

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

Committee	River Hamble Harbour Management Committee
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1. Summary

- 1.1. This report summarises the incidents and events in the harbour from 8 April 2015. Any incidents or events which take place 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 0630 and 2230 daily.

3. Incidents and events

- 3.1. 9 Apr. Patrol assisted the owners of a speedboat which was in danger of sinking alongside at the Jolly Sailor, Bursledon.
- 3.2. 11 Apr. Patrol assisted a windsurfer in difficulties just outside the harbour entrance. Towed to safety.
- 3.3. 16 Apr. Patrol assisted a small inflatable boat which was leaking air and at risk of sinking. The occupant of the boat had been attempting to attach a political banner to a pile at the entrance of the River and then cross the Solent to the Isle of Wight.
- 3.4. 21 Apr. Patrol assisted a yacht with engine failure and towed it to safety.
- 3.5. 26 Apr. Patrol towed a yacht with engine failure to a safe berth.
- 3.6. 28 Apr. Harbour Office staff assisted a casualty with a head injury sustained on board a yacht. Ambulance attended.
- 3.7. 30 Apr. A dead body was discovered on the beach at Hook. Police involved. Harbour Office staff provided assistance with police inquiries.

- 3.8. 30 Apr. Inflatable boat reported stolen from Stone Pier Yard – found on the Harbour Master's Jetty, Warsash. Owner identified and informed. Note that it was initially thought that this incident may have been connected to 3.7 above.
- 3.9. 4 May. Dinghy reported stolen from Warsash Sailing Club. Later found up-river by Patrol and returned.
- 3.10. 5 May. A vessel broke its mooring and grounded on the beach adjacent to Warsash Sailing Club (WSC). The boat was recovered to safety by Harbour Office and WSC staff.
- 3.11. 6 May. Harbour Office staff provided first aid to a yachtsman who had lost part of his thumb whilst attempting to berth a yacht alongside the Visitor's Pontoon. An ambulance was called but declined to attend so alternative arrangements were made to transfer the casualty to hospital.
- 3.12. 6 May. Due to strong winds, the Patrol was required to provide assistance to a number of vessels with broken mooring lines and unfurled sails.
- 3.13. 6 May. A vessel broke its mooring and became trapped underneath the Warsash Maritime Academy Jetty. The Patrol attempted to assist but were unable to do so due to strong winds and high tide. The vessel was later recovered at low water.
- 3.14. 7 May. Harbour Office staff assisted a gentleman in severe pain on board a yacht alongside Warsash Jetty. Ambulance called and diagnosed that the patient was passing a kidney stone. Patrol assisted with moving the patient to dry land.
- 3.15. 10 May. Patrol responded to a call for assistance from a small motor boat with engine failure just outside the harbour. Towed to safety.
- 3.16. 13 May. A high performance 12 metre Formula One speedboat with 4 persons on board was involved in a major accident just outside the entrance to the Hamble. No other boats were involved. Coastguard, RNLI, Police, Southampton Patrol, a private craft and Coastguard helicopters responded. The Patrol was also quickly on-scene. All four persons were recovered from the water and taken by boat to Warsash Jetty where they were met by a fleet of ambulances and the air ambulance. The Marine Accident Investigation Branch attended. The boat was towed (still inverted) to the Visitors' Pontoon by Southampton Patrol. It was later moved to a boat yard where it was righted and craned ashore. There were no fuel leaks. Harbour Office staff coordinated events throughout the day and a full staff debrief was carried out afterwards.
- 3.17. 17 May. Patrol assisted a yacht with engine failure and towed it to a safe berth.
- 3.18. 23 May. Patrol assisted a motor yacht with engine problems and towed it to its home berth (for which a towage fee was charged).
- 3.19. 25 May. Patrol assisted a speed boat with engine problems and towed it to its home berth (for which a towage fee was charged).

- 3.20. 29 May. Patrol attended a number of minor incidents resulting from strong winds.
- 3.21. 29 May. Patrol attended a vessel returning to a marina with a casualty on board. The yacht skipper had directly requested an ambulance to meet her at the marina, contrary to Standard Operating Procedures (all medical casualties to Warsash Jetty).
- 3.22. 30 May. Royal Marines from 42 Commando conducted a mock amphibious landing at the Royal Southern Yacht Club.
- 3.23. 2 Jun. Patrol attended a small yacht on a mid-stream mooring. Strong winds had pushed the yacht against a pile, causing dismasting.
- 3.24. 4 Jun. HRH The Duke of Edinburgh visited the River to open the new Prince Philip Yacht Haven (Royal Southern and RAF Yacht Clubs). The Duke subsequently left the River by boat, escorted by both Patrol boats.
- 3.25. 5 Jun. Report of a collision between a yacht and a moored vessel. Owners' details exchanged.
- 3.26. 6 Jun. The King and Queen of Greece transferred from a launch to their car via Warsash Jetty.
- 3.27. 7 Jun. Patrol assisted a motor yacht with engine problems and towed it to its home berth (for which a towage fee was charged).

4. Port Marine Safety Code Audit

- 4.1 A routine audit of the Harbour Authority's Safety Management System and compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code took place on 20 May 2015. The audit report is at Appendix 1.

5. Liaison visits

- 5.1 During the period covered by this report, Harbour Office staff have facilitated two familiarisation visits to the River by Hampshire Fire and Rescue staff from Hightown and a two day visit by the Senior Berthing Officer at Bembridge Harbour.

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:	yes
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.)	
<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

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. There are a number of references to alleged crime on the River in the content of this report.

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.