

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

Committee	River Hamble Harbour Board
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Title:	Marine Director and Harbour Master's Report and Current Issues
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1. Summary

- 1.1. This report combines the reports of the Harbour Master and Marine Director, summarises the incidents and events in the harbour and covers any issues currently under consideration by the Marine Director.

2. Patrols

- 2.1. The harbour has been patrolled by the Duty Harbour Master at various times between 0700 and 2230 daily.

3. Incidents and events

- 3.1. 9 April. Patrol assisted Motor boat in difficulties with an inexperienced crew. Advised given on training opportunities, Collision Regulations and basic navigation. Vessel 'Tiger Sam' given verbal warning for excessive wash and advised of Harbour byelaws.
- 3.2. 10 April. At MCA request, assisted 2 casualties from sunken fishing boat off Hill Head. Hampshire Ambulance attended - casualties suffering from hypothermia.
- 3.3. 14 April. Patrol assist a yacht in freeing a rope entangled around propellor.
- 3.4. 16 April. Official warning issued to a motor craft for first speeding offence and contravention of Byelaw 5 (Safe Navigation of Vessels).
- 3.5. 16 April. Patrol recovered lost emergency equipment from yacht Hippocampus and returned to owner.
- 3.6. 17 April. Patrol rescued a member of the public, trapped in the mud at Swanwick. Hamble Fire and Ambulance Service and HMCG also in attendance.
- 3.7. 19 April. Theft of outboard engine reported at Warsash – Patrol staff assisted Police in provision of CCTV evidence. Police crime reference. 44160147816.

- 3.8. 20 April. Patrol stopped and warned motor boat "Plan B" regarding excessive speed and wash. First offence. Warning given. Patrol also released yacht 'Petalla' fouled by ropes.
- 3.9. 24 April. Patrol assisted broken down yacht. Power pack from launch used to restart engine.
- 3.10. 24 April. Patrol assisted Solent Coastguard in recovery of 2 casualties from fishing boat brought to RHHA office for treatment by HAS.
- 3.11. 25 April. Theft reported to RHHA of auto-helm equipment and attempted theft of outboard engine from yacht 'Chinde'. Patrol searched other craft in the vicinity and found 2 further yachts attacked – 'Ciconic' and 'Golden Genie'. Reported the same to owners and the Police.
- 3.12. 29 April. Patrol towed yacht 'Song of the Phoenix'. Fee taken.
- 3.13. 1 May. Patrol assisted Hamble Lifeboat in attending a vessel with a small electrical fire. Fire extinguished and yacht towed to safety.
- 3.14. 3 May. Theft of various items reported from yacht 'Osprey' reported to Police.
- 3.15. 4 May. Trinity House annual light inspection. Report while inspection taking place from Coastguard of vessel on fire at Warsash. Hamble Lifeboat, HMCG and Hightown fire appliances attended. No injuries. Fire extinguished while vessel under tow from Hamble Lifeboat and vessel sank adjacent to Fishermen's Pontoon. Cause of fire under investigation by Harbour Master, liaising with other authorities to align any possible prosecutions. More detail is at Article 7.1.
- 3.16. 4 May. Patrol attended yacht with ropes entangled around propellers, freeing it.
- 3.17. 6 May. Maintenance of launch by patrol crew - Old fendering removed and new D-fendering installed.
- 3.18. 7 May. Patrol received report of fire damage to a yacht mid-stream from incident 4th May – liaison with Police.
- 3.19. 7 May. Patrol warned yacht 'Malfi' regarding excessive wash and speed (Skipper repentant - suitable for advice no previous history).
- 3.20. 7 May. Patrol assisted RSYC in recovery of de-masted yacht trapped under a pontoon.
- 3.21. 8 May. Patrol towed yacht 'Circonia' -fee taken.
- 3.22. 8 May. Patrol responded to a report of a speeding dory and aggressive behaviour. Skipper of Dory warned.
- 3.23. 10 May. Patrol towed yacht 'Project' to safety.
- 3.24. 11 May. Patrol recovered a large floating buoy and line adrift in the fairway.
- 3.25. 12 May. Theft of equipment reported from Yacht 'Tiki' . 2 Outboards and various equipment stolen. Reported to police and owner. Patrol re-secured vessel on behalf of owner.

