

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. **Annual Forum** – The Annual Forum took place at the Victory Hall in Warsash on Tuesday 29 March. It was lightly attended. This annual public event provides River Users and others with an interest in the River to put questions to the Harbour Authority in open forum. The Harbour Master's Annual Report is also delivered. The Report is at Appendix 2.
6. **Safety Newsletter 1/22** – Harbour Master's safety newsletter 1/22 was issued on 26 April. The newsletter is at Appendix 3.
7. **Black Water or Sewage Pump-Out Facility** – This facility has now been fitted by Southern Water at no cost to the Harbour Authority. This involved the fitting of a new, built-up drain cap and associated stainless steel pipework. Electrical supply work is the final stage in the process and the pump is expected to be available for use by the end of May. It is anticipated that a modest charge will be made for its use with a discount being provided for Harbour Dues payers.
8. **Annual Boat Familiarisation** – The Annual Boat familiarisation trip took place following June's Management Committee meeting. This event gave members the opportunity to put questions to the Harbour Master and Environment and Development Officer and see at first hand matters discussed over the course of the year.
9. **Bursledon Regatta** – This year's Swanwick, Warsash and Bursledon Regatta will take place in Warsash over the weekend of 3rd and 4th September. Full details will be published in due course. The Chairman of the Harbour Board and Harbour Master will give a verbal update following a meeting with the Regatta Committee on Tuesday 12th July.
10. **Designated Person Contract** – The River Hamble Harbour Authority has, following a tender process, contracted Associated British Ports (Marine Environmental Research) (ABP(MER)) to deliver its Designated Person Services for a period of 3 years with effect from 1 July 2022. Our named Designated Person is Captain Martin Phipps MBE.

Appendix 1 To Marine
Director Report

Incidents and Events

- 11.01. 30 Mar. Support to the Crown Estate pile maintenance programme. Interviews for seasonal coxswain roles. Liaison with mooring holders displaced by the piling programme.
- 11.02. 31 Mar. Interviews for seasonal coxswain roles. Attended and pumped out a mid-stream moored yacht reported as sitting low in the water. Liaison with owner.
- 11.03. 01 Apr. Final interviews for seasonal coxswain roles. Commercial tow of two yachts from the Visitors' Pontoon to their proper moorings. Liaison with mooring holders displaced by the Crown Estate pile replacement programme.
- 11.04. 02 Apr. Further liaison with displaced mooring holders. Returned three vessels to moorings on owners' behalf.
- 11.05. 03 Apr. Tow of two yachts to their moorings. Witnessed popular use by crabbers and boaters of enhanced River Hamble Country Park Jetty facility. Liaison with Hamble Life Boat. Warsash Hammerhead jetty decking replacement work.
- 11.06. 04 Apr. Support in fixing new mooring lines to a mid-stream moored yacht. Support to Southern Water in removal of redundant old black water pump from Warsash Jetty. Warsash hammerhead mesh decking installation.
- 11.07. 05 Apr. Mooring check on behalf of a mid-stream mooring holder. Advice given to a visiting (US) flagged vessel. Commercial tow of a yacht from a boatyard to the mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon. Support to the Swiss crew of a yacht moored mid-stream. Wife had fallen awkwardly onto the pontoon and sustained suspected ligament damage. Ambulance called at 1340. Local ambulance pressures resulted in a taxi being called at 1915 to transport the casualty to Accident and Emergency at Queen Alexandra Hospital for treatment.
- 11.08. 06 Apr. Assistance given to the Swiss couple at 8.07 in returning to their vessel following treatment.
- 11.09. 07 Apr. Loose headsail secured on mid-stream moored yacht. Liaison with owner. Stopped and warned a commercial support craft for excessive speed and wash. Commercial making up of mooring lines.
- 11.10. 08 Apr. Responded to a report of light oil spillage at a Marina. On arrival, no obvious source witnessed and a light sheen broken up with propeller wash. Towing assistance given to a vessel and tow making poor headway in the conditions.

