

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

Committee	River Hamble Harbour Board
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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. 15 July. Patrol assisted visiting Dutch yacht to correct mooring. Patrol attended seldom used yacht, observed as being rather low in the water. Bilges found to be full. Pumped out yacht and informed owner. Patrol responded to report of speeding motor craft. Craft in question operating below 6kt but creating substantial wake. Skipper advised of intent of Bye Law 5 (safe navigation of vessels).
- 3.2. 16 July. Patrol responded to a witnesses report of a recent minor collision between two yachts. Photographs of damage taken and owners put in touch with one another. Patrol attended non-local fishing boat, broken down on Fishermen's Jetty. Temporary overnight berthing agreed for two nights. Patrol liaised with Hamble Lifeboat in response to a VHF Digital Selective Calling emergency activation. Signal traced to a marina and extinguished. Confirmation passed to HMCG. Evening patrol intercepted a large motorboat creating excessive wash. Verbal warning given. Further response to report from member of the public concerning a speeding small inflatable with two persons on board. Nothing seen.
- 3.3. 17 July. Patrol responded to a report of a small red RIB with three persons on board. Not located. Patrol supported dinghy racing in the mouth of the River. Evening, patrol assisted a motor boat, out of fuel, to Swanwick fuel jetty.

- 3.4. 18 July. Patrol moved unserviceable fishing boat (see 16 July report) to maintenance piles for defect rectification. Charges applied. Patrol witnessed discrepancy in Aids to Navigation – light flashing sequence. Sequence successfully reset. Patrol took a report from a member of the public at Lands End, regarding 2 groups of swimmers climbing onto pontoons. On arrival at Swanwick Marina, liaised with the Marina Duty Manager who reported that one of his berth holders had been assaulted. Patrol called Police who attended scene. Subsequent enquiries resulted in 3 males being detained by Police. Patrol engaged with passing Kayak paddler who reported erratic behaviour of a motor boat in the vicinity of Manor Farm CP jetty. On attending, skipper reported propulsion issues (now addressed) and proceeded to home berth.
- 3.5. 19 July. Patrol towed small yacht to Stone Pier Yard for lift out (charged). Patrol to Botley in response to a call from a landowner about overgrown reeds. Channel not appreciably narrower and free for navigation but reeds trimmed back. Patrol responded to a report from a member of the public concerning youths jumping into the River on the downstream side of the A27 Bridge. On arrival, attempts made to persuade youths not to jump into the River and Police called. Arrival of Police resolved situation. Repeated incidences of youths attempting to swim from Harbour Master's jetty at Warsash. All moved on to Hook Beach. Fishing Vessel (see 16 July) noticed to be at anchor at the entrance to the River. Cause: further engine issues. Towed to Visitors' Pontoon for defect rectification. Patrol attended a medium sized motorboat at anchor inshore of 'L' run. Reminded of Bye Law 16 (prohibited anchoring) and moved on. Patrol liaised with local Police Community and Support Officer regarding further swimming activity at Lands End. Patrol responded to report of a fuel spillage at Port Hamble Marina. On arrival, spillage proved to be diesel. Appropriate response taken to prevent further spread (deployment of Tier 1) material and Coast Guard informed. Investigation under way into causes. Patrol assisted small motor boat Not Under Command back to Warsash slipway. Patrol attended a large RIB with a large amount of white smoke emanating from her engine bay in the mouth of the River. Cause: a blown turbocharger. Vessel directed to reduce engine revolutions to minimise diesel fuel carry-over. Coast Guard informed.
- 3.6. 20 July. Dolphin reported in the River. Patrol responded to a call from a Boat Yard regarding youths jumping from the A27 Bridge close to boats and canoeists. Youths very verbally abusive. Patrol called local Police to attend scene. Further telephone complaints taken from members of the public about abusive language and bad behaviour. Patrol assisted RIB in upper River which reported an overheating engine. Towed same to Universal Marina for defect rectification. Warned motor boat for creating excessive wash.
- 3.7. 21 July. Patrol attended Manor Farm Jetty. Collected small amount of litter on foreshore. Patrol conducted routine visits to Eastlands, Cabin, Riverside, Elephant and Deacon's Boat Yards. Reports of youths making off with paddle boards. Photographic evidence obtained for passing on to the Police. Patrol attended Hamble Jetty after a report of swimmers. Swimmers informed of Hamble-le-Rice Parish Council Bye Law preventing swimming at the jetty and also of Harbour Authority direction. Swimmers moved on. Patrol recovered 2 x Paddle Boards from Swanwick foreshore, subsequently proved to be those removed from Deacon's Yard during earlier incident. Patrol administered First Aid to a youth who attended the Office with a graze to the knee. Patrol reviewed Office CCTV in an attempt to identify swimmers overnight who had

