

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report summarises the incidents and events in the Harbour from 29 January 2010 to 15 March 2010. Any incidents or events which take place after this report is distributed will be the subject of a separate Annex to be distributed at the meeting.

2. Report

- 2.1 The Harbour has been patrolled daily by the duty Harbour Master at various times between the hours of 0800 to 1800.

3. Incidents and events

- 3.1 31 January. A call was received advising that a tender had been stolen from Botley Mill and that the owner had witnessed two young adults stealing it and heading down river. The tender contained the owner's rucksack with personal belongings inside. The Marine Police Unit was informed and deployed to investigate. About half an hour after receiving the call, the Patrol witnessed a tender of the same description passing the Harbour Office and then leaving the River in the direction of Southampton Water. The Patrol informed the Marine Police Unit of its location, the tender was intercepted and two young adults were apprehended and landed at the Harbour Master's Jetty in Warsash. The owner also attended and positively identified his tender. The only item missing was the owner's rucksack.
- 3.2 1 February. Patrol located the rucksack in the Upper Hamble and this was passed onto the Marine Police Unit.
- 3.3 3 February. 300hp outboard motor reported stolen from Swanwick.

- 3.4 6 February. A member of staff off duty witnessed the coastguard helicopter hovering in the vicinity of the River early in the morning. The MCA were contacted and the staff member was informed that they were searching for a missing person in the Warsash area. Assistance was offered but this was turned down. Later contact with the Marine Police Unit indicated that the missing person had been located.
- 3.5 8 February. Patrol witnessed a motor boat ablaze in Southampton Water, moving towards Calshot. A patrol vessel responded to the incident to offer assistance. At the time it was unknown if the emergency services had been called and whether or not they were attending. On arrival at the scene it was ascertained that the Calshot lifeboat had rescued the casualties from their life raft and the burning boat had grounded on Calshot spit. The boat had been completely destroyed by fire. The Patrol returned to the harbour as no further assistance was required.
- 3.6 15 February. Reports received of fishing pots in the main channel, between Hamble Point Buoy and No 1 pile 9ie within ABP Southampton jurisdiction). ABP informed and the pots were moved out of the channel by the Southampton Patrol.
- 3.7 21 February. Report received of a very near miss between a yacht and a fleet of Foxer dinghies racing across the main channel. Patrol attended and advised race officer that, until further notice, no Foxer racing should take place in or across the main channel.
- 3.8 27 February. Yacht grounded on Mercury bend. Owner arranged for commercial tow at high water (after Harbour Office hours).
- 3.9 28 February. Report of sewage spill at Botley Mill – patrol attended but Southern Water were already on scene. Environment Agency informed.
- 3.10 4 March. Patrol attended yacht grounded on Hamble Spit. No assistance required.
- 3.11 7 March. Motor boat reported sunk at Hamble Point Marina. Patrol attended in case of oil spill and provided assistance to divers to recover vessel. A charge was made for this service.
- 3.12 10 March. Patrol found yacht with open forehatch – owner informed.
- 3.13 10 March. Report of theft of 8hp outboard motor from moored boat. Marine Police Unit aware.
- 3.14 13/14 March. Hamble River Sailing Club held its annual 'Warming Pan' dinghy racing in the River, without significant incident.

4. Safety Management System

- 4.1 Progress has been made on reviewing and updating the current Safety Management System. An initial consultation meeting to examine dinghy and gig racing risks took place on 3 February with representatives from each of the sailing clubs and the Bursledon Regatta committee. The meeting involved identifying hazards and the control measures required to ensure that events taking place within the harbour are run safely and that all risks identified are As Low As Reasonably Practicable. It is intended that, following further consultation, a revised risk assessment for dinghy races, events and regattas will be in place by Easter.

5. Replacement Patrol Boats

- 5.1 Construction of the first of the two replacement patrol boats is well advanced – delivery is expected by late April 2010.

6. Pile Replacement Programme

- 6.1 Twenty four piles have been identified for replacement by The Crown Estate this season. The programme commenced on 17 March and should be finished by 9 April.

7. Recommendation

- 7.1 That this report be noted.**

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

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