15	32
Grounding	7	11	8
Fuel/ oil spill	6	10	2
Other	6	4	1
Crime (Theft)	5	8	4
Crime (Damage)	2	3	2
Sinking	1	1	0
Fire	1	0	0

Notes:

1. Similarly-coloured segment sizes relative to annual incident totals;
2. 2023 Environment figure increase because of two incidents and need to revisit sites.

Appendix 1 To Marine
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Incidents and Events

- 7.01 13 Jan. Support to Bird Aware bird survey. Liaison with Hamble Lifeboat. Liaison with a mid-stream mooring holder regarding failed chains.
- 7.02 14 Jan. Recovered several floating branches from the Main Channel South of the bridges.
- 7.03 15 Jan. Routine visit from UK Border Force. Assistance given to the skipper of a visiting yacht in picking up Maintenance Piles.
- 7.04 16 Jan. Liaison with Hampshire County Council Countryside staff at RHCP jetty. Liaison with new Hampshire Constabulary beat officer. Test and store of new oil spill Tier 1 booms.
- 7.05 17 Jan. Making up of towing bridles for patrol craft.
- 7.06 18 Jan. Enforcement of non-payment of Harbour Dues. Pump out of inundated tender at Warsash.
- 7.07 19 Jan. Exchange of Aid to Navigation at Warsash. Routine liaison with a River boatyard.
- 7.08 20 Jan. Inspection of vessels moored on the Visitors' Pontoon before forecast strong winds. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor. Light Audit. Assistance given to a yacht fouled on her pontoon.
- 7.09 21 Sep. Poor weather and strong winds (SW 8/9). Light traffic. Liaison with Crown Estate mooring contractor and owners of two mid-stream moored yachts with defective pile iron.
- 7.10 22 Jan. Improving weather following strong winds. Re-secured parted stern lines on two mid-stream moored yachts. Liaison with owners. Recovered a set of steps from the Fareham bank North of the Pink Ferry. Re-secured a yacht with slack mooring lines.
- 7.11 23 Jan. Light traffic. Checked a mid-stream moored yacht on behalf of her owner. Liaison with marinas. Checked installation of replacement aids to navigation within a marina – all correct. Check and pump-out of inundated tenders at Warsash and Hamble. Health and Safety review of tools against noise and vibration thresholds.
- 7.12 24 Jan. Light traffic – liaison with Marinas and Yards regarding Harbour Dues badges. Liaison with a private mooring contractor regarding an inundated small yacht.

- 7.13 25 Jan. Assistance given to a yacht reporting gearbox defect. Commercial make-up of mooring lines.
- 7.14 26 Jan. Liaison with Southampton Patrol regarding a recovered navigation mark. Mark believed to have come from outside Southampton HM jurisdiction.
- 7.15 27 Jan. Liaison with the owner of a mid-stream moored yacht reporting a break-in. Commercial tow of a yacht from her mooring to the Visitors' Pontoon. Recovered a section of tree from the Main Channel to Warsash for disposal.
- 7.16 28 Jan. Maintenance of aids to navigation. Liaison with Hamble Lifeboat.
- 7.17. 29 Jan. Joint training with Hampshire Marine Police Unit. Maintenance of black water pump-out facility.
- 7.18 30 Jan. Marina and boatyard liaison. Investigation into an apparent collision with Pile F50 (Port hand daymark) North of Hamble.
- 7.19 31 Jan. Routine liaison with Hamble Lifeboat. Inspection of vessels moored off Lincegrove and Hacketts' Marshes and Lands End following reports of break-ins. Follow-up call with one owner.
- 7.20 01 Feb. Liaison with a Boatyard reporting a spate of fuel theft. Commercial tow of a yacht from lift to her proper mooring.
- 7.21 02 Feb. Liaison with a sailing school regarding use of the Visitors' Pontoon. Preparations for the Crown Estate pile replacement programme.
- 7.22 03 Feb. Commercial make-up of mooring lines. Light traffic.
- 7.23 04 Feb. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor. Light traffic.
- 7.24 05 Feb. Boat coding work. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit. Commercial make-up and replacement of lines.
- 7.25 06 Feb. Delivery of Harbour Dues stickers to Marinas and Boatyards. Assistance given in righting an upturned dinghy off Warsash.
- 7.26 07 Feb. Following report from a canoeist, attended a small yacht on a club berth, low in the water. Liaison with the club to contact the owner and follow-up. Light traffic.
- 7.27 08 Feb. Warsash slipway re-grading. First Aid checks. Recovery of two large branches from the Main Channel for disposal.
- 7.28 09 Feb. Warsash slipway clearance following high spring tides.
- 7.29 10 Feb. recovery of railway sleeper from a slipway to Warsash HM yard for disposal. Support to Bird Aware bird count. Assistance given to a broken-down motor launch. Pump out of small yacht with blocked scuppers.
- 7.30 11 Feb. Recovered a large branch from the Main Channel off Hamble. Towed a motor vessel with propulsion failure to her proper mooring. High speed patrol craft run in Southampton water.

- 7.31 12 Feb. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor. Assistance given to a yacht which had run over and become fast on a mooring picking-up rope on a string ebb tide in fading light.
- 7.32 13 Feb. Light traffic.
- 7.33 14 Feb. Light traffic.
- 7.34 15 Feb. Preparations for the arrival of a visiting tall ship. Visitors' pontoon bolt maintenance. Inspection of an inflated mooring buoy – found to be punctured. Liaison with owner to repair/replace.
- 7.35 16 Feb. Advice given to a school yacht on training restrictions. Speed trials in Southampton Water.
- 7.36 17 Feb. Investigated a localised sheen of diesel over a small area near the Chinese Bridge. Dispersed with jet wash.
- 7.37 18 Feb. Inspection of No 8 Mark. Correct. Light traffic.
- 7.38 19 Feb. Board Chairman familiarisation with new patrol craft – Southampton Water. Commercial making-up of new lines.
- 7.39 20 Feb. Inspection of a pontoon reported as having a parted mooring chain. All chains inspected and found to be in need of replacement. Liaison with the owner regarding condition and certification of chains. As well as with the Crown Estate Mooring Contractor.
- 7.40 21 Feb. Patrol to Horse and Jockey. Inspection of Upper River Aids to Navigation.
- 7.41 22 Feb. Boat coding work. Light traffic in heavy rain.
- 7.42 23 Feb. Support to Hampshire Police in search for a person of interest.
- 7.43 24 Feb. Further support to Hampshire Police. Specific pile line check on behalf of the Moorings Officer. Attended a yacht apparently sitting low in the water. Small amount of cockpit water. Liaison with owner. Stood by a large yacht on passage up river.
- 7.44 25 Feb. Light traffic – Continuous pontoon measurement on behalf of the Moorings Officer.

**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.