

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee:	River Hamble Harbour Board
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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 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.

Issues

5. **Bridge Repair Works Warsash** – Planned works have commenced at our Bridge at Warsash to re-sheath ten supporting piles. This work will extend the life of the Bridge by an estimated 50 years and negate the requirement for full and more expensive replacement at its forecast end of life in 2032. This prudent engineering will therefore have a positive effect on the Asset Replacement Reserve in the mid and long term which will be fully reported on in the Spring round of meetings. Access to the Warsash Hammerhead is via the alternative Link Span route. Works are expected to be complete in mid December.

6. **Harbour Master's Safety Newsletter 2/23** – The second of our routine safety newsletters has been issued to highlight trends witnessed over the Summer. It is available on our new website [riverhamble-SafetyNewsletter2-2023.pdf \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.riverhamble-safety.gov.uk/SafetyNewsletter2-2023.pdf) and has been sent to all recorded resident and visiting vessels.

Appendix 1 To Marine
Director Report

Incidents and Events

- 7.01 03 Oct. Preparations for the arrival of Sea Cadets' vessel. First Aid equipment checks.
- 7.02 04 Oct. Light traffic. Moorings check on behalf of the Moorings Officer.
- 7.03 05 Oct. Light traffic. Yard clearance work.
- 7.04 06 Oct. Support to new Natural England officers – river familiarisation.
- 7.05 07 Oct. Pontoon inspections. Liaison with the owner of a small yacht berthed on Lands End foreshore.
- 7.06 08 Oct. Tow of a yacht with propulsion failure in the Main Channel off Hamble to its proper mooring.
- 7.07 09 Oct. Formal Notice to Move given to the owner of the yacht at 7.05. Recovery of vandalised RHHA safety signage at Hamble Jetty for replacement. Mooring tackle check on two mid-stream moorings. Liaison with licence holders to achieve repair.
- 7.08 10 Oct. Continuous pontoon measurement for prospective licence holder. Cleat replacement at HM Jetty Warsash following damage by a visiting vessel. Yard clearance work.
- 7.09 11 Oct. Assistance given to a yacht pinned to her berth by the prevailing wind. Support to a commercial vessel requiring emergency black water pump-out. Club racing mark recovered from foreshore near the Pink Ferry Hut and returned to Club. Recovered plastic sheet from the Main Channel off Hamble. Routine inspection of RHCP jetty.
- 7.10 12 Oct. Refurbishment of Grace Dieu marker buoy. Jetwash and speed trial of APOLLO in Southampton Water.
- 7.11 13 Oct. Light traffic in stronger winds.
- 7.12 14 Oct. Liaison with a mid-stream mooring holder reporting a break-in and theft South of Crableck. Reported to the Police. Liaison with a mid-stream mooring holder regarding failed pontoon tackle.
- 7.13 15 Oct. Stopped and warned the driver of a tender for speeding in the Upper River.
- 7.14 16 Oct. New commercial mooring line make-up and fit. Yard work - dismantling of large branches recovered from the Main Channel.
- 7.15 17 Oct. Tender survey at Warsash and Hamble Jetties. Re-secured a loose cover on a midstream moored yacht. Liaison with owner. Attended a commercially owned mid-stream swinging mooring with

failed tackle. Yacht towed to mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon. Liaison with mooring contractor to achieve repair.

