

## **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 notes 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.

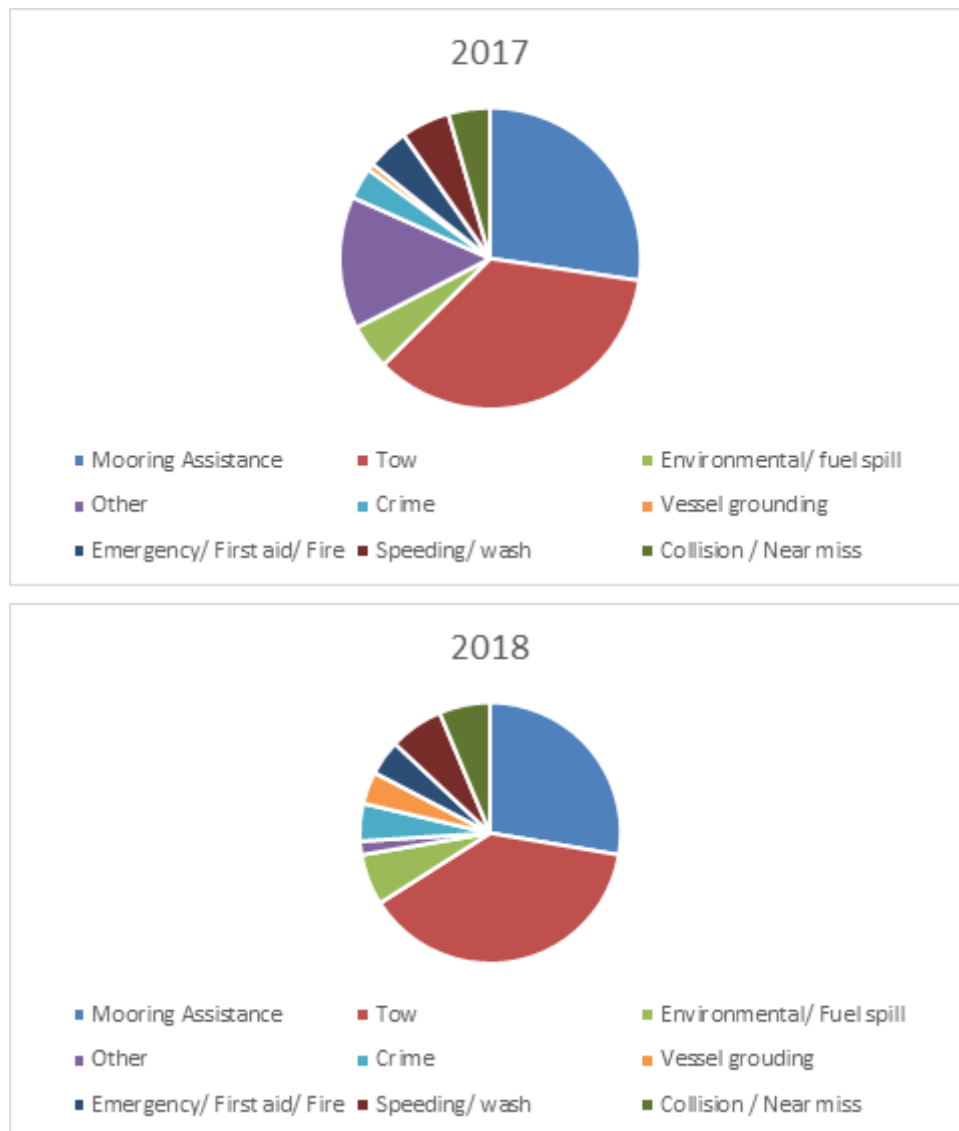
### **Contextual Information**

#### **Patrols**

4. The harbour has been patrolled by the Duty Harbour Master at various times between 0700 and 2230 daily.

## Incidents and Events

5. The following graphical representations illustrate trends over the past 2 years.



- 5.1. 09 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Patrol attended Hamble Jetty on two occasions to disperse swimmers.
- 5.2. 10 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Slipway clearance work. Environmental stakeholder River familiarisation. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse swimmers. Compliant. Attended River Hamble Country Park Jetty to advise swimmers on water safety following a report from a member of the public. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse a large group of swimmers jumping from the bridge. Compliant.
- 5.3. 11 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Routine RIB maintenance. Liaison with yachts engaged in berthing training on the mid-