- 3.26. 12 May. Misuse of Drugs act - Information by Patrol crew passed to Hampshire Police for investigation.
- 3.27. 13 May. Patrol assisted sinking yacht Indulgence, 4 persons on board following Pan call, assisted by HLB - nil injuries.
- 3.28. 14 May. Patrol recovered a dead cat reported by a local resident. Body taken to local vet where it was scanned for micro chip and owner informed.
- 3.29. 14 May. Patrol assisted motor yacht 'Knights Cross' after an engine failure in strong wind on ebb tide. Yacht escorted to visitors' pontoon - nil injuries.
- 3.30. 17 May. Patrol delivered local school liaison visit (water safety awareness and environment). Two day event, 60 children.
- 3.31. 18 May. Patrol repainted yellow emergency hatching on Hamble Jetty following local consultation (SMS – Risk compliance).
- 3.32. 19 May. Patrol initiated Anti-Litter Campaign for Hamble River.
- 3.33. 20 May. Patrol attended fire training exercise at Port Hamble Fuel Jetty.
- 3.34. 21 May. Patrol supported the Hamble River Raid and the Harbour Master's Pursuit Race, which the Harbour Master did not win.
- 3.35. 22 May. Patrol gave warnings to two stand-up PWC and assisted a yacht which had run over a Warsash Sailing Club mooring. Club informed. Patrol responded to a moored yacht with parted mooring lines.
- 3.36. 23 May. Patrol attended a yacht drifting in light airs, having run out of fuel.
- 3.37. 26 May. Patrol responded to a report of a sinking pontoon.
- 3.38. 27 May. Patrol carried out coding certification work.
- 3.39. 28 May. Patrol responded to a report of a Hornets' nest at Manor Farm Country park. Liaison with HCC Countryside for disposal. Liaison with Marine Police seeking a motor boat in connection with illegal activity.
- 3.40. 29 May. Patrol further liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit regarding a general brief on recent event involving illegal immigration in Chichester Harbour. Patrol carried out planned maintenance on Aids to Navigation. Patrol assisted berthing of motor yacht with engine failure.
- 3.41. 31 May. Patrol recovered two tenders from the River bank at Swanwick bend. Tenders brought to Warsash and broadcast placed on Facebook. Patrol directed a Dutch yacht moored on a private mooring to move to our Visitor's Pontoon. Patrol assisted lone yachtsman in mooring.
- 3.42. 01 June. Patrol towed yacht from Rona Trust with engine defect back to her berth. Patrol assisted a yacht in freeing line caught around her rudder.
- 3.43. 02 June. Briefing from UK Border Force. Routine Aids to Navigation maintenance. Patrol towed yacht with engine failure back to her mooring. Recovered large log from River.

- 3.44. 04 June. Patrol responded to vessel aground at Swanwick bend, well outside the channel on a rising tide. Vessel refloated.
- 3.45. 05 June. Patrol responded to a report of a motor boat in collision with several moored vessels. There were no casualties. On arrival at the scene, patrol requested police attendance and skipper of motor boat voluntarily breathalysed. Results negative. HM investigation into cause underway. Patrol issued formal speeding caution to first-time offender off Hackett's Marsh.
- 3.46. 07 June. Patrol liaised with Police Marine Unit regarding the theft of a Boat and outboard from Hamble Sea cadets. Patrol assisted Police in recovery of 2 youths to shore from mid-stream pontoon at Land's End in strong ebb tide.
- 3.47. 08 June. Patrol responded to report of two speeding jet-skiers in vicinity of Mercury bend. At same time, Hampshire Police Marine Unit reported that the two skiers had been stopped and warned. Individuals' details recorded in Police 'SafetyNet' database in the event of future transgression.
- 3.48. 09 June. Patrol responded jointly with Hampshire Police to a report of an altercation near the Jolly Sailor PH. 2 members of the public arrested on public order offences. RHHA also co-ordinated ambulance response to a dismasted yacht, one of whose crew had suffered a head injury. Calshot Lifeboat, the Coastguard and South Central Ambulance Service involved. Casualty brought to Warsash Jetty in accordance with Standard Operating Procedures for treatment. Casualty released on completion. Patrol then towed a dinghy from H45 to Hamble Jetty. Patrol responded jointly with Hampshire Police to a report of youths swimming and climbing on boats at Lands End, liaising with owners. Strong ebb meant that Patrol was required to recover stranded swimmers to shore for Police questioning.
- 3.49. 10 June. RHHA responded to report from HMCG of inbound yacht with head injury. HMCG on this occasion directed yacht to Port Hamble Marina, contrary to RHHA SOP, without informing RHHA. This incident is the subject of ongoing investigation. All authorities have been reminded of the RHHA SOP.
- 3.50. 11 June. Patrol responded to a report of an unberthing incident and placed owners of affected boats in touch with the yacht in question. Minor damage incurred. Patrol responded to report of suspicious individuals photographing boats at Riverside Boatyard. Police informed in accordance with Project Kraken SOP.
- 3.51. 12 June. Patrol witnessed a white Ford Transit Van suspected of fly tipping, unloading a trailer on Swanwick Road Car Park. Police informed and attended the scene.
- 3.52. 13 June. Patrol responded to a report from a member of the public that overgrown weeds were impeding the safety of navigation just South of Botley Bridge. On attending, no risk to navigation witnessed.
- 3.53. 14 June. Patrol noticed a RIB adrift and apparently Not Under Command off Warsash College. On attending, Skipper had run out of fuel. Patrol stood by while emergency fuel supply selected.

