

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

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1. Summary

- 1.1. This report summarises the incidents and events in the Harbour from 26 June to 31 August 2013. 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 2000 from Sunday to Thursday and 0630 until 2230 on Fridays and Saturdays.

3. Incidents and events

- 3.1 30 Jun. Patrol towed a 7 metre motor vessel with engine failure to its mooring.
- 3.2 30 Jun. Patrol witnessed a collision between a moving vessel and a moored vessel. Details obtained and the owners of the moored vessel were informed.
- 3.3 3 Jul. Patrol attended a 12 metre yacht aground on the Hamble Ferry Hard. Skipper was advised to await the rising tide.
- 3.4 5 Jul. First reported incident of swimmers climbing onto pontoons at Land's End.
- 3.5 7 Jul. Patrol towed a broken down yacht from Hamble Point buoy to its mooring up river (Hamble Lifeboat had been tasked to do this but were on another call).
- 3.6 7 Jul. Patrol assisted with shepherding 'Optimist' dinghies back from their race area to Warsash Sailing Club.
- 3.7 7 Jul. Patrol assisted a yacht which had fouled its propeller on a mooring line. Yacht towed to safety.

- 3.8 8 Jul. Patrol informed of speeding Personal Water Craft (PWC) in upper Hamble. Patrol attended and found the PWC broken down. Owner informed about speed limit and consideration for other River users and towed back to Swanwick slipway.
- 3.9 9 Jul. Patrol attended reported collision near Swanwick Marina. Significant damage noted. The yacht which had caused the collision had re-moored alongside at Swanwick Marina. As the patrol approached, the yacht left its berth, causing a second collision, this time with the yacht on the adjacent berth. Swanwick marina staff were made aware.
- 3.10 9 Jul. Report of collision on Visitor's Pontoon between a large catamaran and a visiting French yacht moored alongside. Patrol attended and details exchanged.
- 3.11 10 Jul. Patrol witnessed a RIB and three PWCs operating at excessive speed in the wake of a large sight-seeing vessel in the River. Patrol gave chase and managed to stop the RIB and one PWC. Occupants refused to give any details and made off at high speed. The other two PWCs left the River at high speed. The DataTag number one PWC was noted and passed to the Police.
- 3.12 12 Jul. Patrol was asked to attend two young female swimmers in the River entrance. They had been swept downstream by the tide. Both swimmers were recovered by a passing motorboat and returned to Fishermen's Jetty.
- 3.13 12 Jul. Patrol towed a yacht with engine failure to the Visitors' Pontoon.
- 3.14 13 Jul. Patrol attended Hamble Jetty where an elderly woman had collapsed. First aid rendered and ambulance called.
- 3.15 13 Jul. Swimmers at Land's End reported in main channel. Patrol attended and slowed traffic until swimmers were safe.
- 3.16 14 Jul. Patrol responded to call about swimmers at Land's End being abusive to marina staff. Patrol attended and Police called to assist.
- 3.17 15 Jul. Further problems with swimmers at Land's End. Report of deliberate sinking of a tender in main channel. Police informed and attended.
- 3.18 17 Jul. Report of attempted break-in on yacht. Yacht alarm had deterred intruders. Minimal damage and nothing taken. SmartWater kit issued to owner after the incident!
- 3.19 20 Jul. Patrol attended two boats on moorings in Warsash Pool which had drifted together. This is a frequent problem and steps have now been taken to minimise the risk of a re-occurrence.
- 3.20 21 Jul. Patrol called to assist in search for lost dog near Swanwick. Dog found.
- 3.21 25 Jul. Report of a collision between a trimaran under sail and two moored yachts near Swanwick. Significant damage to one yacht. Owners aware and details exchanged.
- 3.22 28 Jul. Patrol called to assist a yacht which had fouled a mooring with its propeller. Yacht freed and towed to safety, but not without damage to mooring tackle. Mooring owner informed and details exchanged.

- 3.23 29 Jul. Report of two kayaks stolen from Warsash Maritime Academy. Police aware.
- 3.24 6 Aug. Report of collision between a yacht underway and a moored yacht. Significant damage to the moored yacht. Owner informed and details exchanged.
- 3.25 7 Aug. Patrol informed of a collision between a moving motor boat and a moored yacht near Hamble Point Marina, causing damage to the yacht. Owner informed and details exchanged.
- 3.26 7 Aug. Report of collision between a moving yacht and a moored yacht. Owner informed and details exchanged.
- 3.27 11 Aug. Patrol escorted a vessel with engine failure and towed a second vessel with a similar problem to its berth. A charge was made for the tow.
- 3.28 13 Aug. Report of collision between a moving vessel and a moored yacht, causing some damage to the yacht. Owner aware and details exchanged.
- 3.29 18 Aug. Patrol called to assist a capsized dinghy in difficulties off Warsash SC. Recovered to pontoon – no damage.
- 3.30 22 Aug. Patrol called to assist a couple who had fallen out of their tender. One person had sustained minor cuts and bruises and was advised to seek medical advice. Tender towed to safety.
- 3.31 23 Aug. Patrol responded to a request from the MCA to conduct a search of the waters around the M27 bridge following a road traffic accident on the bridge involving a motor-cyclist. Police and ambulance in attendance but nothing found in the water.
- 3.32 24 Aug. Patrols involved with Bursledon Regatta and Fireworks all day. One minor collision between a RIB with engine control failure and a moored yacht. Owners exchanged details.
- 3.33 26 Aug. Patrol called to a yacht with engine failure. Towed into the River to the nearest safe berth.
- 3.34 5 Sep. Report of yacht in difficulties on Land's End maintenance piles. Patrol responded at speed to find a yacht had fallen on its side. Owner uninjured and the yacht was re-floated safely on next high tide.
- 3.35 5 Sep. Minor collision between a moving yacht and a moored vessel, caused by the moving yacht attempting to come alongside a pontoon downtime. No obvious damage.

4. Cowes Week Fireworks

- 4.1 All three Patrol Boats were in use before, during and after the Cowes Week Fireworks on the evening of Friday 9 August. There were no significant incidents but a number of speeding vessels were slowed. Of particular concern was the high proportion of vessels showing incorrect navigation lights and, in some cases, none at all.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 **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 content of this report includes references to minor 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.