stream Visitors' Pontoon. Patrol attended Hamble Jetty to disperse swimmers and those jumping from the Bridge. Non-compliant. Police called and attended. Patrol then responded to a call from a River User regarding an unoccupied tender trapped (and in danger of sinking) under a mooring line. Attended Hamble Jetty in response to a further report of anti-social behaviour. Police on scene. Patrol stopped and warned the skipper of a motor vessel creating excessive wash. Responded to a further call from a member of the public reporting ongoing criminal damage to a moored tender at Hamble. Patrol attended and witnessed a regularly non-compliant individual who had allegedly been involved. Patrol reported the matter to Hedge End Police who dispatched a unit to intervene. Patrol later returned to Hamble Jetty in response to a report of further disorder from a member of the public. Patrol then attended M27 bridge and a River boatyard following a report from a member of the public. A group of 11 youths attempting to access (via a rope) and jump from a gantry under the North West span of the M27 Bridge. Police informed but unable to attend because of other duties.

- 5.4. 12 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Routine marina and boatyard liaison. Rope removed from M27 Bridge gantry to prevent further access (5.3). Patrol attended Hamble Jetty to engage with and disperse swimmers. Initially non-compliant but withdrew.
- 5.5. 13 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Patrol rendered assistance to a RIB launching in cross-tidal conditions off Warsash Slipway. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse swimmers. Compliant. Gave assistance to a RIB owner who had run out of fuel. Re-briefing given.
- 5.6. 14 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse swimmers and liaise with Hampshire Police. Report of youths climbing on a moored RIB.
- 5.7. 15 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Gave assistance to a visitor at Warsash reporting a stolen tender. Routine equipment checks. Liaison with a visiting school yacht moored on a private mooring. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse swimmers. Initially non-compliant. Later returned to Hamble Jetty to prevent swimmers climbing on the Pink Ferry.
- 5.8. 16 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with Hampshire Highways regarding inspection of the A27 Road Bridge. Patrol stopped and warned a PWC regarding speeding and excessive wash. Liaison with HMCG regarding a Mayday call involving a yacht which had become fast on a buoy and apparently taking on water. Four persons on board. Supported Calshot and Hamble Life Boats. Vessel taken under tow by a commercial company to a River Marina for examination and defect rectification.
- 5.9. 17 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Boat coding work. Liaison with UK Border Force regarding suspicious activity involving a RIB. Assisted a RIB with propulsion failure alongside Hamble Jetty for defect rectification. Moved a visiting yacht from a private mid-stream mooring. Re-briefed and moved a small motor boat made fast to Crableck beacon.

- 5.10.18 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Towed a yacht with intermittent propulsion from the mouth of the River to Warsash HM Pontoon for defect rectification. Re-positioned visiting craft on the link span at Warsash. Attended Hamble Jetty to move a fisherman fishing from the Pink Ferry. Intercepted two swimmers off Warsash HM Jetty swimming between Warsash Sailing Club jetties. Removed from the water and re-briefed. Sailing Club contacted.
- 5.11.19 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with Hampshire Police and a Marina regarding a stolen tender at Swanwick.
- 5.12.20 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Responded to a call from a marina berth holder near the A27 Bridge reporting a swan apparently caught in fishing tackle. Reported to RSPB and attended. Swan not located. Re-briefed sailing club RIBS speeding unnecessarily in the mouth of the River. Assisted a RIB with propulsion failure alongside at Warsash HM Jetty for defect rectification. Support to a visiting sailing club rally.
- 5.13.21 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Assisted a vessel in coming alongside the scrubbing piles at Warsash. Liaison with HMCG regarding a DSC alert. Warned a speeding tender in the upper River. Warned a number of PWC for excessive speed and wash in the mouth of the River. Recovered a paddleboard adrift in a Marina. Owner not immediately apparent.
- 5.14.22 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Moved two visiting yachts from allocated mid-stream moorings. Gave assistance to a visiting French yacht. Commercial tow of a yacht from the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon to HM Jetty Warsash. Commercial assistance given to a yacht owner on a sailing club's scrubbing piles. Responded to a call from a sailing club regarding anti-social behaviour at Hamble Jetty. Additionally advised to register the call on 101. On attendance, discovered a number of youths on the Pink Ferry apparently filling the engine bay with water. Police called. Recovered and replaced HM Life Buoy floating off Hamble Jetty. Police informed.
- 5.15.23 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Assistance and advice given to a visiting paddleboarder. Liaison with a Marina near Land's End regarding a known individual and his sons swimming from Land's End and climbing on vessels. Police had already been on the scene but left. Patrol deployed to North of the M27 Bridge in response to complaints from marina berth holders of swimmers from the West bank climbing on their vessels. Attended and faced personal abuse. Police called. Gig rowers threatened by some swimmers. Patrol remained between Swanwick and RHCP jetties for 6 hours to deter, surveil and report on activity for subsequent Police use, if needed. Simultaneously, a further patrol was despatched to Hamble Jetty to deter and disperse swimmers for the same period of 6 hours. Both units carried body-worn cameras and were under a clear brief to deploy to other navigational-safety incidents if the need arose. Re-briefed the rider of a PWC creating excessive wash off Crableck.

