

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 12 January 2012. 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. 12 January. Report that a yacht entering the River at 0430 had crossed a mooring and become entangled with the pick up line in the vicinity of the Warsash Ferry Hard. Seastart attended.
- 3.2. 6 February. Telephone call received regarding a 30m vessel alongside at Stone Pier yard in Warsash that had taken on water and required assistance. The Patrol Officers attended the vessel and deployed three pumps. Due to the size of the vessel (107 tonnes) it had to be taken to Saxon Wharf, Southampton where it was lifted out. The vessel was towed up Southampton Water with Harbour Authority staff onboard, together with salvage equipment.



- 3.3. 17 February. Report received that the pile guide on the upstream end of Hamble Jetty had failed. On inspection it was decided to close the upstream end of the Jetty until the pile guide could be replaced. A Notice to River Users was issued and repairs have now been effected.
- 3.4. 17 February. Harbour Office informed that an adult and three children had fallen in the water by Swanwick Marina. Patrol proceeded at speed to the marina to discover that the persons were out of the water and safe. The incident occurred due to a large motor cruiser testing its bow thruster just as the canoe was passing under the bow, resulting in the canoe being capsized.
- 3.5. 18 February. Patrol received a report regarding a female who had trapped her fingers while tying up a vessel. On arrival the casualty had been taken ashore but unfortunately had lost two fingers.
- 3.6. 24 February. Patrol noted that the bow line on a vessel had parted. A temporary replacement was provided and the owner was informed.
- 3.7. 3 March. Assistance given to a sailing dinghy in difficulties at the entrance of the river. Towed to safety.
- 3.8. 9 March. Patrol noticed a vessel being held down by the bow. On closer inspection, it was noted that the stern line had parted, allowing the vessel's pulpit to become wedged under the pile iron at the forward end. The vessel was freed and no damage was observed.
- 3.9. 30 March. A yacht at the entrance of the harbour contacted Patrol to request a tow due to engine failure. Towed to Warsash Jetty.
- 3.10. 31 March. Patrol towed a vessel which had suffered engine failure back to its mooring.

- 3.11. 5 April. Patrol towed a trimaran with engine failure to Warsash Jetty.
- 3.12. 7 April. Patrol called to a broken down vessel. Towed back to its mooring safely.
- 3.13. 8 April. Solent Coastguard informed Harbour Office that Hamble Lifeboat were bringing in a vessel with a suspected fire in the engine compartment. The fire brigade attended and it was confirmed that there was no fire, just smoke due to the exhaust manifold coming adrift.

4. Pile Replacement Programme

- 4.1. The Crown Estate's pile replacement programmed finished on 29 February with a total of 28 piles being replaced. The programme ran well with the patrol officers working in conjunction with the contractors to move vessel to ensure the least amount of disruption to the affected mooring holders. Costs for vessel movements and temporary moorings will be met by The Crown Estate.

5. Code of practice for events

- 5.1. The Code of Practice for events on the River Hamble has been in operation for several years and includes an annual review meeting between the Harbour Authority and representatives of the various clubs and organising bodies. This year's meeting was held on 13 March and was extremely well attended. There were no major matters arising but attendees agreed that there was still a need to enhance communications between organisers and the Harbour Office during events. All agreed that the meeting was valuable and should continue to be an annual event.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1. **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. The contents of this report have no impact on crime and disorder.

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.