

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

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1. Summary

1.1. This report summarises the incidents and events in the Harbour from 20 April 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 0600 and 2300.

3. Incidents and events

3.1. 21 April. A yacht with 7 persons onboard was aground on the Hamble Spit for 11 hours balanced just on its wing keel. Hamble Patrol kept watch to ensure that the vessel didn't slip as the tide rose.



- 3.2 22 April. Office contacted regarding a boat alarm going off. Patrol investigated and discovered the boat had been broken into. Owner and police informed.
- 3.3 24 April. Patrol assisted a vessel that become fouled in mooring lines. They helped free the vessel and assisted them back to their mooring.
- 3.4 5 May. Patrol assisted a vessel with engine failure.
- 3.5 8 May. Patrol noticed a vessel that had been broken into, port side window smashed. Owner and Police informed.
- 3.6 15 May. 3 Personal Water Craft (PWCs) causing excessive wash were caught by the Patrol and given a verbal warning.
- 3.7 17 May. Report received that a gentleman had fallen into the water by the visitors pontoon. Patrol attended and administered first aid. The gentleman fell while trying to climb into his tender.
- 3.8 22 May. Report received that a vessel had broken its mooring lines and was swinging into another vessel. Patrol attended and removed boat and placed it on the visitors pontoon. Owner informed.
- 3.9 24 May. Call received that a motorboat had broken down and required assistance. Patrol attended and towed the vessel to safety.
- 3.10 26 May. Patrol assisted vessel with engine failure to its mooring.
- 3.11 26 May. Numerous calls received regarding PWCs speeding in the Upper Hamble. Patrol attended with the Police Marine Unit and escorted the vessels out of the Harbour.
- 3.12 4 June. Patrol assisted vessel with engine failure.
- 3.13 5 June. Call received from a vessel with engine failure. Patrol towed the vessel to safety.
- 3.14 6 June. Both patrol boats assisted a yacht that had suffered engine failure and been swept onto the Warsash Maritime Academy jetty with its mast caught under the lifeboat. The boat was freed and towed to safety.
- 3.15 6 June. Report received from one of the boatyards that various items had been stolen over the Jubilee weekend. The caller was advised to contact the Police.
- 3.16 8 June. Patrol noticed that a mooring had failed due to hidden corrosion. All four boats had to be towed to the Visitors' Pontoon for safety, while The Crown Estate's contractor re-fixed the pile irons.
- 3.17 9 June. Patrol removed a vessel from its mooring due to the mooring tackle dragging and coming into contact with another vessel. Owner contacted.
- 3.18 16 June. Call received that a kayaker was in the water and having difficulty. Patrol attended the scene and helped the person onboard and towed him to safety.
- 3.19 18 June. Report received from a marina that various items had been stolen over the weekend. The caller was advised to contact the police.

- 3.20 18 June. Call received from Solent Coastguard reporting that they had received a Mayday from a vessel just outside the river entrance that was on fire. Patrol attended and removed the persons from the vessel. The Marine Police launch also attended and towed the vessel into the harbour where the fire brigade were waiting. On inspection no fire was found but the engine compartment was full of smoke from a fractured exhaust elbow.
- 3.21 22 June. Patrol assisted a vessel with a failed engine back to its mooring.
- 3.22 24 June. Patrol attended a vessel with parted pile lines which was swinging out into the channel. Replaced mooring lines and informed the owner.
- 3.23 29 June. Patrol assisted a vessel that had gone aground downstream of the Warsash Maritime Academy jetty. Patrol managed to pull the yacht into deeper water by using its main halyard.
- 3.24 29 June. Patrol assisted a catamaran which had suffered engine failure on to the Visitors' Pontoon
- 3.25 30 June. Round the Island Race. Patrol started at 04:30 to ensure all vessels left the river safely.
- 3.26 30 June. Patrol assisted a SB20 with engine failure
- 3.27 30 June. Patrol assisted a vessel which had gone aground on Hook Spit.
- 3.28 30 June. Call received from Solent Coastguard that the police RIB was bringing in 2 casualties who had fallen overboard while taking part in the race. The casualties were given warm clothing and paramedics attended.
- 3.29 5 July. Patrol witnessed a RIB speeding upstream at night, believed to be travelling at approximately 25 – 30 knots. Patrol gave chase and caught up with the vessel where the owner was informed that he would be prosecuted for breaching Harbour Master's General Direction No.1 (6 knot speed limit). The case has been passed to HCC legal department.
- 3.30 7 July. Hamble Lifeboat informed the office that they were towing in a 18ft day boat which had capsized off Calshot. One person and one dog onboard. Ambulance attended and the casualty was given warm clothing. All OK, including dog.

4. Annual Harbour Master's Pursuit Race

- 4.1. The annual Harbour Masters Pursuit Race for dinghies was held on 19 May 2012. A total of 28 dinghies entered and £140 was raised for the charity 'Toe in the Water'. The team prize was won by Hamble River Sailing Club.



5. Annual Crabbing Competition

- 5.1. The annual crabbing competition was held on the 26 May 2012. It was well attended this year with 97 participants. £370 was raised for a local pre-school to purchase new outdoor educational equipment.



6. Safety Meeting

- 6.1. Harbour Staff, representatives from the local Police, including the Marine Unit, and the Hamble Ferry and Taxi operators met to discuss the season ahead and how to deal with anti-social behaviour, crime and events that are being held this summer. These meetings have proved to be very productive and are also a good opportunity for everyone to meet and ensure that all organisations are working to achieve the same aim.

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. The contents of this report include reference to a meeting with Police aimed at enhancing the Harbour Authority's response to crime and disorder on the River.

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.