- 5.16.24 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Owner of a visiting yacht at Hamble Jetty requested to be moved as a result of ant-social behaviour at Hamble Jetty. Moved to Warsash. Patrol remained at Hamble to disperse a crowd of youths engaged in anti-social behaviour. Experienced considerable verbal abuse. Youths climbing onto visiting and moored craft. Police called. Unable to attend owing to other duties. Patrol responded to a report from a commercial pleasure vessel on transit to the Upper River of further persons accessing and jumping from the M27 Bridge. Reported to the police. Further responded to a call from a Marina owner near the M27 Bridge of youths swimming across the River and climbing on pontoons and moored vessels. Advised to register the incident via 101. On attendance, patrol received considerable verbal abuse and threats of violence from those swimming. Body-worn cameras carried and incident reported to the police.
- 5.17.25 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with the Crown Estate Mooring Contractor. Attended Hamble Jetty to deter a small group of youths from swimming from the Jetty. Compliant. Later returned following a call regarding increased numbers (around 50) at Hamble Jetty. Liaison with the police, in attendance. Patrol officers were faced with significant verbal abuse. Police called and attended. Body-worn cameras carried in accordance with SOP. Separately, patrol attended Land's End to deter further anti-social behaviour there. Again, BWC deployed. Individuals non-compliant, refusing to desist from climbing on to privately owned vessels and pontoons. Reported to Police. Having returned to Warsash, Patrol took a further call from a member of the public regarding youths jumping from the A27 Bridge. Advised to call 101 and record the incident.
- 5.18.26 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Routine liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit. Collected an abandoned tender from Land's End and returned to HM Jetty at Warsash. En route, when conducting moorings checks on the 'L', 'V' and 'U' runs, discovered that at least 5 vessels had been broken into. Information passed to the police and owners contacted. Attended the A27 road bridge following a report from a member of the public that persons were jumping from the bridge. On arrival around 8 youths were present. When advised not to, they moved on. Liaison with the owner of the tender abandoned at Land's End, who reported that it had been stolen and also the Police, who were interested in undertaking a forensic examination.
- 5.19.27 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Further investigation into the theft at 5.18 revealed that a further 14 vessels in the vicinity had been broken into. Further liaison with the police and owners to both secure the vessels and furnish evidence. The common factor in the theft appeared to be the search for valuable tools.
- 5.20.28 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Routine liaison with Hamble Life Boat. Patrol boat routine maintenance. Commercial tow of a yacht to her proper mooring. Patrol gave advise to a small craft engaged in private fishing in the centre of the Main Channel in medium traffic. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse swimmers (compliant). Collected evidence from recent boat thefts for onward transmission to the Police. Stopped a

motorboat towing a small inflatable craft (with 5 persons on board, drinking) near the River Hamble Country Park Jetty and advised of the risks of not wearing life jackets. Compliant.

