

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

Committee	River Hamble Harbour Board
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1. Summary

- 1.1. This report summarises the incidents and events in the Harbour from 8 April. 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. Patrols

- 2.1. The Harbour has been patrolled by the duty Harbour Master at various times between the hours of 0800 and 1800 during April. The summer roster started on 3 May with the hours changing to 0600 to 2300.

3. Incidents and events

- 3.1. 11 April. Patrol received a call for assistance to a Wayfarer dinghy in difficulties at the entrance of the river. On arrival the dinghy was fully inverted and its sole crew member had been rescued by a Warsash Maritime Academy RIB. Patrol towed the dinghy back to safety, along with its crew.
- 3.2. 16 April. Report of a stolen engine from an inflatable on Hamble Jetty. Reported to the police.
- 3.3. 20 April. The fuel pontoon at Warsash was broken up and removed from the river by contractors employed by the operators of Stone Pier Yard.
- 3.4. 20 April. Patrol received a report that youths had stolen a tender from Land's End. Patrol found the tender semi-submerged, together with the youths involved. The police were called and the tender was returned to the slipway.

- 3.5. 21 April. BBC Breakfast weather was broadcasting live from Warsash Jetty. The BBC were very impressed with the River and continued filming for footage for the lunchtime news.



- 3.6. 23 April. Call received from the Coastguard regarding a vessel aground on Hamble Spit. Patrol attended but Hamble Rescue had already arrived and were in the process of towing the vessel off.
- 3.7. 23 April. Patrol assisted a small speedboat with a flat battery. Patrol re-started with powerpack and the vessel returned to its mooring safely.
- 3.8. 23 April. Patrol assisted a motor boat with engine failure and towed it to safety.
- 3.9. 23 April. Patrol were called to assist a new mooring holder who was having difficulty securing to his mooring. Patrol set up temporary mooring lines and put the owner in touch with a contractor to set up more permanent lines.
- 3.10. 28 April. QE2 Centre reported that they were broken into overnight and two canoes were stolen. They also reported that this was the second time in one week that they had been broken into. Police informed.
- 3.11. 30 April. Call received from Hamble Rescue that a 15ft fishing boat had sunk close to Cat Head buoy and they were bringing in 4 adults to drop off at Warsash Jetty. No ambulance called but casualties were warmed up and advised to get medical help if required.
- 3.12. 6 May. Patrol assisted two tenders which had lost power. Towed to safety.
- 3.13. 7 May. Call received at 0745 from ABP Southampton to advise of a Tier 2 oil spill at Fawley. A spill of 1 cubic metre (about 1 tonne) of heavy bunker oil had spilled at 0100. The Deputy Harbour Master and Patrol went out to investigate and took the decision to activate the Harbour Authority oil spill response providers (Adler and Allan) due to sighting of a small amount of the oil entering the river and tidal predictions from the Coastguard that more could come in later. The DHM and Patrol deployed onsite booms while waiting for Adler and Allan to arrive.



Adler and Allan arrived on site along with the HM and assembled the boom on Warsash slipway as a precaution in case more oil entered the river. In the event, the majority of the oil drifted to the west of Southampton water. The boom was dismantled at 1400 (just after high water) and the incident was stood down to a Tier 1 at 1700.

- 3.14. 12 May. Coastguard reported an EPIRB going off on a vessel registered as being moored on the Hamble. Harbour Office staff provided contact details of the owner.
- 3.15. 14 May. Patrol responded to report of a catamaran aground on Hamble Spit.
- 3.16. 15 May. A motorboat which had been swamped in the Solent was towed into the River by Hamble Rescue – 2 persons on board suffering from wet and cold.
- 3.17. 19 May. Patrol rendered assistance to a Foxer dinghy with a broken mast.
- 3.18. 21 May. A yacht attempting to come alongside one of the Harbour Authority patrol boats which was moored on Hamble Jetty at the time collided with the side door of the patrol vessel, breaking the door latch.
- 3.19. 22 May. Patrol re-secured and made safe a yacht on a fore-and-aft mooring with a broken riser chain. Owner informed.
- 3.20. 22 May. Patrol assisted two vessels with ropes around their propellers.
- 3.21. 22 May. Report of oil slick near River entrance, caused by failed engine sump on a small fishing vessel. Patrol broke up slick with prop. Wash.
- 3.22. 24 May. Report of 15hp outboard stolen from a yacht on a mid-stream mooring. Police informed.
- 3.23. 24 May. Yacht arrived alongside Warsash with a casualty (head injury) on board. Harbour office staff rendered first aid.