caused damage to the Harbour Master's jetty lighting cable. Patrol stood by a Catamaran with intermittent engine problems pending arrival at mooring.

- 3.8. 22 July. Patrol recovered floating debris from River adjacent to Harbour Master's jetty, including a plastic drum, half full of used engine oil. Patrol recovered inundated, disused tender adrift near Hamble Jetty. Pursued enquiries to identify owner. Patrol recovered a large concrete-coated pontoon float, adrift near Riverside Boat Yard. Patrol responded to a report from a member of the public regarding the erratic movement of a motor boat in the vicinity of a yard North of the A27 Bridge. On investigation, skipper had just taken delivery of his craft and, while apparently well qualified (Yacht Master), was 'out of practice'. Owner advised to undertake a refresher course, in particular, given the location of his home berth in very confined waters. Follow up call made to reinforce need for additional practice. Responded to further call regarding swimmers mounting moored yachts in vicinity of Lands End. Youths recovered from pontoons in strong ebb and landed to most appropriate point of safety. Patrol towed/moved 2 vessels to new moorings from old.
- 3.9. 23 July. Patrol collecting litter in vicinity of Harbour Office as a result of Pokemon Craze. Patrol attended Manor Farm Jetty for liaison meeting with Park Ranger. Responded to call from a member of the Public reporting an individual with a torch looking into boats at a yard North of the Bridges. Yard informed and attended scene. Nothing evident. Responded to call of a mooring holder who witnessed a yacht being hit by a visiting motor boat. Scanty details available about the motor boat in question. Yacht owner informed. Little if any damage. Responded to call from owner of Fishing Boat (see July 16th) with engine now mended. Owner settled fees for Visitors' Pontoon and departed. Responded to report of 'fast-moving' RIBs in vicinity of Manor Farm Jetty from a kayaking member of the public. On arrival RIBs stationary. Had been taking promotional photographs. Reminded of need to minimise wash and nuisance to other vessels.
- 3.10. 24 July. Patrol received report of a speeding motor boat up River the preceeding evening. Noticed Royal Southern Downstream fixed red lights extinguished. Reported for rectification. Busy day with a number of vessels given verbal warning for creating excessive wash. Stopped small motorboat crossing main channel in a zig-zag manner. Boat being driven by a child with a parent offering supervision. Parent given necessary advice to exercise control in a busy River.
- 3.11. 25 July. Hosted Chichester Harbour moorings officer to discuss mooring best practice. Patrol responded to report of two inflatable dinghies abandoned on the shore at Mercury Bend. Report included information that the two craft had been towed down river by a RIB with several youths who appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. During afternoon patrol, repainted two navigational marks.
- 3.12. 26 July. Patrol directed 8 youths who were swimming among boats and climbing on cabling to leave the Harbour Master's Pontoon, which they did. Patrol routine visit to Brookland's House to observe latest stage in development of new slipway.
- 3.13. 27 July. HM received telephone call from Warsash College regarding an individual, apparently abusive bait-digger. HM attended. Bait digger known to

HM and reminded of Bye Law 31 (need to dig > 6m from piles/jetties). Extremely abusive response received. Bait-digger warned formally. Photographic evidence taken in support. Police informed. See paragraph 3.28 below. Patrol paid courtesy call on newly allocated moorer on new 'L' run. Supported HRSC race finishing inside the River.