- 5.21. 29 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with Police regarding recovery of some tools stolen at 5.18 and 5.19. Forensic examination complete and attempting to return them to their owners. Routine patrol boat maintenance. Patrol towed a small motorboat with propulsion difficulties (2 persons on board) to a marina.
- 5.22. 30 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Further liaison with Hampshire Police regarding thefts. Attended a small motorboat moored off Hamble with her stern down in the water on a snagged mooring line (fore and aft) in high winds. Attempted to free her but unable to do so in time. Vessel taking on water quickly to the extent that she quickly turned and sank by the stern at her commercial mooring. Liaison with mooring contractor to achieve recovery. Vessel bow remained proud of the water and not an immediate threat to the safety of navigation. Gave assistance to a number of vessels in replacing fenders and re-furling flogging sails and covers. Liaison with Southampton Harbour Master regarding a marker buoy from Southampton Water on the beach South East of Hook Spit. Attended a small racing yacht with a parted mooring line off Hamble Jetty in high winds. Moved the vessel and secured it to the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon. Owner contacted via her commercial mooring contractor.
- 5.23. 31 Jul. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Secured flogging sails on a mid-stream moored yacht in high winds. Attended Land's End to discourage swimmers from climbing on to private pontoons and vessels. Replaced and re-positioned a number of fenders on vessels on the 'B' pontoon.
- 5.24. 01 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with a sailing school regarding practice in the Main Channel off Crableck. Tender signage work. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse swimmers. Compliant.
- 5.25. 02 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with police regarding recent theft. Recovered a large branch from the Main Channel off Stachell Marsh. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse swimmers and those engaged in anti-social behaviour. Reported as climbing on the Pink Ferry. Police in attendance. Attended a Bursledon Marina to investigate the cause of a berthing collision between a yacht underway and a moored craft. A small yacht skipper had misjudged/mis-planned his arrival to time with the strong ebb and collided with a larger motor vessel, causing minor impact damage. There were no injuries. Skipper re-briefed and owners' details exchanged.
- 5.26. 03 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Monitor heavy outgoing traffic before the Fastnet Race. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse swimmers. 1 minor verbally abusive and others non-compliant. Police called. Incident interrupted in order to respond to a call from a member of the public reporting disorder in the vicinity of a boatyard near the bridges. 6 canoeists allegedly drinking, throwing beer bottles into the River and

tampering with a mooring line of a vessel. On arrival, canoeists refused to co-operate and denied wrong-doing. Canoes on hire from a River company. Subsequent request to the hire company revealed the identity of the perpetrators who were banned from further hire.

- 5.27.04 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with a visiting troop of Sea Scouts. Liaison with and advice to a number of visiting school yachts regarding mooring practice on the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon. One in particular, failed to acknowledge that practice in excess of 30 minutes would require payment for a short stay. This, a repeat offender, required follow-up action to the company who acknowledged the shortcoming. Towed a yacht with propulsion failure to an adjacent berth for defect rectification. Responded to a call from a motor vessel reporting an individual in a kayak who had fallen into the water on a strong ebb and was holding on to a pontoon. Patrol attended at best speed and recovered the kayak owner who was cold and tired. First Aid administered and individual monitored. Family of 3 transported to their vehicle at Swanwick and were content to return home without further assistance.
- 5.28.05 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Surveyed CCTV at Warsash following a report of anti-social behaviour at Warsash Fishermen's Jetty. Nothing recorded. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse swimmers climbing on moored tenders. Compliant. Patrol responded to a call from Hampshire Marine Police Unit, which reported 8 youths swimming from Hamble Jetty across the Main Channel to climb on moored vessels on the 'D' run. Youths recovered by the Police and details taken. Rendered assistance to a Club launch with propulsion failure. Further liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit regarding earlier swimming activity.
- 5.29.06 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Patrol stopped and warned a speeding RIB in the mouth of the River. Support to Hamble River Sailing Club Centenary sail past. Liaison with a mid-stream mooring holder reporting damage to his moored yacht. Commercial tow of a yacht to a boatyard for maintenance. Liaison with a Dutch visiting yacht moored on a private mid-stream mooring. Routine marina liaison.
- 5.30.07 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Slipway clearance work. Responded to a report from a member of the public regarding non native oyster mortality on mid-stream piles (NB oyster restoration project not similarly affected). Recovered two large branches from the upper River.
- 5.31.08 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Routine marina and boatyard liaison. Preparations for forecast high winds. Rendered assistance to a RIB with propulsion difficulties.
- 5.32.09 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Checking and re-positioning of fenders, re-securing of lines and loose sails in increasing winds. Patrol towed a RIB with propulsion difficulties to Warsash Slip for recovery.
- 5.33.10 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. High winds. Recovered a kayak from Warsash shore. Re-furling of loose sails, re-positioning of fenders and lines.

