

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Report**

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| <b>Committee</b>    | River Hamble Harbour Board                             |
| <b>Date:</b>        | 23 September 2014                                      |
| <b>Title:</b>       | Harbour Master's Report                                |
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**1. Summary**

1.1. This report summarises the incidents and events in the Harbour from 18 July 2014. 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 by the Duty Harbour Master at various times between 0800 and 2000 Sunday to Thursday and 0630 and 2230 Friday and Saturday.

**3. Incidents and events**

- 3.1 24 July. Report of dinghy stolen a boatyard. Police informed.
- 3.2 24 July. Several instances of youths swimming from Hamble Jetty, culminating in a reported near-miss between a swimmer and a yacht.
- 3.3 25 July. Patrol assisted a small motor boat with engine problems. Towed to slipway for recovery.
- 3.4 25 July. Report of near-miss between a yacht and a fishing vessel near No. 7 pile.
- 3.5 26 July. Patrol assisted a motorboat with engine failure. Towed to Warsash slipway.
- 3.6 27 July. Patrol assisted a vessel with engine problems. Towed to Warsash slipway.
- 3.7 28 July. Patrol attended a vessel which was being held down by its pile lines. On inspection, it was found that the lines had been secured around the pile rather than being shackled to the pile ring.

- 3.8 29 July. Patrol discovered a moored yacht at risk of sinking. Patrol gained access in order to identify the source of the leak and pumped out. Owner informed.
- 3.9 2 Aug. Patrol assisted a yacht which had an injured skipper and engine problems.
- 3.10 5 Aug. Report of small motor boat stolen from a boatyard. Recovered later the same day from a nearby marina.
- 3.11 8 Aug. Patrols on duty until 2330 to monitor vessels returning from Cowes Week Fireworks. No significant incidents.
- 3.12 10 Aug. Report of a tender stolen from a marina. Recovered later the same day from a nearby boatyard.
- 3.13 10 Aug. Report of collision between a moving yacht and a moored vessel. Owners details exchanged.
- 3.14 12 Aug. Patrol assisted a sailing dinghy with four persons onboard with broken forestay. Dinghy towed back to Hamble slipway.
- 3.15 17 Aug. Patrol assisted a yacht with engine problems to berth at Warsash. During this manoeuvre, a member of the yacht's crew attempted to jump onto the pontoon and fell overboard. He was rescued by the Patrol.
- 3.16 18 Aug. Patrol rescued a sinking RIB which had been beached on Hook Spit. RIB re-floated and escorted to safety.
- 3.17 22 Aug. Patrol responded to a report of a significant diesel spill from a motor yacht refuelling at Port Hamble. The marina had deployed absorbent booms but some fuel had escaped and this was broken up as much as possible with propellers. The Coastguard was informed of the incident. The Harbour Master and a marine engineer investigated the cause of the spill but could find no obvious explanation.
- 3.18 26 Aug. Report of theft of a case of beer from the cockpit of a yacht berthed on Warsash Jetty. Owners sleeping on board were disturbed and chased the thief away. Police informed.
- 3.19 27 Aug. Patrol assisted a yacht with engine failure and towed it back into the River.
- 3.20 28 Aug. Patrol again assisted the yacht at para. 1.2 above. The yacht was returned to Warsash jetty, the Coastguard was informed and the yacht was subjected to a full safety inspection before it was allowed to proceed back to its mooring.
- 3.21 29 Aug. Patrol attended a yacht with a suspected engine fire. No fire found and smoke was caused by overheating.
- 3.22 29 Aug. Patrol attended a moored yacht which had parted a riser chain. Yacht towed to a safe berth
- 3.23 30 and 31 Aug. Bursledon regatta took place safely, with attendance throughout by two Patrol boats.
- 3.24 30 Aug. A collision occurred between a RIB and a moored yacht, causing considerable damage to both vessels. The RIB owner was interviewed by the Patrol immediately after the incident and it was concluded that the

collision had been caused by an unfortunate accident (the helmsman had slipped and fallen against the throttle lever whilst manoeuvring to assist another vessel). The owner of the yacht was informed and details were exchanged.

- 3.25 3 Sep. Patrol assisted a large vessel with single engine failure onto its berth.
- 3.26 7 Sep. Report from Coastguard that a motor yacht with an engine fire was being towed into the River by a lifeboat . The vessel was subsequently berthed alongside the visitors' pontoon and the Fire Brigade attended. An engine had severely overheated but there was no fire.

#### **4. Recommendation**

- 4.1 It is recommended that this report be noted.**

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:  
Links to the Corporate Strategy**

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| 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:                          | yes |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): |     |

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| 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.) |                 |
| <u>Document</u>  | <u>Location</u> |
| None   |                 |

Integral Appendix B

**IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

**1. Equality Duty**

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

**Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:**

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

**Equalities Impact Assessment:**

1.2 A full Equalities Impact Assessment for the River Hamble Harbour Authority's compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code (including environmental responsibilities) 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 a reference 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.