- 3.14. 28 July. Patrol meeting with IFCA regarding a fishing incident. Harbour Master's office hosted a meeting between local Fishermen and IFCA. Patrol moved a yacht incorrectly moored on a Yacht Club mooring to the mid-stream Visitors' pontoon. Charges applied. Patrol responded to a report of a minor fuel spillage at Port Hamble Fuel Jetty. On arrival, little remained evident and quickly broke up in wave action. Exact source and cause of spillage unclear. Second patrol attended a sinking yacht in an alongside berth at a local sailing club. The Harbour team deployed a submersible pump inside the vessel and the source of the leak was identified as a defective forward bilge pump. Vessel secured.
- 3.15. 29 July. Patrol dropped off Harbour Master on yard routine calls. Picked up an abandoned canoe from the bank adjacent to the wreck of the Grace Dieu. Patrol responded to a report of a dinghy capsized. No action required.
- 3.16. 30 July. Patrol conducted routine meeting with the Hampshire Marine Police Unit. Following a report from the owner, attended a yacht on a mid-stream mooring which had suffered significant damage as a result of a recent collision. Photographic evidence of heavy damage to the port side of the vessel obtained. Fibreglass shards from the other vessel were still evident on the upper deck of the yacht. Given the 'hit and run' nature of the incident and the lack of witnesses, the details were passed on to Hampshire Marine Police Unit and the incident has been recorded as criminal damage. Owner informed. Patrol re-secured a poorly tethered yacht.
- 3.17. 31 July. Patrol spent much of this day controlling speeding traffic. Where necessary, craft were directed to stop in order to be reminded of the requirement to control both speed and wash. Patrol responded to numerous calls from members of the public regarding swimmers jumping from the A27 Bridge. Each caller advised to register the complaint via '101' with Hampshire Police. Patrol backed this up with a further call to the Police to add weight. Patrol attended a yacht with a rope fouling her propeller in reasonably strong winds and a strong ebb. Yacht requested and patrol provided a tow to her berth. At the same time, patrol received a request for assistance from a yacht with an engine failure near the River entrance. Owner directed to call Coastguard for support and Hamble lifeboat attended. Yacht towed to correct berth for defect rectification.
- 3.18. 1 Aug. AHM (Patrol) Peter and Kerry Jennings married. Our congratulations to them both.
- 3.19. 2 Aug. Patrol towed a yacht from Stone Pier Yard to her new mooring. Routine liaison meeting with UK Border Force regarding current threats. Patrol responded to a call from the Pink ferry team who reported a vessel whose owner had accidentally left his forward hatch open. Hatch shut and owner informed. Patrol responded to a call from Port Hamble fuel berth, reporting a small diesel fuel leak. A very small amount of diesel was broken up with

propellor wash. Checked bilges of yacht visited on 15 July to find a small amount of bilge water. Pumped out. Owners informed.