- 5.34. 11 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Re-checked vessels with loose mooring lines reported on 10 Aug. Commercial tow of a catamaran to the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon. Routine liaison with Hamble Life Boat.
- 5.35. 12 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Responded to a report of a small diesel spillage off Warsash. No apparent source. Investigated with passing police RIB. Light film broken up with propellor wash.
- 5.36. 13 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Routine liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit and Hamble Lifeboat.
- 5.37. 14 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Recovered a large branch from the River at the railway bridge.
- 5.38. 15 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Routine liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit. Attended A27 bridge to disperse youths climbing on a mid-stream moored yacht. Observed a small motor boat towing three males adjacent to Mercury Marina – suspicious behaviour. Monitored. Police and Mercury marina office informed.
- 5.39. 16 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor. Heavy rain. Cowes week firework support.
- 5.40. 17 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Replaced a parted line on a mid-stream moored yacht. Routine liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor. Moved on a sailing school yacht from a private mid-stream mooring. Liaison with a mid-stream mooring holder regarding the poor state of mooring chains.
- 5.41. 18 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Gave assistance to a motor vessel with a discharged battery. Gave assistance to a motor vessel with a hull leak. No danger to navigation.
- 5.42. 19 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Enforcement of sailing school mis-use of mid-stream moorings and the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon.
- 5.43. 20 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Gave support to a PhD student from Plymouth University. Responded to a report of a small diesel spillage opposite the Harbour Office. On attendance, no obvious source found and light sheen broken up with propellor wash. Work experience training. Responded to a report from a member of the public of a possible dead animal in the vicinity of the 'J' Run. No trace found. Towing in support of the Bursledon Regatta.
- 5.44. 21 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Routine patrol boat maintenance work. Responded to further call from a member of the public reporting a dead animal in the River near Swanwick Bend. Possible link to 5.43. On attending, found no trace.
- 5.45. 22 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Cleaned tide gauges. Boat coding work. Gave assistance to a RIB in recovering from

Warsash. Advised a visiting yacht crew not to swim at Hamble Jetty approaches. Further towing operations in advance of the Bursledon Regatta Fireworks. Assisted a yacht alongside the scrubbing piles at Warsash.

- 5.46. 23 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Warsash slipway clearance work. Liaison with Fareham Borough Council regarding a broken board on the Shore Road car park platform. Routine marina liaison. Further boat movement in advance of the Bursledon Regatta. Joint attendance with Hampshire Marine Police Unit at Hamble Jetty to disperse swimmers.
- 5.47. 24 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Early patrol attended a motor vessel reported to be low in the water on the 'L' Run. On attendance, 4 feet of water in bilge and after cabin via a leaking stern gland. Gland sealed and vessel pumped out over two hours. Owner contacted and watch placed to ensure integrity of repair. Bursledon Regatta. Final boat movement prior to racing and fireworks. All three patrol craft afloat in support. Patrol witnessed a berthing collision at a sailing club between a manoeuvring motor boat and a moored yacht. On approaching, the motor vessel's engine cut out on a moderate ebb tide and the vessel made light contact with the yacht, causing scuffing damage. Owners' details exchanged. Evening support to the fireworks in maintaining clearance of the fall-out zone.
- 5.48. 25 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Returning vessels to their proper moorings following the Bursledon Regatta. Liaison with HMCG, Hamble Lifeboat and Hampshire Ambulance to recover a casualty with a back injury to Warsash. Assistance given to a yacht which had run over a mooring pick-up line. Recovery of the affected vessel for defect rectification and liaison with the mooring's contractor (not CE).
- 5.49. 26 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Further tow of vessels to their proper moorings following completion of the Bursledon Regatta. In warm weather attended Hamble Jetty to disperse swimmers. Liaison with UK Border Force.
- 5.50. 27 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Routine patrol boat maintenance. Responded to a call from a member of the public regarding anti-social behaviour at Lands End. On arrival, groups identified swimming to mid-stream pontoons and climbing on vessels. Individuals dispersed. Patrol returned to Hamble Jetty to disperse swimmers, one of whom threw a firework into the River off the Jetty. Police informed. Swimmers dispersed.
- 5.51. 28 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with the Pink Ferry regarding an incident involving youths removing mooring lines from a moored ferry. Ferry held alongside by a locked chain. Encouraged to report the matter to the Police. Litter pick at RHCP. Routine patrol boat maintenance.
- 5.52. 29 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Fine weather. Patrol assisted the movement of a Dutch barge between marinas. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse swimmers. Patrol removed a moored vessel from the 'hatched area' at Warsash HM Pontoon. Day into night monthly light audit.

