

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Report**

<b>Committee</b>	River Hamble Harbour Board
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**1. Summary**

- 1.1. This report summarises the incidents and events in the Harbour from 20 July 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 (although patrols have been completed by 2130 on many occasions due to the poor weather resulting in reduced activity on the River..

**3. Incidents and events**

- 3.1. 20 July. Patrol assisted RIB with engine failure.
- 3.2 21 July. Patrol responded to request for assistance from a 5 metre fishing boat which was taking in water. Pumped out and towed to safety at Swanwick slipway.
- 3.3 21 July. Patrol assisted a yacht which had become entangled with its mooring.
- 3.4 21 July. Patrol assisted a yacht with engine failure. Towed to mooring.
- 3.5 21 July. Report received concerning 3 PWCs speeding in the Upper Hamble. Patrol unable to respond due to simultaneous incidents above. Coastguard attended when PWCs returned to slipway.
- 3.6 22 July. Patrol assisted RIB with engine failure.
- 3.7 24 – 28 July. Extensive problems experienced with youths swimming from Land's End slipway, swimming in the main channel, climbing onto yachts,

throwing stones at yachts and attempting to capsize pontoons. Patrols attended for long periods (a total of 25 man hours) and Police were notified repeatedly.

- 3.8 24 July. Patrol assisted a small speed boat with engine failure.
- 3.9 25 July. Patrol assisted a small motorboat with engine failure.
- 3.10 26 July. Patrol responded to report of a speeding PWC in Upper Hamble. Verbal warning issued.
- 3.11 28 July. Report of two speeding RIBs proceeding upstream. Patrol responded but was unable to identify the offending boats, despite an extensive search.
- 3.12 29 July. Patrol responded to report of a small dinghy entangled in a mooring. Owner rescued by a club launch and dinghy recovered later at slack water.
- 3.13 30 July. Patrol found five youths in the water, downstream of Land's End and unable to make ground against the ebb tide. Patrol rescued all five and returned them to the slipway where the police were waiting.
- 3.14 31 July. Patrol tasked to a small RIB with three persons aged 13 – 15 on board, wakeboarding in the Upper Hamble. Verbal warning issued.
- 3.15 3 August. Patrol responded to a motor boat which had been swept onto the Warsash Maritime Academy Jetty. Vessel was recovered and towed to Visitors' Pontoon.
- 3.16 3 August. Patrol called to assist two young girls in a small sailing dinghy which had got into difficulties. Towed to safety.
- 3.17 3 August. Patrol responded to a call from the owner of the River Taxi reporting that the Taxi had been stolen by two persons and was being taken across the River to the Warsash side. The two persons had clearly been drinking and were using abusive language. When challenged, they beached the Taxi downstream of the Warsash Ferry Hard, causing considerable damage. One ran off and the other remained on board. The Police attended at Hamble and were transported across the River by the Patrol. By this time, both persons were ashore, but they were arrested by the police, using descriptions provided by the Patrol. They were detained overnight and charged with theft and criminal damage.
- 3.18 5 August. Report of tender stolen from Swanwick.
- 3.19 7 August. Report of minor diesel spill, attributed to a yacht which had used a small quantity of fuel to clean winches and then washed the remains overboard. Vessel owner given verbal warning and spill broken up.
- 3.20 10 August. Patrol assisted a broken down vessel that had drifted onto the Hamble Spit. Towed to safety.
- 3.21 11 August. Report received of a catamaran that had lost power in the entrance to the River. Patrol towed the vessel to safety.
- 3.22 12 August. Patrol towed vessel which had attempted to take a short cut off Hook spit