- 3.20. 3 Aug. HM/DHM/Environment Officer exercise planning meeting for Oil Spill Exercise in October. Investigation along with Police and Border Force into a vessel seen unexpectedly alongside Warsash jetty on CCTV overnight. Vessel found to be a Ministry of Defence Police launch from Portsmouth.
- 3.21. 4 Aug. Patrol approached bait digger at Swanwick digging adjacent to the public slipway. Asked to ensure that digging take place greater than 6m from the structure. Bait digger complied. HM and DHM supported Warsash Sailing Club Kipper Week by organising a flare demonstration along with the Coast Guard. Patrol assisted a yacht caught hard against the end of a pontoon on the 'G'run in a strong ebb tide. Assistance effective. Yacht and pontoon appeared undamaged. Patrol assisted a boatyard operator's launch with defective propulsion back to her yard.
- 3.22. 5 Aug. Patrol responded to a report of a collision from a boatyard between a non-local fishing boat and a berthed motor launch at RK Marine. Patrol intercepted the fishing vessel when leaving the River and took statements and contact details, passing them on to the owner of the damaged motorboat, as well as other authorities. Photographic evidence of the collision has been obtained by the Harbour Office. This incident is under investigation.
- 3.23. 6 Aug. Responded to request from Solent Coast Guard to take in tow a yacht with reported propulsion problems at the entrance to the River. Towed yacht to her proper berth for defect rectification. Patrol positioned towards the end of the day at the mouth of the River to dissuade speeding craft. A number of RIBs warned for excess speed.
- 3.24. 7 Aug. Patrol responded to request from Solent Coastguard regarding a yacht with a shredded Main Sail and a fouled propellor, inbound to the River. Patrol took the yacht in tow in the mouth of the River and towed her to her proper berth at Port Hamble for defect rectification. During an evening patrol past 'H' moorings, patrol observed an older mooring holder who had just fallen in the water and was holding on to the chains of his pontoon. The gentleman in question was recovered from the water, monitored for shock and recovered to the office where he was given dry, fresh clothes and a hot drink. There were no obvious physical injuries. Refusing further professional medical help and not wishing to be put in contact with any next of kin, the gentleman was kept under observation until a taxi arrived to take him to his overnight accommodation.
- 3.25. 8 Aug. Patrol held update meeting with Hampshire Marine Police Unit regarding a number of recent events. Checked on the boat of the gentleman who had fallen into the water the previous day. He was on board the vessel in question and in good spirits.
- 3.26. 9 Aug. Further liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit regarding a number of incidents. Patrol responded to a report of an alarm on a yacht on the 'J' run. On arrival, no evidence found to be causing a bilge alarm. Owner contacted and alarm extinguished. Patrol responded to a yacht aground with 3 persons on board on Hamble Spit, liaising with the Coast Guard. Patrol managed to pull the small yacht clear, after agreement with the skipper. Coastguard informed and incident closed.

- 3.27. 10 Aug. Patrol conducted a routine cleaning of tide gauges. Various groups of bait diggers witnessed throughout the day. Details forwarded to southern IFCA for collation.
- 3.28. 11 Aug. Patrol responded to report of diesel fuel leak towards Mercury corner. Small broken patches of diesel witnessed and broken up, but source indeterminate. On return, Patrol deployed with a member of the HMPU to approach bait diggers digging near the Pink Ferry hard. Police presence moderated the behaviour of one of the diggers in particular, who was the same individual captured on camera and warned on 27 July. Diggers were advised again plainly of the requirements of Bye Law 31 (to dig no closer to a hard than 6m). Police photographic evidence of discussion retained. Patrol visited a marina to inform the leadership of a complaint involving a speeding motorboat and of the need to remind their customers periodically of the Bye Laws. Marina staff highly supportive.
- 3.29. 12 Aug. Patrol Boats supported return of vessels to the River following Cowes Week fireworks.
- 3.30. 13 Aug. Patrol gave a verbal warning to the coxswain of a RIB speeding off Warsash. Patrol conducted an inspection of mooring chains at the invitation of a minority share pontoon owner. Chains found to be badly worn and majority owner advised of requirement to make good. Patrol responded to call from a member of the public regarding commercial bait diggers at Badnam Creek. Patrol conducted random mooring inspections. Patrol towed a motor boat from sub-let to Visitors' Pontoon. Patrol assisted yacht with engine fault. Patrol responded to a call regarding youths swimming across the main channel at Lands End. Patrol Officers and DHM engaged with an abusive member of the public on the Harbour Master's Warsash pontoon who challenged the need to pay Harbour Dues.
- 3.31. 14 Aug. Patrol responded to a call for assistance from a yacht with engine difficulties. Patrol attended a motor boat attempting to avoid payment of Harbour Dues – successfully collected. Patrol attended a yacht with her boom displaced. Caused by broken traveller. Boom secured. Patrol attended Swanwick bend where swimmers had been reported climbing onto yachts on the V pontoons.
- 3.32. 15 Aug. Patrol responded to call from HMCG regarding a yacht grounded off the Warsash scrubbing piles on a falling tide. Patrol towed yacht into deep water. Evening Patrol intercepted a large motor boat making her way upriver after darkness shining a powerful searchlight ahead and interfering with others' safe navigation. Light extinguished. Patrol towed a yacht with engine difficulties to Universal Marina. Patrol stopped a vessel creating excessive wash.
- 3.33. 16 Aug. Patrol towed motor boat with defective engine to Warsash Harbour Master pontoon.
- 3.34. 17 Aug. Patrol recovered a large plank of wood from the Main Channel. Patrol responded to a report of a collision between two craft in a marina, one stationary. Owners placed in contact with one another. Patrol warned motor boat creating excessive wash.

