

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 2 December 2012. Incidents and events during the period 2 September to 1 December 2012, which have previously been reported to the Harbour Board, are at Appendix 1. Any incidents or events which take place after this report is distributed will be the subject of a separate Annex to be circulated at the meeting.

2. Patrols

- 2.1. The harbour has been patrolled daily by the Duty Harbour Master at various times between 0800 and 1800.

3. Incidents and events

- 3.1. 5 December. Patrol pumped out a vessel that was partly submerged due to failure of the battery which powered the automatic bilge pump. Owner informed.
- 3.2. 8 December. Harbour Office staff noticed that a vessel had broken its mooring and was drifting to shore. Patrol were called but by the time they arrived at the scene the vessel had beached. The DHM waded out to the vessel to secure a line to the vessel, which was then passed to the patrol boat. The patrol boat managed to tow the vessel to deeper water where it was handed over to its owner (Warsash Maritime Academy).
- 3.3. 9 December. As a result of the high winds experienced over the previous 24 hours, the Patrol undertook a complete check of the all moorings. No problems apart from two flapping sails and a number of fenders that had popped.

- 3.4. 12 December. As a response to forecast strong winds and a predicted tidal surge, operational staff checked all moorings near the River entrance and moved one vessel to a less exposed position. Staff worked extended hours to respond to any incidents during the storm.
- 3.5. 13 December. Patrol assisted with a vessel that had dragged its mooring overnight and was lying alongside another vessel. The owner was informed.
- 3.6. 13 December. Patrol pumped out a vessel that had partly submerged due to the storm. Owner informed.
- 3.7. 13 December. Patrol replaced a number of fenders and secured sails on several vessels following the high winds.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1. **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.

Incidents reported to the Harbour Board since previous Management Committee meeting

4 September. Patrol towed a motor vessel with engines problems from Warsash to Riverside Boatyard. A charge was made.

5 September. A large French trimaran which had been dismasted entered the River seeking a safe berth. Patrol assisted with berthing on Warsash Jetty.

5 September. Patrol recovered a gentleman who had fallen into the River from his yacht. Casualty taken to Harbour Office and treated for hypothermia by paramedics.

8 September. Deposits of a waxy substance found on Hook beach. Source identified as a vessel at Fawley. Exxon provided a clean-up party.

8 September. Patrol found an un-manned yacht adrift in the River near Swanwick with evidence of broken mooring lines. Yacht secured and owner informed.

11 September. Patrol found a very large motor yacht secured to its stern pile only. The vessel has swung out into the main channel following failure of the shackle on the chain securing its bow to the pile. Patrol (with some external assistance) re-secured the vessel and informed the owner.

11 September. Patrol assisted a large motor yacht in difficulties near the River entrance with steering gear failure. Patrol towed the vessel to a safe berth where Sea Start attended.

12 September. Patrol noticed a pontoon chain had failed. A temporary line was fitted and the owner contacted.

13 September. The office received a call from the Coastguard requesting assistance with a distressed person in the water. Patrol attended and recovered the casualty and returned to the Harbour Office, where paramedics and ambulance attended and took the casualty to hospital.

13 September. The Patrol was notified of a small yacht that had broken loose. Patrol attended and towed the vessel to the visitors pontoon. The owner was informed.

13 September. A call was received that a pontoon chain had failed. The Harbour Master and Deputy Harbour Master attended. A temporary line was fitted and the owner contacted.

14 September. Patrol replaced a broken stern line on a vessel. Owner informed.

17 September. Patrol replaced broken bow line on vessel. Owner informed.

17 September. Patrol assisted a vessel with engine problems onto the visitors pontoon.

18 September. The Harbour Masters Pursuit Race was well attended although it was very wet and there was not much wind. The event raised £105 for the charity "Simon Says".

20 September. The office received a call regarding a vessel that had sunk on its mooring. Deputy Harbour Master and Patrol attended and used a large submersible pump to empty the vessel and placed a bung in the hole, which temporarily fixed the problem. The owner was contacted and was advised to have the vessel lifted out.

25 September. Patrol attended Hamble Jetty in response to a report of a gentleman who had fallen off the pontoon and hit his head. No further action required, but the gentleman was advised to seek medical help.

27 September. Report of theft of various items, including an outboard motor, from a moored boat. Police informed.

28 September. Motor yacht arrived alongside Warsash Jetty with a suspected heart attack victim on board. First Aid given and ambulance called. Patient transferred to hospital where he made a full recovery.

1 October. Report of collision between a moving yacht and a moored yacht. Owners contacted in an effort to exchange insurance details.

2 October. Patrol stopped a motor boat whose occupants had been seen to throw an empty beer can into the River. Name and address taken, but turned out to be false.

4 October. Patrol attended a motor yacht with a reported diesel leak alongside in a marina. Source of leak swiftly identified and stopped.

6 October. Report of attempted theft of dinghy and outboard from an occupied moored yacht on two consecutive nights. Police informed.

8 October. Sea Safety and flare disposal 'amnesty' day.

9 October. Patrol assisted a racing yacht with a broken rudder back to its mooring.

13 October. Patrol attended a vessel which had suffered a broken mooring and assisted with recovery. No damage to vessel.

20 October. Patrol assisted a broken down motor vessel and towed to Warsash Jetty. Repairs effected and boat escorted upstream to permanent berth.

24 October. Patrol noted a yacht lying very low in the water. Owner contacted. Patrol gained forcible entry and deployed pumps which prevented sinking. Yacht lifted out to effect repairs.

25 October. Commercial bait diggers reported in vicinity of Crableck bend. Appropriate authorities informed.

27 October. Very high spring tides caused problems with debris in the River, and several incidents with moorings.

29 October. Patrol rendered first aid and assistance to a yacht owner who had accidentally stabbed his hand with a pair of scissors.

4 November. Yacht aground on Hook Spit. Assistance offered but not required. Re-floated after 8 hours.

4 November. Patrol attended a moored yacht which was taking-on water. Owner informed and yacht pumped out by Patrol. The yacht was lifted-out for repairs the following day.

7 November. Harbour Office staff rendered assistance to a yacht skipper who had fallen into the cockpit and broken her arm and sustained facial injuries. Ambulance and paramedics attended.

10 November. Yacht aground on Hook Spit. Refloated after 3 hours.

17 November. Patrol attended a moored yacht with a loud alarm sounding. Owner informed and access gained so that alarm could be isolated.

25 November. Patrol assisted a gentleman who had fallen into the River and recovered himself to a pontoon.

27 November. Patrol called to assist a sailing dinghy which was unable to make way into the River against the ebb tide.

29 November. A small motorboat on Warsash Jetty parted its lines in severe weather and its propeller damaged an adjacent yacht. The motor boat was recovered by Harbour Office staff and owners of both vessels were informed.