- 3.24. 27 May. Diesel launch sank alongside in Universal Marina. Patrol deployed absorbent booms to deal with small quantity of leaking diesel. Vessel refloated by divers.
- 3.25. 30 May. Patrol received a call for assistance due to a vessel suffering engine failure. Patrol towed the vessel back to its mooring.
- 3.26. 1 June. Two PWCs witnessed by Harbour staff entering the river at speed and proceeding upstream. The DHM and patrol apprehended the persons who had no knowledge of the bye-laws and were very apologetic. A formal warning was issued and they were escorted out of the harbour.
- 3.27. 3 June. Patrol discovered a vessel that had broken its upstream pile line. A temporary line was put in place and the owner informed.
- 3.28. 4 June. Patrol were informed of an owner refitting an engine on his vessel. On investigation he was witnessed power washing engine parts and bilges and then pumping the oily water into the river. A significant amount of oil was surrounding the vessel, with the tide taking it further upstream. The owner was questioned and photographs taken. Majority of the oil was broken up with prop wash. All information including witness statements have been sent to HCC legal department, pending prosecution.
- 3.29. 5 June. Patrol assisted with a vessel that had fouled its rudder with a pick up line. Patrol freed the line and assisted the owners back to their mooring.
- 3.30. 5 June. Patrol towed a broken down vessel back to its mooring.
- 3.31. 7 June. Harbour staff received a telephone call from the Coastguard informing us that they had information that a vessel was taking on water and sinking in Southampton Water. The Coastguard asked for further information regarding the owner and vessel and sought Harbour staff assistance in trying to locate the boat. The vessel was eventually located at Hamble Point Marina where it was already being lifted out.
- 3.32. 10 June. Harbour staff informed by a mooring holder that his vessel had been broken into and electronic equipment had been stolen. The owner was advised to report it to the police. The patrol discovered other vessels in the area that also appeared to have been broken into. The owners were contacted.
- 3.33. 11 June. Call received from another mooring holder to report that his vessel had been broken into and equipment stolen. Marine Police Unit informed.
- 3.34. 11 June. Patrol towed a Laser dinghy with a broken mast to safety.
- 3.35. 12 June. Call received from Hamble River Sailing Club requesting permission to hold dinghy racing inside the harbour due to the high winds outside. Permission was granted.
- 3.36. 18 June. Numerous sailing dinghies returned by rescue craft to Warsash after capsize and/or dismasting due to strong winds.
- 3.37. 21 June. Patrol assisted a disabled yacht (rope round propeller) in danger of grounding on Hamble Spit. Yacht towed to safety and divers attended.

- 3.38. 22 June. Patrol called to assist a motor yacht aground on Hamble Spit.
- 3.39. 23 June. Patrol assisted large yacht aground on Hamble Spit.
- 3.40. 23 June. Patrol called to assist with a yacht on a mid-stream mooring and discovered that the chain riser on the mooring had failed. Yacht towed to Visitor Pontoon whilst repairs effected.
- 3.41. 25 June. Patrol on duty from 0400 for Round the Island Race. Numerous retirements (of which one had been dismasted) returned to the River. Patrol towed two disabled yachts to safe berths.
- 3.42. 26 June. Numerous reports of youths swimming and diving from pontoons and yachts on mid-stream moorings off Lands End. Some youths were seen climbing masts and swinging from halyards. Patrol and police attended and police took details.
- 3.43. 27 June. Harbour Office informed of significant collision damage to a yacht on a midstream mooring. Photographs and details taken, but no evidence to identify the culprit.

4. New Staff

- 4.1. Three new seasonal staff started at the Harbour Office on 3 May. Mike Wakefield – Assistant Harbour Master (Patrol Seasonal), who has been with us for 4 seasons, Karstein Hagerupsen – Seasonal Coxswain, who worked with us last year, and Peter Jennings – Seasonal Coxswain, who is new to the Harbour Authority. Robert Clowes started as our third Seasonal Coxswain on 2 June. He recently retired from the Hampshire Marine Police Unit.

5. Training

- 5.1. Training exercises have been organised for all staff through the summer months. In May, staff completed a flare training and first aid exercise. An oil spill exercise will be undertaken in June and a fire exercise in July. Graham Horton also successfully completed his Powerboat Level 2 course so that he can more effectively carry out the wider operational aspects of his role.
- 5.2. A meeting between staff and representatives from the local police including the Marine Unit, Hamble Parish Clerk and UK Border Agency took place on the 7 June. The aim of the meeting was to discuss local issues regarding youths, thefts and up coming events such as Hamble Week. The meeting also allows all parties to be introduced to each other and help improve communication channels. A similar meeting was held last year and proved very fruitful

6. Trinity Light House Audit

- 6.1. A Trinity House audit was undertaken on 20 April to check all Aids to Navigation to ensure compliance with Trinity House requirements. The four

minor defects which were identified have been corrected. A copy of audit certificate is at Appendix 1.

7. Recommendation

- 7.1. It is recommended 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



Appendix 1

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26/05/2011

Dear Sir

Inspection of Local Aids to Navigation, Merchant Shipping Act, 1995, Section 198

We are pleased to advise you that the audit of the records of the availability of the local aids to navigation under the management of Hampshire County Council was satisfactorily carried out on 23/05/2011 by an Officer of Trinity House and everything was found in good order and there were no matters arising which require further comment.

Your assistance during the audit was much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

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