- 3.35. 18 Aug. Patrol to Upper Hamble Country Park. Recovered two swimmers from water. Police in attendance.
- 3.36. 19 Aug. Patrol assisted visiting trimaran in mooring on Visitor's Pontoon. Patrol responded to report from member of the public at Eastland's boatyard of van stopping on M27 bridge. Driver had exited the vehicle and leapt off the M27 bridge into the River. He then swam to the West bank before making off. Reported matter to the Police. On arrival, driver had departed the scene.
- 3.37. 20 Aug. Patrol assisted yacht with engine failure to berth. Re-secured motor vessel to Harbour Master's jetty after lines failed in high winds owing to their poor condition. Owner informed and warned. Patrol secured a number of loose sails on yachts.
- 3.38. 21 Aug. Patrol secured further sails in high winds. Patrol liaison with owners of vessels required to move for Bursledon Regatta Fireworks. Patrol exchanged details between two owners following a minor collision. Patrol assisted motor boat in berthing in strong ebb.
- 3.39. 22 Aug. Patrol responded to call to assist swimmers in difficulty. On arrival, swimmers gave verbal abuse to the patrol team. Police not called. Swimmers departed the scene.
- 3.40. 23 Aug. HM called to a charter yacht reported having her hull cleaned by a single unattended diver. On arrival, the diver had left the water. Inexperienced diver advised of errors in practice and further company diving curtailed pending revision of procedures and Risk Assessment. Patrol recovered a dead dog from the River. Patrol towed yachts from Bursledon Fireworks exclusion zone.
- 3.41. 24 Aug. Patrol escorted a barge to Universal Marina to commence demolition of old high jetty. Patrol towed RIB with engine failure to safety.
- 3.42. 25 Aug. Patrol liaised with elements supporting the RHHA Sea Safety Day on 3 Sep. Patrol towed a number of yachts from the Bursledon Regatta firework exclusion zone.
- 3.43. 26 Aug. Patrol responded to a further call regarding commercial bait digging at Badnam Creek. Hosted a visit from the Southern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority regarding the management of commercial bait digging. Patrol engaged in towing operations for the remainder of the day.
- 3.44. 27 Aug. Patrol responded to a report of light oil pollution. Source traced to a yacht which had been pumping its bilges. A small amount of oil (sheen) broken up. Owner warned. Further movement of yachts from the Bursledon Regatta firework exclusion zone. Full team and three Harbour launches operating in support of the Bursledon Regatta.
- 3.45. 28 Aug. Patrol intercepted a yacht apparently attempting to moor on a mooring known to belong to another boat. Boat in question moved on. Patrol returned a number of yachts to their proper moorings following the Bursledon Regatta.
- 3.46. 29 Aug. Patrol reported swimmers at Hamble Jetty to the Police for contravention of parish Council Bye Law prohibiting swimming. Patrol assisted 5 swimmers stranded on the mid-stream G pontoon to shore