- 3.54. 15 June. Patrol responded to a call of fishing nets impeding the safety of navigation North of M27. Nets recovered and advice given to fisherman. Well-received.
- 3.55. 16 June. Patrol responded to a report of a minor fuel spill at Port Hamble fuel jetty. Patrol towed yacht to Swanwick for lift out.
- 3.56. 17 June. Patrol attended Manor Farm Jetty for litter collection. Patrol attended yacht on behalf of deceased estate to pump out bilges. Preparation for Hamble River Games. Laying of open water swimming course in Warsash Pool.
- 3.57. 18 June. RHHA supported the third River Hamble Games afloat and ashore. Event very well supported with a significant increase in competitors over previous events, The Harbour Master would like to thank publicly those boat owners who, without exception, accommodated the safe passage of the various competitions. He would also like to thank Marina Operators and Boatyards for the way in which they advertised the event in advance. On completion, Patrol recovered swimming marks.
- 3.58. 18 June. Patrol assisted yacht with steering gear failure to mid-stream pontoon pending defect rectification.
- 3.59. 19 June. Investigated report of a near collision between a motor boat and a launch. Patrol responded to a report of a minor collision involving a motor boat and a berthed yacht at Port Hamble Marina. Patrol pursued motor boat and placed master in touch with the owner of the yacht, reminding the former of Bye-Law 9 (requirement for collision reporting).
- 3.60. 20 June. Patrol assisted French yacht and a local yacht following a collision outside the River the previous evening. No injuries.
- 3.61. 21 June. Patrol responded to a report of crabbing pots obstructing safe Navigation in the Main Channel between number 5 and 7 piles. On investigation, pots not observed and presumed recovered. Patrol assisted Sea Cadets in search for a lost Laser Pico rudder. Not found.
- 3.62. 23 June. Liaison with Yarmouth Harbour Master and Hampshire County Council. Patrol removed debris from the River following heavy overnight rain.
- 3.63. 24 June. Management Committee and Board annual familiarisation boat trip. Patrol gave verbal warning to moored motor boat of previously reported speeding within the River. Patrol towed a yacht with engine failure to the Visitors' Pontoon pending repair.
- 3.64. 25 June. Patrol assisted grounded racing yacht adjacent to Hamble Yacht Services on a rising tide. Yacht eventually dragged clear by HYS tug. Responded to call of commercial bait digging in Badnam's Creek.
- 3.65. 26 June. Patrol assisted motor boat with fuel problem.
- 3.66. 27 June. Patrol liaised with Hampshire Police about the theft of a tender outboard motor. RHHA Harbour Office CCTV footage supplied to the Police.
- 3.67. 28 June. Patrol engaged in jet-washing HP pontoon. Patrol conducted a routine engagement visit to Mercury Yacht Harbour.

- 3.68. 29 June. Patrol responded to call from QE2 Activity Centre to assist their launch, broken down off Port Hamble. Launch towed to Eastland's Boatyard for repair.

4. Riverside Boatyard

- 4.1. A recent plan to develop Riverside Boatyard was turned down by Eastleigh Borough Council delegated officer's decision on 19 April. The principal reasons given were that the development was not:

- located within a built up area of the Hamble River and outside the footprint of an existing boatyard and that;
- the proposal, by reason of its scale and location, would result in a visually prominent and urbanising structure that would be detrimental to its scenic interest and out of keeping with the character and appearance of this section of the River Hamble and its countryside surroundings.

