

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee:	River Hamble Harbour Management Committee
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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 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

5. **Annual Trinity House Audit** – An officer of Trinity House will conduct the routine annual visual audit of Aids to Navigation on 7 March to confirm compliance with the River Hamble Harbour Authority’s status as a Local Lighthouse Authority. A report will be made in due course.
6. **2022 Annual Forum** – This year’s Annual Forum and draw for tender billets will take place in the Victory Hall Warsash at 1830 on Tuesday 29 March.
7. **Resilience over the Recent Storm Period** - Infrastructure resilience to three named storms, Dudley, Eunice and Franklin over a four day period was satisfactory. A small yacht, overwhelmed by wave action, sank on her drying mooring but has since been re-floated. There was no environmental impact.

Climate Change and Carbon Mitigation Impact Assessment

8. Hampshire County Council utilises two decision-making tools to assess the carbon emissions and resilience impacts of its projects and decisions. These tools provide a clear, robust, and transparent way of assessing how projects, policies and initiatives contribute towards the County Council’s climate change targets of being carbon neutral and resilient to the impacts of a 2°C temperature rise by 2050. This process ensures that climate change considerations are built into everything the Authority does.

Climate Change Adaptation. A full assessment of climate change vulnerability was not completed as no decision is required in respect of this report.

Carbon Mitigation. A full assessment of carbon mitigation vulnerability was not completed as no decision is required in respect of this report.

Appendix 1 To Marine

Director Report

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Incidents and Events

- 9.01.07 Jan. Checked pile lines on a mid-stream moored yacht reported as non-compliant. Pumped out the cockpit of a mid-stream moored yacht. Liaison with owner.
- 9.02.08 Jan. Vessel check on behalf of an owner. Liaison with Hamble Life Boat.
- 9.03.09 Jan. Support to dinghy sailing. Liaison with a safety craft which run over a mooring, cutting it free. Liaison with the Crown Estate Mooring Contractor to arrange replacement.
- 9.04.10 Jan. Specific vessel checks on behalf on the Moorings Officer.
- 9.05.11 Jan. Poor visibility (fog). Light traffic. Specific vessel checks on behalf of the Moorings Officer. Day into night check of lights (Aids to Navigation). Two defects reported to site owners for rectification.
- 9.06.12 Jan. Patrol craft anti-foul test. Attended a Marina where emergency services were in attendance. Two fatalities had been found in a motor vessel alongside. Police and MAIB in attendance. No further Harbour Authority involvement.
- 9.07.13 Jan. Liaison with MAIB and Southampton Patrol to assist in re-location of vessel at 7.06 to Southampton for further investigations. Relocation of vessels displaced by routine dredging operations to their proper moorings.
- 9.08.14 Jan. Jetwash and clean of HM Jetties. Responded to a report from an inbound vessel of an outbound craft leaving the River at speed without navigation lights. Liaison with Southampton HM to locate.
- 9.09.15 Jan. Responded to a call from a member of the public reporting two male persons in an orange canoe behaving suspiciously around moored vessels on the 'M' and 'L' runs. Canoe and persons answering the description located at a Public House at Bursledon. No evidence to support illegal activity found. Recovered a large branch from the Main Channel off Crableck. Buoy recovered from vicinity of 'D' run. Buoy had some damage and evidently not local. Recovered to Warsash. Liaison with Hamble Life Boat.
- 9.10.16 Jan. Pumped out inundated tenders at Warsash. Recovered a large branch from the Main Channel to Warsash. Assistance given to a local fishing vessel with intermittent propulsion failure. Observed a jet ski launch from a marina and depart the River at speed with no lights after sunset. Jet ski continued in company with a waiting RIB. Contact made with marina to establish ownership details. None held.
- 9.11.17 Jan. While patrolling towards Curbridge, noticed a possible underwater obstruction for removal. Assistance given to a RIB with propulsion failure. RIB had broken down in Southampton Water and was under the tow of another vessel from an adjacent marina. Commercial make-up of mooring lines.
- 9.12.18 Jan. Maintenance of Aids to Navigation. Liaison with Marina dredging contractor.
- 9.13.19 Jan. Clearance of vegetation in the Botley Channel. Maintenance of Aids to Navigation. Commercial make-up of pile lines.