- 3.47. 30 Aug. Patrol towed a yacht to her proper mooring. Patrol responded to further swimming occurrence at the Hamble Jetty.
- 3.48. 31 Aug. Patrol responded to a report of a collision between a yacht underway and one moored. Owners' contact details exchanged. Assisted mooring holder in securing of a sail cover. Meeting with HCC Countryside team regarding trespassing of commercial bait diggers.
- 3.49. 01 Sep. Patrol assisted JOLIE BRISE in recovery of fender. Local audit of lights undertaken. Lower Fixed Green on A Pontoon at Universal Marina found to be defective. Defect reported and subsequently rectified.
- 3.50. 02 Sep. Preparations for Merchant Navy Day and RHHA Sea Safety Day 3 Sep.
- 3.51. 03 Sep. RHHA Merchant Navy Day at Warsash. Supported by HMCG and Warsash College. Followed by RHHA Sea Safety Day along with the RNLI, HMCG, Coast Watch and Ramora Ltd. The latter present for a flare amnesty. 14 boxes of flares removed. Patrol responded to a report of a large log floating in the River near Mercury Marina. Nothing found. Patrol warned speeding RIB.
- 3.52. 04 Sep. Patrol responded to a vessel at the entrance to the River apparently taking on water. Vessel escorted to the Harbour Master's Jetty at Warsash. Leak located and repaired.
- 3.53. 05 Sep. Patrol responded to a report of a collision on G pontoons. No evidence of collision but owners contacted to check their craft. Patrol towed a large yacht back to Bursledon.
- 3.54. 06 Sep. Patrol fixed warning notice to an unattended yacht on Hamble Jetty. Patrol recovered a tender, washed ashore at Warsash. Further report taken regarding a missing dinghy. The two incidents were unrelated. Missing dinghy reported to the Police. Report of unusual overnight activity at Warsash Harbour Master's jetty. Review of HM CCTV conducted showed a male in camouflage clothing on the HM jetty, exiting via Warsash Sailing Club dinghy park. Information and footage passed to the Police. Further light audit carried out after twilight.
- 3.55. 07 Sep. Patrol responded to a report of a collision on the G run. On investigation, damage witnessed to pushpit, guardrails and horse shoe bracket. Photographs taken and owner informed.
- 3.56. 08 Sep. Patrol witnessed heavy bait digging in Badnam Creek. Reported to Southern IFCA. Patrol assisted dinghy to safety in strong winds. Patrol took report from a yacht owner that his boat had been broken into. Owner advised to call police to obtain a crime number.
- 3.57. 09 Sep. Patrol took a report from the Pink Ferry regarding bait diggers in the vicinity of the Warsash Ferry Hard. Patrol responded to a call from a River User regarding unauthorised use of his tender. CCTV footage showed a male in similar clothing to that worn by the individual recorded on 6 Sep. Information passed to the Police.
- 3.58. 10 Sep. Liaison with Hampshire Police marine unit regarding the tender theft and usage on 6 and 9 Sep. Crime number allocated.

