

River Hamble Harbour Board – 4 April 2014

Incidents and Events

The following incidents and events occurred in the period from 18 March 2014 to 3 April 2014

- 1.1 30 Mar. Report received of a collision between a sailing yacht manoeuvring under power and a vessel alongside. Details exchanged.
- 1.2 30 Mar. Harbour Office staff attended a medical emergency (severed finger) and rendered first aid. Ambulance called but was later stood down by the ambulance service on the grounds that the casualty could be taken to hospital by car.
- 1.3 31 Mar. Report received from Coastguard of a yacht on fire alongside at Port Hamble Marina. Patrol attended and, on arrival, the Fire Brigade was on scene and the fire was already contained.
- 1.4 31 Mar. Patrol noticed smoke from the vicinity of Mercury Marina and attended to discover another yacht on fire. Patrol noted marina staff/owners on the vessel and someone attempting to extinguish the fire with a utility hose. Patrol advised that they clear the scene. Patrol declined to move the yacht away from its berth due to the risks involved and the intensity of the fire. Fire Brigade arrived on scene and attempted to extinguish the fire with water hoses. Shortly thereafter, the mast fell down and a gas cylinder exploded on board. Coastguard and RNLI also attended. It took almost two hours to extinguish the fire completely, by which time the yacht was at risk of sinking. Patrol deployed an oil spill boom around the yacht and alerted the Harbour Authority's oil spill response contractors (although they were not deployed). Following advice from the Environment Agency, the Harbour Master authorised pumping some of the water into the River to prevent sinking and more extensive pollution. The yacht was safely recovered ashore without further incident.
- 1.5 1 Apr. Installation of the new bridge to the Fishermen's jetty was completed.