- 9.14.20 Jan. Marina liaison. Commercial supply and fit of pile lines for two vessels. Maintenance of Aids to Navigation.
- 9.15.21 Jan. Jetty inspection at RHCP. Boat coding work. First Aid equipment checks.
- 9.16.22 Jan. Liaison with a visiting school yacht. Liaison with a mooring holder on the 'J' run to recover a loose racing mark. Commercial tow of a yacht from the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon to Warsash Jetty. Re-positioning of a yacht on the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon.
- 9.17.23 Jan. Monitoring of slipway launches at Warsash. Attended a large catamaran stationary outside the Main Channel between Nos 5 and 7 Marks. On arrival, a local vessel had anchored for refreshment. Reminded of Bye Law prohibiting anchorage except in an emergency and moved on.
- 9.18.24 Jan. Patrol observed a light sheen of diesel oil covering a large area between Nos 9 and 10 Marks and between Hook and Hamble Spits. Given the flood and pattern of the dispersal, spillage believed to have taken place outside the River. No obvious source located. Sheen dispersed with propellor wash.
- 9.19.25 Jan. Liaison with Crown Estate Mooring Contractor and mooring holders in preparation for forthcoming routine pile replacement programme. Recovered No 11 Buoy (adjacent to Warsash College) for essential maintenance.
- 9.20.26 Jan. Liaison with the Crown Estate Mooring Contractor regarding re-positioning of No 11 Buoy. Planning work for boat movements prior to Pile Maintenance programme.
- 9.21.27 Jan. HCC routine check of shore power facility at Warsash Jetty.
- 9.22.28 Jan. Inspection and maintenance of mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon connecting bolts. Liaison with Crown Estate Mooring Contractor.
- 9.23.29 Jan. Trolley maintenance at Warsash. Re-secured boom on a mid-stream moored yacht. Liaison with RHCP staff over maintenance work to jetty.
- 9.24.30 Jan. Tide gauge cleaning. Focus on mouth of the River and heavy outbound traffic in fine weather.
- 9.25.01 Feb. Maintenance of No 11 Buoy. Boatyard liaison.
- 9.26.02 Feb. Patrol craft maintenance. Stopped and warned verbally two inbound resident motor vessels for excessive speed and wash.
- 9.27.03 Feb. Patrol craft maintenance. Maintenance of River Hamble Country Park (RHCP) hammerhead. Liaison with Country Park staff. Light traffic.
- 9.28.04 Feb. Slipway clearance Warsash. Patrol craft maintenance.
- 9.29.05 Feb. Tow of a vessel with propulsion failure from Warsash to her proper mooring for defect rectification.

- 9.30.06 Feb. Light traffic. Periodic equipment checks.
- 9.31.07 Feb. Assistance given to a mid-stream mooring holder stranded on vessel. Tow of a tender with propulsion failure to Swanwick slipway. Boatyard liaison. Stopped and gave a written warning to a delivery crew in a large motor vessel for excessive speed and wash. Stopped and advised a departing resident motor vessel navigating on the wrong side of the Main Channel near Crableck.
- 9.32.08 Feb. First Aid equipment checks. Light traffic.
- 9.33.09 Feb. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor. Light traffic.
- 9.34.10 Feb. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor. Dredging wash-up meeting in support of a sailing club.
- 9.35.11Feb. Environmental compliance support. Pump out of inundated tenders at HM jetty Warsash.
- 9.36.12 Feb. RHCP Jetty maintenance. Patrol craft maintenance.
- 9.37.13 Feb. Light traffic. Jetty decking maintenance at HM Pontoon Warsash.
- 9.38.14 Feb. Assistance given to a stranded mid-stream mooring holder. Liaison with Fareham Borough Council regarding a report of a beached dead seal outside the River.
- 9.39.15 Feb. Preparations for forecast stormy weather. Enhanced mooring and line checks. Very light traffic in building winds.
- 9.40.16 Feb. Re-secured loos cover on a mid-stream moored yacht. Liaison with a mid-stream mooring holder regarding possible minor collision damage to a vessel. Liaison with Hamble Life Boat. Support to Hampshire Marine Police Unit boarding training. Strong winds.
- 9.41.17 Feb. Final preparations for the arrival of storm Eunice, strongest of named storms. Replacement of worn lines on a small number of vessels. Recovery of a large branch from the Main Channel at Bursledon. Attended a small motor vessel aground at Hook Spit at low water. Towed off by a passing Hampshire Marine Police Unit RIB and then towed by Patrol to an adjacent marina for defect rectification.
- 9.42.18 Feb. Storm Eunice. Very strong winds 0800-1500. Met Office Red Warning. No traffic. Highest wind recorded wind 68 Knots (78 mph). Highest winds coincided with HW (4.4m at 1154Z). Surge tidal height of just under a metre above predicted HW experienced. High winds and increased wave height/frequency caused one small yacht to become inundated and sink at her mooring (since refloated). Patrol re-secured loose lines, loose sails and fenders.
- 9.43.19 Feb. Continued strong winds. Patrol recovered timber, pile caps and flotsam from the Main Channel at various points while conducting enhanced mooring checks in preparation for Storm Franklin.

9.44.20 Feb. Storm Franklin. Westerly winds of up to 65 knots (75 mph). Removed and secured cockpit cover on a midstream-moored yacht, replaced parted bow and stern lines, as well as fenders on others. Responded to a report of a failed pile iron but tidal height rendered full inspection impossible. Vessel secure. Liaison with owners to report damage.

9.45.21 Feb. Continued strong winds. Further enhanced moorings checks.

**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	
<p>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.)</p>	
<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
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.