- 5.53.30 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Warsash Slipway clearance work. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit. Routine liaison with Warsash fishermen. Jetty maintenance at Warsash. Patrol gave assistance to a yacht which had become foul on her picking-up line.
- 5.54.31 Aug. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Recovered a dead deer from the water near Swanwick, possibly the animal reported the previous week. Attended Hamble Jetty to disperse swimmers.
- 5.55.01 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Received a report from the owner of a yacht that he had collided with another moored yacht in fine weather, causing the latter a broken stanchion. Skipper's admission of own error. Owners' details exchanged. Gave assistance to a paddle boarder off Swanwick slip.
- 5.56.02 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Pile survey prior to Crown Estate maintenance programme meeting. Work experience. Liaison between two River users over disagreement in interpretation of the Collision Regulations.
- 5.57.03 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Further pile survey work. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor. CCTV work at Warsash Jetty.
- 5.58.04 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Further pile survey work with the crown Estate mooring contractor. Preparation for a visiting rally.
- 5.59.05 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Further pile survey work with the crown Estate mooring contractor. Slipway clearance work at Warsash. Liaison with a mooring holder reporting the theft of his tender. Review of CCTV in support.
- 5.60.06 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Required a small vessel anchored and fishing in the Main Channel to weigh. Reminded of Bye Laws. Liaison with HMCG and Hamble Life Boat regarding a report of a yacht aground on Hamble Spit on an ebb tide. 5 persons on board safe and skipper elected to wait and re-float, which it did at 0235 the following morning.
- 5.61.07 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with Southampton Patrol and HMCG. SP bringing an abandoned and lightly damaged but watertight RIB into the River for inspection by HMCG teams.
- 5.62.08 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Responded to a call from a River User reporting a yacht apparently low in the water. On arrival, no evidence of water ingress found. Liaison with Hamble Life Boat. Patrol gave assistance to a yacht reporting engine cooling problems in the Main Channel.
- 5.63.09 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Patrol recovered an abandoned tender from Warsash Slipway – the tender had previously been reported as stolen. Owner and Police informed. Patrol removed a fishing hook from the bill of a seagull at Warsash.

- 5.64. 10 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Boat coding work. Tow of vessel from her proper mooring pending completion of Crown Estate maintenance work.
- 5.65. 11 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Patrol recovered to Warsash a tender ashore at Crableck Bend. Attempts made to trace the owner. Further boat coding work. Patrol boat maintenance work.
- 5.66. 12 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Patrol slowed down and warned a small motor vessel speeding off Warsash. Review of CCTV in support of Hampshire Police. Patrol boat maintenance. Liaison with HMCG and Hamble Life Boat regarding a developing incident in the Solent.
- 5.67. 13 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Patrol boat maintenance. Installed new pile lines on a mid-stream mooring at the owner's request (commercial). Further CCTV work in support of Hampshire Police.
- 5.68. 14 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Warsash Slipway clearance work. Patrol responded to a report of a berthing collision between two vessels on a sailing club mooring. No injuries and light impact. Support to Hamble Sea Scouts' rafting event at RHCP Jetty. Assistance given to a RIB which had anchored just South of the Harbour and run over her anchor line. Recovered alongside the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon for defect rectification.
- 5.69. 15 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with the Pink Ferry. Assistance given to a tender owner reporting the theft of his vessel from Lands End. Assisted a new mooring holder onto his mooring. Agreed to fit new pile lines.
- 5.70. 16 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Attended Hamble Jetty to liaise with the pink Ferry and disperse swimmers. Returned a recovered stolen tender to her proper owner. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit regarding recent spate of tender thefts. Towed a motor vessel with propulsion difficulties in the Upper River alongside for defect rectification.
- 5.71. 17 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Observe and report on cockle pickers on Hamble Spit. Towed a motor boat with propulsion difficulties from the mouth of the River to a sailing club for defect rectification. Recovered a buoy secured to No 3 pile to Warsash. Routine liaison with UK Border Force.
- 5.72. 18 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Further observation of cockle pickers on Hamble Spit.
- 5.73. 19 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Recovered to Warsash an abandoned tender moored alongside at a marina. Owner contacted to recover.
- 5.74. 20 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Inspected a non-Crown Estate mooring which had apparently dragged, closing the gap between it and adjacent yachts. Mooring contractor contacted. Two PWC

stopped off Hamble and warned for excessive speed and wash. Warned a RIB off Hamble Point for excessive speed and wash.