- 11.11. 09 Apr. Support to dinghy racing in the mouth of the River. Pile lines fitted for a mid-stream mooring holder. Monthly light audit.
- 11.12. 10 Apr. Pile lines fitted for a mid-stream mooring holder. Warsash Hammerhead mesh decking replacement.
- 11.13. 11 Apr. Tow of a mid-stream moored yacht between moorings. Continue with Warsash Hammerhead mesh decking replacement.
- 11.14. 12 Apr. Assistance to Swiss couple at 8.07 to access taxi to travel to airport. River Hamble Country Park Jetty barrier work. Bridge survey at Warsash to take advantage of Southern Water scaffolding. New black water pump-out facility electrical work.
- 11.15. 13 Apr. Mooring measurements on behalf of a prospective licensee. Patrol craft maintenance work.
- 11.16. 14 Apr. Responded to a call reporting an oil spill off a marina. Spillage located but source unconfirmed. Dispersed with propeller wash.
- 11.17. 15 Apr. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor in recovery of a damaged pontoon from a mid-stream mooring. Heavy traffic at the mouth of the River with verbal warnings and advice given for excessive speed and wash. Matter to feature in net HM Safety Newsletter.
- 11.18. 16 Apr. Replacement of No 9 Mark light. Reposition No 11 starboard hand navigation mark off Warsash.
- 11.19. 17 Apr. Liaison with Hamble fishermen. Several motor vessels stopped and warned for excessive speed and wash South of Warsash. Tow of midstream moored yacht in preparation for pile replacement opposite Warsash.
- 11.20. 18 Apr. Preparation for arrival of club rally. Stopped and warned a jet ski for excessive speed and wash off Bursledon.
- 11.21. 19 Apr. Assistance given to visiting rally. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor. Liaison with Hamble Life Boat to recover a vessel with propulsion failure off Crableck.
- 11.22. 20 Apr. Attended Swanwick Hard to take launch payments. Liaison between a Sailing Club and Hampshire Police regarding the theft of a club safety craft. Replacement of loose boards on the Fishermens' Jetty. Patrol to Upper River.
- 11.23. 21 Apr. Movement of vessels to accommodate pile replacement on the mid-stream Visitors' pontoon. Attended Hamble Quay in fine warm weather at high Water to disperse swimmers. Compliant but returned. Dispersed again. Warsash hammerhead decking replacement works. Patrol to Upper River.
- 11.24. 22 Apr. Movement of vessels to accommodate pile replacement on the mid-stream Visitors' pontoon. Patrol craft lift out for routine maintenance. Patrol to Upper River.
- 11.25. 23 Apr. Mediation of dispute between to mid-stream mooring holders on opposite berths. Moorings check of a multihulled yacht swinging at

her mooring, perhaps excessively. Liaison with owner to address.
Patrol to Upper River.

- 11.26. 24 Apr. Advice given to paddlers of a kayak off Swanwick to keep clear of the Main Channel and follow the signage in place. Patrol to Upper River. responded to a call from a RIB driver off Swanwick reporting a group in an inflatable paddling pool in the Main Channel and consuming alcohol. On attendance, the group had recovered to shore and absconded.
- 11.27. 25 Apr. Patrol craft maintenance. Patrol to Upper River. Moorings check to confirm fitting of new pile lines. Patrol to upper River.
- 11.28. 26 Apr. Scaffolding removal at Warsash. Enforcement of launch charges at Warsash. Liaison with a Sailing Club regarding berthing at Hamble of a Club boat for defect rectification. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor.
- 11.29. 27 Apr. New seasonal patrol officer induction. Daily patrol to Upper River.
- 11.30. 28 Apr. Boat coding work. Seasonal Patrol Officer practical induction.
- 11.31. 29 Apr. Seasonal Patrol Officer practical induction. Maintenance of Warsash Jetty lighting. Patrol craft maintenance. Pump out of inundated tenders at Warsash. Commercial tow of a vessel from the mouth of the River to her proper mooring.
- 11.32. 30 Apr. Patrol craft anti-foul test. Recovery of a tree stump from the Main Channel.
- 11.33. 01 May. Responded to a call from a member of the public reporting a light collision of a yacht and a vessel moored in a marina.
- 11.34. 02 May. Recovered a number of wooden blocks from the Main Channel off Hamble. Commercial tow of a small yacht from her berth to Hamble scrubbing piles. Recovery of an abandoned canoe from Lands End to Warsash. Responded to a report of a light oil spill off Hamble, not located.
- 11.35. 03 May. Final Crown Estate pile replacement project inspection. Recovered a large branch from the Main Channel between the bridges. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor.
- 11.36. 04 May. Seasonal Patrol Officer induction. Recovered a plastic crate from the Main Channel.
- 11.37. 05 May. Checked a vessel on behalf of her owner. Preparation for the arrival of a pre-booked yacht. Unpaid Harbour Dues collection.
- 11.38. 06 May. Support to fitting of pump-out facility. Patrol craft maintenance. Tow of mid-stream moored yacht to her proper mooring. Deploy to Upper River in response to a report of speeding jet skis from a Marina and a private River User. On arrival, two jet skis apprehended and warned. Compliant.