- 7.16 18 Oct. Liaison with a yacht owner to return cushions recovered from the River. Commercial tow of a yacht from a yard to her proper mooring following lift-out. Stopped a speeding jetski in the Secondary Channel opposite Warsash. Nature of incident (speed, proximity to other vessels) required issue of a written warning.
- 7.17 19 Oct. Checked lines at the request of a mid-stream mooring holder. Recovered a large branch from the Main Channel near the Preferred Channel Marker at B1.
- 7.18 20 Oct. Recovered an abandoned tender from the foreshore at Swanwick.
- 7.19 21 Oct. Liaison with the owner of a visiting yacht on the midstream Visitors' Pontoon. First aid support to a minor injury incurred at a sailing club.
- 7.20 22 Oct. Assistance given to vessel using scrubbing piles at Warsash. Visit of Harbour Board Chairman, Mrs Eve Evans, widow of the late Board Chairman, Alderman Keith Evans and the Harbour Master to present new 'Alderman Keith Evans Harbour Master's Charity Pursuit Trophy' to the River Hamble Combined Clubs.
- 7.21 23 Oct. Stopped and warned verbally the skipper of a speeding RIB off Warsash. Support to 'Wetwheels' Hallowe'en preparations.
- 7.22 24 Oct. Stopped and advised a swimmer engaged in cleaning his own vessel regarding HSE policy. Tow of a small yacht with propulsion failure from Hamble to her proper mooring. Escorted another yacht at the owner's request from a fuel berth to her proper mooring. Pump-out of inundated RIB at Warsash. Assistance given to a larger vessel in coming alongside Hamble Jetty.
- 7.23 25 Oct. Return of a yacht from the Visitors' Pontoon to her proper mooring following defect rectification. Tow of another yacht from a commercially owned mooring off Hamble to the Visitors' Pontoon for mooring defect rectification.
- 7.24 26 Oct. Preparations for the visit of a large yacht at Warsash.
- 7.25 27 Oct. Tow of a RIB with propulsion failure to a marina berth. Attended a part-sunken tender at a mid-stream mooring. Re-floated and pumped out. Liaison with mooring holder.
- 7.26 28 Oct. Support to Bird Aware bird count.
- 7.27 29 Oct. Strong winds. Light traffic. Attempted to locate a large branch reported to be in the Main Channel near Swanwick. Not found. Support to Hamble Lifeboat in recovery of a small fishing vessel to Warsash.
- 7.28 30 Oct. Continued strong winds and light traffic. Liaison with Hamble Lifeboat regarding the ownership of the fishing vessel at 7.27.

- 7.29 31 Oct. Recovered two large blocks of wood from the Main Channel off Hamble. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring Contractor. Enhanced moorings check in advance of high winds.
- 7.30 01 Nov. Strong winds. Enhanced moorings checks in advance of high winds. Patrol to Curbridge to check Main Channel access. Liaison with landowner to arrange later removal of a fallen tree.
- 7.31 02 Nov. Increased strong winds with arrival of Storm Ciaran. 60 knot winds locally and tidal surge of around 1m on predicted 4.4m HW. Re-furled loose and flogging jib on a mid-stream moored yacht. Re-positioned numerous fenders.
- 7.32 03 Nov. Post storm enhanced mooring checks. No major incidents to note. Arrival of contractor's barge for Warsash Bridge refurbishment work. Check of a vessel at owner's request. Enhanced checks of vessels following a report of a fuel theft from a Marina in the Upper River. Stern line adjusted (tightened) on a mid-stream moored yacht.
- 7.33 04 Nov. Routine defibrillator checks. Boat coding work.
- 7.34 05 Nov. Light traffic.
- 7.35 06 Nov. Commencement of Warsash Bridge support refurbishment work. Liaison with HM Coastguard and Gosport Lifeboat reporting a vessel being taken to a Marina for emergency lift out (taking on water). Vessel recovered safely.
- 7.36 07 Nov. Liaison with owners of two vessels involved in a berthing collision. Crown Estate pile replacement project preparation.
- 7.37 08 Nov. Further Crown Estate pile replacement project preparation.
- 7.38 09 Nov. While on patrol, observed possible collision damage to a mid-stream moored yacht. Liaison with owner.
- 7.39 10 Nov. Jetwash of midstream Visitors' Pontoon.
- 7.40 11 Nov. Patrol to Botley Mill. Main Channel clear of obstructions.
- 7.41 12 Nov. 11am – 2 minutes' silence observed at Warsash War Memorial.

**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.