- 3.23 13 August. Report received that a vessel had been broken into overnight on the mid stream piles. Patrol attended and also found that another three vessels had been broken into overnight. Owners and Police contacted.
- 3.24 18 August. Report received that an outboard engine had been stolen from a vessel moored on the mid stream piles.
- 3.25 19 August. Patrol assisted a vessel that had suffered engine failure at the entrance to the harbour. Towed to safety.
- 3.26 21 August. Report received from another vessel moored on the mid stream piles that had been broken into and various items stolen.
- 3.27 22 August. Patrol assisted vessel with engine failure that had collided with another vessel while trying to moor.
- 3.28 25 August. Bursledon Regatta all went well despite the weather. A few vessels stopped for speeding but otherwise a good day had by all.
- 3.29 26 August. Various reports received that items had been stolen from vessels overnight and an inflatable with outboard from a sailing club pound.
- 3.30 30 August. A call was received to report that a gentleman had slipped while climbing onto his vessel alongside a mid-stream pontoon and had dislocated his hip. Patrol attended and called the emergency services immediately. Once paramedics had arrived on site and made the gentleman comfortable, Patrol assisted with getting him ashore to the ambulance.
- 3.31 31 August. A yacht went aground on a falling tide while attempting to come alongside the maintenance piles at Warsash. The vessel was in danger of toppling over but patrol were quick to react and towed the vessel off while the HM & DHM pulled the main halyard at 90 degrees while standing on the Fishermen's Jetty. The vessel was towed to safety, undamaged.
- 3.32 1 September. Patrol recovered an inflatable which had been reported stolen earlier in the week. Inflatable was returned to owner.
- 3.33 3 September. Patrol assisted with a vessel that had gone aground while attempting to moor on its berth. Patrol took the wife and children off the vessel and took them ashore and then assisted the skipper, once there was enough water back to his berth.
- 3.34 5 September. Call received regarding a RIB which had been secured on private land adjacent to Land's End hard. Once on site, Patrol noted that it appeared to match the description of a vessel reported stolen from Warsash Sailing Club. Police were informed. A subsequent call reported that the RIB had departed with two persons onboard. Patrol intercepted the RIB and confirmed that it did match the details of the stolen vessel. Patrol took the RIB and contacted the police. An individual was subsequently arrested by the police.
- 3.35 7 September. Patrol responded to a report of a motor cruiser on fire alongside a mid-stream pontoon, Crew evacuated by patrol and Fire Brigade summoned. Two firemen were taken to the vessel by the patrol, and it was confirmed that the fire was extinguished.

- 3.36 9 September. Patrol assisted a small boat with two adults on board which was unable to make ground against the tide off Hamble Spit. Vessel towed to Warsash slipway.
- 3.37 11 September. Patrol assisted a yacht which had run aground on Hook Spit.
- 3.38 12 September. Patrol assisted a yacht which had run aground on Swanwick Bend at low tide. The yacht was towed off successfully.
- 3.39 13 September. Patrol assisted a sailing club launch which had broken down mid-stream
- 3.40 15 September. Patrol assisted a large yacht which had suffered engine failure and anchored in the main channel. Patrol towed the yacht to a safe berth.
- 3.41 16 September. Call received regarding canoeists in difficulty in the vicinity of the A27 bridge. Patrol attended and found an inflatable canoe which had capsized and become trapped under the bow of a boat on Y pontoon. Occupants had been recovered to the pontoon. Patrol recovered the canoe and equipment. No injuries reported.

#### 4. River Hamble Games

- 4.1 The River Hamble Games took place on the 21 July. Some 350 competitors took part with no safety related incidents reported. Overall the games were a huge success and there is considerable enthusiasm for it to be repeated in future years. The Harbour Authority team won one gold medal and one silver medal.



**5. Audits**

- 5.1 The Harbour Authority has been subject to two separate external audits since the last Harbour Master's report. The first was conducted by Trinity House in respect to Aids to Navigation and associated documentation. The outcome was that everything was found to be in good order. The second audit was the bi-annual Port Marine Safety Code Compliance audit carried out by the Harbour Authority's Designated Person. The audit found that the Harbour Authority continues to discharge its statutory functions effectively and efficiently to the very highest of standards. The audit report for the latter is at Appendix 1.

**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 include references to crime 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.