While the decision on these grounds is fully understood, a supplementary reason was also given, turning the development down on the basis of navigational safety:

- The proposed development, due to its scale and location, has the potential to impede the movement of craft on the river and jeopardise navigational safety.

This was not the declared view of the RHHA. While local planning saved policy currently includes the requirement to judge the suitability of any development from a navigational perspective, the River Hamble Harbour Authority is the authority upon whose expert opinion such judgement will be made.

- 4.2 This decision has highlighted the need for clearer understanding of planning responsibilities and a revised assessment of the navigational risks at the A27 Bridge.

5. Asset Register

- 5.1. An initial review of the Asset Register has been conducted. The clear purpose of the exercise has been to afford high-level oversight and assurance that sufficient capital will be accumulated at the correct rate and available to meet future asset replacement requirements as well as to inform future project spend such that new developments align better with future known expenditure needs. This is a detailed study and a number of questions regarding certain major assets' life expectancy and the way in which their replacement cost is calculated remain to be answered. Once complete, the document should fold into our business plan and be reviewed annually. Further reports will follow.

6. Trinity House Inspection of Local Aids to Navigation

- 6.1. River Hamble Aids to Navigation were subject to a routine annual inspection by Trinity House on 4 May and found to be in good and efficient working order. A small number of minor defects, mostly paint related, were identified and are in the course of rectification. The full report is at Appendix 1 to this report.

7. Fire in the River – 4 May

- 7.1 It was most fortunate that the fire on a small motor boat did not cause any injuries and that the damage to property was relatively light. The RHHA and Police are working together with other authorities to confirm the circumstances and cause of the fire, which caused some scorch damage to a yacht moored mid-stream. The bravery of the Hamble Lifeboat team in attaching a line successfully to the burning boat is commended. Once ongoing investigations are complete, judgement will be made on whether a prosecution should be pursued under Bye Laws 29, 32 and 33, as well as General Direction No 2.

8. Hamble Life Boat Building – Update

- 8.1 The Life Boat Station Building is still not yet functional and legal action continues between the Trustees and the Contractor to finalise a financially acceptable management fee settlement. There is no indication of when that process will conclude. Hamble-le-Rice Parish Council is leading on talks with the Trustees to agree a satisfactory specification for the currently defective toilet doors which, when mended, will allow the Life Boat Building to be occupied with the Boat stowed inside as intended. A further update will be given at the Board Meeting.

9. Recommendations

- 9.1. **It is recommended that the River Hamble Harbour Board notes this report.**

**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.)

Document

Location

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.

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

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. This report includes an Equalities Impact Assessment within the draft Strategic Plan.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. This report does not deal directly with any issues relating to crime and disorder.

3. Climate Change:

3.1. 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

3.2. 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.



Navigation Directorate

Appendix 1

Trinity House

Please Quote P1274 in all correspondence.

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12/05/2016

Dear Sir,

Inspection of Local Aids to Navigation, Merchant Shipping Act, 1995, Section 198(1)

We wish to advise you that the local aids to navigation at River Hamble, under the management of Hampshire County Council, were inspected on 04/05/2016 by an Officer of Trinity House and found to be in good and efficient order, except for the following: -

Place	AtoN No	Aid To Navigation	Aid Type	Defect
P1274	N07770	River Hamble Pile No.4	Lighted Beacon	Requires Painting
P1274	N02080	River Hamble Pile No.6	Lighted Beacon	Requires Painting
P1274	N13353	River Hamble Pile No.8	Lighted Beacon	Requires Painting
P1274	N02082	River Hamble Pile No.10	Lighted Beacon	Requires Painting
P1274	N15450	Warsash Scrubbing Hard Slipway	Unlighted Beacon	Topmark Missing
P1274	N13372	Hamble Point Marina Pontoon X	Lighted Beacon	Light Character Incorrect - orange light observed. However, this should exhibit 2 F R (vert) according to our records.
P1274	N02159	Riverside Boatyard Upstream	Lighted Beacon	Light Character Incorrect - unlighted buoy observed. Please confirm and provide written justification for this as it should exhibit 2 F R (vert) according to our records.

We would be grateful if you would arrange for the aforementioned to be rectified as soon as possible.

After rectification please ensure that this office is notified. If there are any problems with rectifying any of the above, please let us know.

Yours faithfully,

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