- 5.75.21 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit regarding evidence of recent theft. Escorted a yacht reporting a fouled propellor to the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon for defect rectification.
- 5.76.22 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with a marina and Hampshire Police regarding a group of young men acting suspiciously on the 'H' Run. Liaison with a boatyard regarding a requirement to tow a large yacht prior to maintenance work. Support to vessels arriving for a large sailing regatta. Responded to a report from a mooring holder regarding a large motor vessel creating excessive wash off the 'G' Run. Vessel warned.
- 5.77.23 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Responded to a report of a diesel fuel spillage off Hamble. Absorbent mats deployed on light spillage and remainder broken up with propellor wash. No obvious source.
- 5.78.24 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Attended a vessel with a MOB marker activated. MOB marker extinguished and owner contacted. Pumped out a vessel with an ill-fitting cover on the 'B' pontoon. Re-secure the loose bow-line on a mid-stream moored yacht. Owner contacted. Pumped out two inundated RIBs on the HM pontoon at Warsash. Liaison with HMCG regarding a report of a collision between two vessels in the Solent. No action required.
- 5.79.25 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit regarding recent thefts.
- 5.80.26 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Recovered two large logs from the Upper River. Warned a sailing school yacht for improper use of a private mooring. Recovered a large plastic sheet from the River near the 'G' Run. No obvious origin. Liaison with a boatyard reporting that the buoy marking the wreck of the Grace Dieu had come adrift. Buoy recovered to Warsash pending replacement of the riser.
- 5.81.27 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. High winds. Light traffic. Liaison with Hampshire Police regarding recent spate of thefts. 3 persons had been detained to assist Police enquiries at Swanwick. Liaison with a boatyard regarding tidal predictions in the light of sequential low pressure systems. Boat coding work.
- 5.82.28 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with HMCG, Hampshire Ambulance and Hamble Life Boat regarding a casualty vessel bound for the Hamble from Calshot. One member of the crew had sustained an injury to her eye. Casualty recovered to the Ambulance at Warsash for onward transportation to Southampton Hospital.
- 5.83.29 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with a mooring holder reporting the theft of an outboard engine. Recovery of

various items from the foreshore on exceptionally high tides. Liaison with Fishery Patrol Vessel 'Watchful'.

- 5.84.30 Sep. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Attended a sailing club pontoon suspended following the fall in tide. Club and contractors informed. No immediate danger to other River Users. Pontoon returned to its proper position on next rise and inspected for damage. Modification made to prevent re-occurrence. Commercial tow of a yacht to a boatyard for lift-out. Gave assistance to a vessel recovering ashore at Warsash.
- 5.85.01 Oct. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Inspected pontoon at 5.84. Correct. Three-yearly oil spill exercise at Swanwick. Exercising command and control as well as tactical boom deployment.
- 5.86.02 Oct. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Responded to a call from a mooring holder reporting an adjacent vessel dragging her mooring. On arrival, vessels seen to be closer but not overly so. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor to investigate. Recovered a large branch from the Main Channel between the bridges.
- 5.87.03 Oct. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks.
- 5.88.04 Oct. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. While on patrol, observed possible evidence of break-in on vessels on the 'U' Run. Further investigation confirmed that forced entry had been made on six vessels. Patrol secured the vessels' cabin entry (weather), preserving evidence. Reported to Police and owners. Immediate investigation showed that a tender and outboard had been stolen from separate vessels. Warsash slipway clearance work. Re-furled flogging mainsail on a mid-stream moored vessel. Liaison with the Pink Ferry.
- 5.89.05 Oct. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Patrol took a VHF call from a yacht reporting a collision between a departing vessel and another Crown Estate moored vessel, causing damage to the latter's pushpit. The vessel causing the damage had continued down river. Patrol intercepted the vessel. The skipper was compliant and in the process of telephoning the office to report the incident. Details taken and passed to the owner of the affected yacht. The incident took place in good visibility, light winds and on a light (neap) flood). Skipper error determined to be the cause. Further liaison with mooring holders regarding the previous day's thefts. Gave assistance to a motor vessel with engine control difficulties near the mouth of the River.
- 5.90.06 Oct. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with Southampton Patrol. Boat coding work. Liaison with HMCG and Hampshire Ambulance regarding a casualty inbound to Warsash from the Solent. Casualty met and treated by Ambulance responders.
- 5.91.07 Oct. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Water quality meeting with Natural England and British Marine. Routine marina liaison. Observation and reporting of bait diggers off Crableck.
- 5.92.08 Oct. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Boat coding work. Recovery of a yellow wind-surfing board (no sail) from Swanwick shore.