- 11.39. 07 May. Patrol to Swanwick slipway to monitor and take payment from launching traffic.
- 11.40. 08 May. Warsash slipway busy with launching traffic. Liaison with Solent Coastguard to provide assistance to a small yacht aground at the mouth of the River on a rising tide. Vessel re-floated safely. Liaison with a River User reporting a close quarters situation with a passing yacht. Verbal warning given to a jet ski rider off Hamble for excessive speed and wash. Compliant. Hailed by and towed a broken down motor vessel to her proper berth. Liaison with Hamble Life Boat.
- 11.41. 09 May. Patrol craft maintenance. Assistance given to a vessel with propulsion failure in the mouth of the River. Checked a vessel reported as having been used as a bathing platform by weekend paddleboarders – no sign of damage, litter or entry. Liaison with owner to report. Moved on a sailing school yacht from a private mid-stream mooring where it had stopped for lunch.
- 11.42. 10 May. Commercial tow of a yacht to her proper mooring.
- 11.43. 11 May. Assistance to a motor vessel caught fast on picking up ropes between mooring buoys. Liaison with Crown Estate mooring contractor to confirm mooring integrity. Boat coding work.
- 11.44. 12 May. Cleaning of tide gauges. Preparation for a commercial visitor. Stopped and warned a visiting motor vessel for excessive speed and wash in the mouth of the River.
- 11.45. 13 May. Commercial replacement of mooring lines.
- 11.46. 14 May. Support to Hamble River Raid. Patrol craft maintenance. Responded to a report of a vessel towing an inflatable toy with children embarked below the bridges. Commercial tow of a vessel between moorings. Check of Aids to Navigation.
- 11.47. 15 May. Commercial tow of a yacht to a marina for lift out. Refurled a loose headsail on a midstream moored yacht. Light traffic. Assistance given to a Sailing Club in identifying an unauthorised moored yacht.
- 11.48. 16 May. Warsash Jetty decking replacement work. First Aid kit update. Further liaison with a Sailing Club following the identification of an unauthorised yacht moored on a club mooring. Safety advice given to kayakers between to bridges.
- 11.49. 17 May. Liaison with a mid-stream mooring holder about incorrect mooring configuration. Recovered two logs from the Main Channel at Swanwick. Investigation into a report of a submerged obstruction near the port hand marker South of the M27 Bridge using side scan sonar. Nothing significant to report. Advice given to a local vessel anchored North of No 9 Mark contrary to Bye Law 16. Continuation of Warsash Jetty decking replacement.

