

River Hamble Harbour Board – 16 January 2015

Incidents and Events

The following incidents and events occurred in the period from 2 January 2015 to 15 January 2015:

- 1.1 3 Jan. It was reported that the Singapore registered car carrier vessel HOEGH OSAKA was aground on the Bramble Bank, Solent, in the approaches to the Port of Southampton.

The crew of 24 persons, plus a local Pilot, were successfully evacuated by Coastguard rescue helicopter and RNLI Lifeboats.

The 51,770 GT HOEGH OSAKA was on passage from Southampton to Bremerhaven, Germany with a cargo of cars and other heavy machinery and was carrying over 500 tonnes of bunkers.

The HOEGH OSAKA has since been re-floated but remains in close proximity to Alpha Anchorage within QHM Portsmouth's jurisdiction. She remains stable with a list of 50 degrees to starboard and a 2 metre trim by the bow.

The Queen's Harbour Master (QHM) Portsmouth has established a Temporary Exclusion Zone extending a distance of 300 metres from the extremities of the casualty. Tugs are on scene 24/7 to guard the casualty, and will enforce the TEZ, reporting any infringements to the Coastguard.

The Ports of Southampton and Portsmouth remain fully operational with no disruption to traffic.

The main concern at the moment is the weather, although the high winds forecast for this week have not caused any unexpected problems.

Since the grounding there have been no reports of pollution. The Maritime and Coastguard Agency, in collaboration with the Port of Southampton and the Solent Environment Group, are at immediate readiness to respond should any pollutants be released from the car carrier. RHHA staff have maintained close links to ensure their own readiness to respond in the event of a pollution, at which point RHHA will activate its own formal Oil Spill Response Plan. RHHA is part of the Tactical Coordination Group and continues to receive regular updates several times a day and attend meetings as required.

The River Hamble Harbour Authority's contracted Tier 2 responder (Adler and Allen) was placed on standby shortly after the incident. A team of three responders plus equipment has been at short notice locally ever since, ready to deal with any spillage which might affect the River. Harbour Office staff are also on standby to assist if required.

There will be no direct cost to the Harbour Authority resulting from the current deployment arrangements of the Tier 2 contractor.

- 1.2 3 Jan. Report on tender stolen from Hamble Jetty. Police informed.