- 5.93. 09 Oct. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Patrol boat maintenance. Bail out of inundated tender at Warsash.
- 5.94. 10 Oct. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Routine patrol boat maintenance. Pontoon towage.
- 5.95. 11 Oct. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Strong winds. Commercial tow of a yacht. Patrol discovered another run of break-ins of yachts, again on the 'U' Run. 10 vessels, some of which had previously also suffered theft. Owners and Police informed. Recovered a tender, possibly associated with the theft from Swanwick slipway. Routine patrol boat maintenance.
- 5.96. 12 Oct. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Patrol took a report from a marina of a stolen tender. Advised to contact the police. Patrol took a further call from a mid-stream mooring holder regarding tender theft. Again, advised to report the matter to the police.
- 5.97. 13 Oct. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Liaison with Hamble Life Boat. Recovered a tender (with the land-owner's permission) from a shed at Land's End. Tender not the property of the owner. Reported to the police. Tender believed to be placed in the unlocked shed for later use by thieves. Rendered assistance to a yacht with propulsion failure off Hamble Village. Patrol boat maintenance.
- 5.98. 14 Oct. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Fitted new pile lines for a mid-stream mooring holder. Liaison with mooring holders regarding recent episode of thefts.
- 5.99. 15 Oct. Patrol conducted mooring and pontoon checks. Meeting with Marine Police Unit regarding recent spate of thefts. Analysis of evidence.

## **Issues**

6. Port Marine Safety Code Inspection. The Harbour Authority's 6 monthly inspection of its Marine Safety Management System took place on 15 August. All previous actions have been completed and the report is at Appendix 1.
7. Anti-Social Behaviour. Incidence to date of anti-social behaviour increased by a third compared with last year. It has also prevailed more regularly at a larger number of locations. The effect has been that Patrol Officers have been diverted routinely from other normal patrol activity. While this has not impacted on the delivery of the mandated safety service, it has reduced the time available to officers in undertaking essential activity such as fee payment and wider engagement. In attending these incidents, Patrol Officers have continued to support the proper authorities in the execution of their duties. Two police dispersal orders have been put in place and enforced at Hamble. Other incidents, often taking place simultaneously at Lands End, the M27 bridge and at the River Hamble Country Park Jetty have seen Patrol Officers deployed for considerable periods of time. Presence has on occasion been effective but the aggressive nature of the

response from some has meant that police support has been required. The safety of Patrol Officers has been a primary consideration.

8. Hamble Showers. The Chairman of the Harbour Board has written to Hamble Lifeboat to ascertain the reason for the continued delay in the availability of the shower facility at Hamble. The response has confirmed that the showers are functional and also that work with the Parish Council to make them available is underway. The Harbour Master met with the Parish Clerk and Operations Manager of the Hamble Life Boat to resolve four outstanding issues on 30 Oct:
  - a. the installation of a pin lock system to the door;
  - b. the installation of a flow meter;
  - c. agreement on a charging method for hot water with HPC and HLB;
  - d. outline agreement on the codification of the arrangement into the current sub-lease to Hamble Parish Council.

An update on this work will be provided verbally.

9. Three-yearly Oil Spill Exercise. The RHHA conducted its three-yearly Oil Spill Exercise on 01 Oct at Swanwick. Our contractors, Adler and Allen, attended along with the Regulator (the Maritime and Coastguard Agency) and observers from British Marine and Cowes Harbour. The exercise explored options for protecting the River in the event that a spill were to migrate further upriver. The standards achieved were favourably commented upon by the Regulator and the Harbour Authority remains certifiably compliant with the requirement.
10. Financial Position. The Board has met to discuss the forward-look financial position in the light of this year's increase in Harbour Dues. A report will be issued separately including formal recommendations.

**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:**

- (a) An EIA is not required as no negative impacts are anticipated.