- 11.50. 18 May. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit regarding a vessel of interest. Continuation of Warsash Jetty decking replacement. Responded to a call from a member of the public who had dropped her mobile telephone between boards at Hamble Jetty. Patrol removed boards and retrieved the telephone.
- 11.51. 19 May. Air gauge cleaning. Check of a buoyed mooring, reportedly foul. Liaison with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust relating to future support.
- 11.52. 20 May. Fixing of new safety signage at Hamble Jetty. Patrol craft maintenance. Liaison with Hampshire Police following a report of anti-social behaviour opposite a boatyard, involving bonfires on private land and the throwing of bottles at passing vessels.
- 11.53. 21 May. Liaison with Hamble Lifeboat. Engagement with a sailing school regarding use of the Visitors' Pontoon for berthing practice. Eviction of a visiting yacht from a private mooring. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor. Attended a jet ski aground on Hook Spit – recovered to Warsash Slipway.
- 11.54. 22 May. Liaison with Hamble Lifeboat. Liaison with a local Councillor regarding a fallen tree near Botley.
- 11.55. 23 May. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor. Mooring standard enforcement. Recovered a large branch from the Main Channel North of the M27 bridge. Tree clearance work at Botley.
- 11.56. 24 May. Commissioning work of the black water pump-out facility at Warsash. Completion of jetty decking work at Warsash. Commercial tow of a yacht from a boatyard to Warsash Jetty. Visit of a team from the Marine Accident and Investigation Branch at their request to brief new inspectors on recreational harbour business. Stopped and advised an inbound motor vessel for excessive wash. HM and DHM attended a yacht club for a routine meeting of the Association of River Hamble Yacht Clubs. Safety and environmental briefings were given, as well as a review of the events guidance memorandum of understanding.
- 11.57. 25 May. Further tree clearance work at Botley. Liaison with paddleboarders locally.
- 11.58. 26 May. Affixed yellow hatched markings to Warsash Jetty safety landing area. Mooring standards enforcement.
- 11.59. 27 May. Liaison with the owner of a vessel moored at a River boatyard who reported his windscreen smashed by vandals. Reported to Hampshire Police. Towed a small tender with a damaged propeller to a Marina.

- 11.60. 28 May. Commercial tow of a yacht from a marina to her proper mooring. Advice given to the masters of two Rigid inflatable Boats reported as speeding off Crableck Bend. Mooring standards support given to a mid-stream mooring holder.
- 11.61. 29 May. Liaison with the master of a motor vessel moored at HM Jetty Warsash reporting a minor berthing collision. Other party located at a River boatyard and advised of the requirement to report any collision, however minor, to the Harbour Master in accordance with Bye Law 9. Owners placed in contact with one another to resolve any damage.
- 11.62. 30 May. Patrol craft maintenance. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit regarding a vessel of interest.
- 11.63. 31 May. Stopped and warned a small motor vessel for excessive speed and wash in the Upper River. Further liaison with Hampshire Marine Police unit regarding a vessel of interest. Changed mooring lines on a mid-stream moored vessel at the owner's request.
- 11.64. 01 Jun. Commercial tow of a yacht from a boatyard to HM Pontoon Warsash. Mooring standards enforcement. Tow of a small tender from the Visitors' Pontoon to Warsash.
- 11.65. 02 Jun. Assistance given to a capsized dinghy within a marina. Assistance given to a mid-stream mooring holder with a fouled propeller. Stopped and warned a small motor vessel for excessive speed and wash opposite the Chinese Bridge. Dressed Ship for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.
- 11.66. 03 Jun. Liaison with a mid-stream mooring holder regarding non-compliant lines. Attendance at Hamble Jetty to disperse swimmers. Dressed Ship for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.
- 11.67. 04 Jun. Assistance given to a yacht in departing her berth in onshore winds. Dressed Ship for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.
- 11.68. 05 Jun. Tender recovered from the Main Channel at Swanwick. Assisted a yacht alongside the Warsash scrubbing piles. Dressed Ship for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.
- 11.69. 06 Jun. Moved on a sailing school yacht from a private mid-stream mooring. Attended a yacht, witnessed to have her main cabin access hatch open. Yacht secured and owner informed – he had unintentionally left the hatch open earlier. Commercial making-up of mooring lines. Assistance given to a yacht having difficulty in departing Warsash scrubbing piles.
- 11.70. 07 Jun. commercial fitting of new pile lines for a mid-stream mooring holder. Responded to a call from a River user reporting a diesel

spillage North of Hamble. Source not definitively attributable. Broken up with propeller wash.

**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.