

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

Committee	River Hamble Harbour Management Committee
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1. Summary

- 1.1. This report summarises the incidents and events in the Harbour from 24 June 2011 until 8 August 2011. 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 daily by the duty Harbour Master at various times between the hours of 0600 and 2300.

3. Incidents and events

- 3.1. 25 June. Patrol on duty from 0400 for the Round the Island Race. Numerous retirements (of which one was dismasted) returned to the River. Patrol towed two disabled yachts to safe berths.
- 3.2. 26 June. Numerous reports of youths swimming and diving from pontoons and yachts on mid-stream moorings off Land's End. Some youths were seen climbing masts and swinging from halyards. Patrol and Police attended and Police took details
- 3.3. 27 June. Harbour Office informed of significant collision damage to a yacht on a mid-stream mooring. Photographs and details taken but no evidence to identify the culprit.
- 3.4. 2 July. Patrol assisted a yacht with broken mooring line. Line replaced and owner informed.

- 3.5. 3 July. Patrol attended yacht aground on Hamble Spit. Owner reported that the yacht was leaking and had grounded deliberately. Owner arranged recovery.
- 3.6. 5 July. Patrol responded to 3 male youths attempting to swim across the River at Warsash. Patrol escorted the swimmers to shore and briefed them on safety.
- 3.7. 6 July. Patrol offered assistance with recovery of sailing dinghies (some dismasted) after evening racing in windy conditions. Assistance declined.
- 3.8. 6 July. Patrol responded to report of 2 males swimming across the River near Mercury Gardens. The swimmers were seen leaving the water too close to shore for patrol to approach.
- 3.9. 7 July. Report of theft of outboard motor from vessel on mid-stream mooring.
- 3.10. 8 July. Report of collision between moving vessel and moored vessel off Stone Pier Yard. Owner of moored vessel informed.
- 3.11. 11 July. Report of outboard motor stolen from vessel at Swanwick Marina. Police informed.
- 3.12. 15 July. Patrol responded to swimmers in main channel near Riverside boatyard. Safety advice given.
- 3.13. 17 July. Owner reported break-in to his vessel on mid-stream mooring – several items missing. Police informed.
- 3.14. 19 July. Patrol assisted a yacht with engine failure. Towed to safe berth.
- 3.15. 21 July. Patrol assisted broken down fishing vessel. Towed to safe berth.
- 3.16. 24 July. Patrol extinguished smouldering camp fire on the east bank of the upper Hamble.
- 3.17. 24 July. Patrol assisted a yacht with engine failure. Towed to own berth, for which a charge was made.
- 3.18. 27 July. Harbour Office informed of collision damage to yacht on mid-stream mooring. Patrol attended and took photographs and details. Probable culprit identified and owner informed.
- 3.19. 28 July. Patrol responded to 4 male swimmers in main channel off Warsash. One was narrowly missed by passing yacht. Patrol recovered swimmers from the water and returned them to shore. Full safety briefing given.
- 3.20. 31 July. Visitor's pontoon struck by large motor cruiser. Several broken planks on pontoon, repaired by Patrol.
- 3.21. 1 August. Patrol assisted a multi-hull with engine failure and towed to safe berth.
- 3.22. 3 August. Patrol responded to call from Coastguard regarding a capsized dinghy in trouble outside the entrance to the River. Dinghy and crew recovered to safety.

- 3.23. 4 August. Patrol responded to call from coastguard regarding missing person in a distressed state, believed to be in or near the River. Nothing found by Patrol – missing person found elsewhere by Police.
- 3.24. 5 August. Youths reported ‘tomb-stoning’ from A27 bridge. Police informed.
- 3.25. 5 August. Owner reported that his yacht on mid-stream mooring has been holed below the deck edge. No culprit identified.
- 3.26. 7 August. Patrol assisted disabled RIB in Upper Hamble back to safe mooring.
- 3.27. 8 August. Patrol assisted a multihull with damaged steering. Towed from No 1 Pile to mooring. A charge was made for this service.
- 3.28. 8 August. Report that an adult and child fell into the water whilst fishing on Hamble Jetty. Both were recovered without injury by a passer-by.
- 3.29. 10 August. Patrol rendered assistance to a sailing yacht which had crossed a mooring, fouling the propeller. Yacht secured safely to await divers.
- 3.30. 12 August. Patrols on duty until 0130 to monitor vessels returning from Cowes Fireworks. No significant incidents, but several instances of poor navigation light discipline.
- 3.31. 13 August. Patrol assisted with berthing of a yacht with no engine power due to an earlier fire onboard.
- 3.32. 15 August. Patrol assisted a sailing yacht which had crossed a mooring and fouled the rudder. Yacht secured to await divers.
- 3.33. 18 August. Pile iron bolts on pile U13 failed. Patrol removed four yachts to Visitor’s Pontoon whilst repairs carried out. Owners informed.
- 3.34. 20 August. Report of outboard engine stolen from a yacht near Hamble. Police aware. On the same date, a report was received about a tender and outboard stolen from a vessel on a mid-stream mooring.

4. Speeding vessels

- 4.1. Throughout the period, the Patrol has encountered numerous speeding vessels. Verbal and written warnings have been issued but, to date, there has been insufficient evidence to support a prosecution.

5. Prosecutions

- 5.1 On 11 August the Harbour Authority carried out two successful prosecutions for pollution incidents in the River, as follows:
 - a. Anthony Marlow, from Southampton, pleaded guilty to one charge of intentionally or recklessly polluting the waters of the River Hamble. Mr Marlow was re-fuelling his boat and allowed a considerable quantity of diesel fuel to be discharged into the River. He was fined £250, plus £500 costs and a £15 victim surcharge – a total of £765.

- b. Peter Jackson from Kingston-upon-Thames, also pleaded guilty to one charge of intentionally or recklessly polluting the waters of the River Hamble. Mr Jackson was working on the engine of his boat and allowed a significant quantity of oil to enter the water. He was fined £250, plus £460 costs and a £15 victim surcharge – a total of £725.

5.2 A press release was issued.

6. Time Expired Pyrotechnics – Amnesty Day

6.1 Disposal of out-of-date flares (officially known as Time Expired Pyrotechnics (TEPs)) is a perennial problem. Although the Coastguard at Lee-on-the-Solent will accept them, an appointment is required and it is not always convenient. In an effort to reduce the back-log of TEPs on boats on and around the River Hamble, the Harbour Authority has joined with industry-leaders 'Ramora' for a TEP 'amnesty day' to be held at the Shore Road Car park, Warsash on Saturday 8 October 2011 from 1000 - 1500.

6.2 A charge of £1 per flare will be levied, in order to cover Ramora's disposal costs. There is no limit to the number of flares which can be disposed of on the day by an individual. Commercial organisations (eg sailing schools) are also welcome.

6.3 The Coastguard, RNLI, Fire Brigade, Marine Police, Hamble Lifeboat have all been invited to attend in order to provide safety and security advice. Ocean Safety will also be on site, for the sale of safety equipment and replacement flares.

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

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1. A full Equalities Impact Assessment for the River Hamble Harbour Authority's compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code has been carried out and this report does not raise any issues not previously covered by that Assessment.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. Some elements on this report involve crime and disorder. The River Hamble Harbour Authority seeks to use its powers to reduce crime and disorder in the harbour at every opportunity, working closely with the Police to that end.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption? The contents of this report have no impact on carbon footprint or energy consumption
- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts? Not applicable to this report.