

**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 18 July 2015. 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 0630 and 2230 daily.

**3. Incidents and events**

- 3.1. 20 July. Patrol was alerted to a distress call regarding a red flare seen in the vicinity of Hamble River and Southampton Water. They assisted Solent Coastguard and Hamble Lifeboat with the search but nothing found.
- 3.2. 22 July. Patrol responded to a call reference a vessel whose stern mooring line had parted. Vessel resecured.
- 3.3. 23 July. Call received regarding youths swimming and climbing onto vessels. Patrol and Police attended.
- 3.4. 25 July. Patrol assisted a yacht with engine failure and towed it to safety.
- 3.5. 26 July. Patrol witnessed and stopped a rib travelling at approximately 15 knots. Persons educated and details taken.
- 3.6. 26 July. Patrol attended vessel with parted stern line. Vessel resecured.
- 3.7. 26 July. Patrol assisted vessel with engine failure and towed it to safety.

- 3.8. 31 July. Call received from Warsash Maritime College regarding swimmers in the vicinity of the college pier. Patrol attended.
- 3.9. 1 Aug. Patrol escorted "Mariquita", a 38m sailing vessel to the Royal Southern Yacht Club.
- 3.10. 1 Aug. Formal warning issued to a motor vessel travelling at excessive speed of approximately 20 knots within the harbour.
- 3.11. 2 Aug. Patrol stopped and warned two PWC's travelling at excessive speed in the river.
- 3.12. 4 Aug. Call received regarding a collision being witnessed between two vessels. Patrol attended.
- 3.13. 6 Aug. Patrol recovered two ribs which had come adrift and towed them to safety.
- 3.14. 7 Aug. Call received from Solent Coastguard reference a yacht being towed into the harbour with a suspected engine fire. Vessel moored on Harbour Masters Jetty and Fire Brigade attended. Vessel made safe and then towed by Sea Start back to their home berth.
- 3.15. 8 Aug. Solent Coastguard called regarding a vessel aground on Hook Spit. Patrol deployed but unable to assist due to being hard aground but ensured all crew were safe.
- 3.16. 10 Aug. Patrol assisted vessel with steering failure and towed them to safety.
- 3.17. 11 Aug. Patrol rescued a gentleman who had fallen into the water while trying to moor his vessel single-handed.
- 3.18. 14 Aug. Patrols on duty until midnight to monitor vessels returning from Cowes Week Fireworks. No significant incidents.
- 3.19. 15 Aug. Patrol towed a vessel with engine failure to safety.
- 3.20. 19 Aug. Vessel towed to safety after going aground on Hamble spit.
- 3.21. 22 Aug. Bursledon Regatta took place safely, although the river was busy with traffic during the dinghy racing due to good weather. Two Patrol vessels were in attendance throughout the day. Minor collision between two motor launches, not witnessed, in vicinity of fuelling berth. Contact details exchanged and medical services engaged to address minor injuries to two individuals on the smaller craft. An update on any developments will be provided to the Board at the meeting. Report of two RIBs speeding in the vicinity of Mercury Yacht Harbour investigated inconclusively by Patrol Officers.
- 3.22. 23 Aug. Return of craft moved to accommodate Bursledon Regatta fireworks to moorings.

- 3.23. 26 Aug. High winds. Patrol towed a catamaran with an engine defect to safety.
- 3.24. 27 Aug. Patrol to Botley – reported low overhanging tree to landowner (National Trust) for removal. Continuation of cleat replacement programme on G pontoons.
- 3.25. 28 Aug. Conducted area search for a red dinghy, reported as abandoned near the Chinese Bridge at Bunny Meadows. No trace found.
- 3.26. 29 Aug. Patrol stopped a large motor craft creating excessive wash in the River entrance. Master rebriefed on Bye-Law 5.
- 3.27. 31 Aug. Patrol removed an unmanned unauthorised vessel from a berth on J Pontoon to the Visitors' Pontoon to enable the proper mooring holder to return to his berth. Unauthorised vessel charged for tow and mooring fees. Second craft on HP Mooring reported own berth occupied (unauthorised) by other River mooring holder. Owner of latter craft contacted. Vessel had mistakenly moored in the adjacent berth. Given strong ebb tide, arrangements made for patrol to swap vessels on 1 Sep.
- 3.28. 1 Sep. Exchange of vessels on HP Moorings (see 31 Aug). Patrol gave assistance to a yacht aground off Port Hamble. Vessel towed to scrubbing piles. Following collision between inbound vessel and unmanned moored craft, facilitated exchange of details between owners. Patrol assisted owner of a vessel with a line around her propeller in returning to mooring. Late evening liaison with Marine Police Unit regarding Marina theft.
- 3.29. 2 Sep. Patrol recovered a tender from Spinster's Lake.
- 3.30. 3 Sep. Scrubbing pile maintenance at Warsash. 4 bags of Oysters, some undersized, recovered from a position adjacent to the scrubbing plinth. Reported to Southern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority. Patrol returned oysters to the water. Separately, Patrol directed a fishing boat secured to a navigational mark to move.
- 3.31. 4 Sep. Patrol responded to report of vessel loose on moorings and veering into main channel.
- 3.32. 5 Sep. Patrol repaired loose planking at Hamble Jetty. Patrol responded to anonymous evening report of youths climbing on pink ferries at Hamble Jetty. On arrival – no trace found.
- 3.33. 6 Sep. Patrol recovered a large log drifting down river on a fast ebb tide adjacent to Cabin Boatyard. Patrol responded to a report of a speeding RIB (30 kt) – not located. Separately, patrol observed a RIB exiting Universal Marina at pace. RIB slowed on sight of Patrol. Patrol attended L moorings following report of collision. Damage incurred included scuffing and bending of a stanchion on a yacht. Witness details and photographs taken. Owner of vessel responsible for the collision called in and put in contact with owner of vessel damaged. Assisted owner of a tender with a flat battery.

- 3.34. 8 Sep. Patrol assisted a yacht aground on Hamble Spit at 0630. Assisted second yacht aground on Hamble Spit at 1030. Both assisted to centre of channel.
- 3.35. 9 Sep. Further vessel reported itself aground on Hamble Spit on a rising tide. Vessel floated off at 2000. Coastguard updated. Patrol responded to report of speeding dory with 3 persons on board near Brooklands. Not located.
- 3.36. 11 Sep. Patrol investigated report of a vessel running an illegal ferry service to Cowes. Vessel in question not MCA coded. Reported.
- 3.37. 13 Sep. Patrol moved a yacht from Warsash hammerhead to the Finger Pontoon to accommodate a 19m Ketch. Unattended RIB on Hamble Jetty ticketed. Responded to report of MOB strobe in vicinity of Universal M Pontoon. Strobe had activated on a MOB Float aboard a motor launch. Vessel vacant. Light de-activated.
- 3.38. 14 Sep. Patrol recovered a 10 ft plank from the River at Warsash. Responded to a call from a yacht with a reported engine failure near Port Hamble. Attended and vessel secured safely alongside G Pontoon pending Sea Start assistance.

#### **4. Recommendation**

- 4.1 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.