- 3.59. 11 Sep. Patrol stopped and warned a motor boat for speeding near the Mercury bend. Further report of Bait Digging at Badnam Creek, near the Chinese Bridge and between Salterns and the Bursledon bend. Reports of trespass to reach bait digging grounds. Landowners advised to call the police and be wary of confrontation.
- 3.60. 12 Sep. Responded to a report of a minor fuel spillage downstream of a yacht club. Light oil sheen witnessed. Broken up with propellor wash. Further bait digging witnessed between Warsash Sailing Club and the Maritime College. Reported to IFCA. Patrol recovered a racing mark adrift in the River.
- 3.61. 13 Sep. Patrol replaced a number of pile caps at various points around the River.
- 3.62. 14 Sep. Patrol replaced two unserviceable pile lines on two moorings and informed owners.
- 3.63. 15 Sep. Patrol conducted a random safety check of River moorings. Recovered a tender, abandoned on the Harbour Master's jetty to the pound. Witnessed a gang of 11 bait diggers, digging between Universal Marina and Crableck beacon. Reported to IFCA.
- 3.64. 16 Sep. Patrol took report of a further tender theft. The apparent culprit matching the description of the individual witnessed on 6 and 9 September. In consultation with the Police, Patrol locked his bicycle to the guardrail at the top of the Fisherman's Jetty pending his return. Patrol witnessed further bait digging as on 15 Sep. Reported to IFCA.
- 3.65. 17 Sep. Further liaison with HPMU regarding tender theft. Patrol conducted bird survey with Natural England representative. Patrol deployed to assist a racing catamaran dinghy, capsized near the Maritime College Jetty. Helm recovered and catamaran beached pending an improvement in the weather.
- 3.66. 18 Sep. Patrol liaison with visiting fishing boats to explain limited capacity to land catch at Fisherman's Jetty. Patrol responded to report of speeding motor boat but unable to locate the craft. Patrol attended a RIB at anchor in the fairway and moved her on under Bye Law 16 (Prohibited Anchorage). Patrol intercepted a speeding motorboat and gave verbal warning to coxswain. Patrol challenged a motor boat attempting to avoid payment of visiting Harbour Dues.
- 3.67. 19 Sep. Patrol reported to Southern IFCA more commercial bait digging between Universal Marina and Crableck Beacon. Patrol re-painted upper portion of No 4 Pile. Review of CCTV to provide evidence to the Police about overnight tender theft.
- 3.68. 20 Sep. Patrol liaison with Police regarding the theft of various tenders since the beginning of September, believed attributable to a local man.
- 3.69. 21 Sep. Patrol reported more commercial bait digging at Bunny Meadows foreshore and at Crableck Bend to IFCA.
- 3.70. 22 Sep. Patrol delivered SmartWater kits to Marina. Liaison with Southern IFCA regarding bait digging. Took report of minor collision between a manoeuvring yacht and a moored craft. No apparent damage to either but contact details exchanged.

- 3.71. 23 Sep. Patrol prepared for support to the Royal Southern Classic Regatta.
- 3.72. 24 Sep. Patrol supported a yacht aground on Hamble Spit. Refloated on rising tide. Supported Royal Southern Classic Regatta.
- 3.73. 25 Sep. Patrol support given to Calshot Lifeboat, towing a motor yacht into the River. Patrol supported crew of a yacht aground on Hamble Spit by transferring them ashore to meet a flight.
- 3.74. 26 Sep. Patrol responded to a call regarding a sinking yacht on HB moorings. On arrival, found a significant amount of water in the bilges and pumped out. Automatic bilge pumps had failed. Owner informed. Reports of commercial bait digging at Swanwick. Reported to Southern IFCA.
- 3.75. 27 Sep. Patrol responded to reports of smoke obscuring navigation at Swanwick. On arrival, light smoke only witnessed. Patrol conducted routine oil spill response training.
- 3.76. 28 Sep. Patrol responded to a report of a yacht sitting low in the water on the D run. On investigation, water found to above floorboards. Pumped out and attempts made to contact owner.
- 3.77. 29 Sep. Patrol recovered a dead bird from the River.
- 3.78. 30 Sep. Patrol responded to a report of a boat, low in the water near the Chinese Bridge. Approximately two feet of water found in the bilges. Pumped out. Owner informed. Patrol towed a broken-down RIB to Warsash HM jetty. Patrol assisted a catamaran pinned across tide against a jetty. Patrol towed a small motor boat with engine failure back to her proper mooring. End of Summer season.
- 3.79. 01 Oct. Start of Winter season. Patrol checked on a yacht previously flooded for ingress of water. None found. Patrol searched for and found a jet-ski reported abandoned above UHCP. Jet-ski returned to Cabin Boatyard. Removed securing stop from boat following payment of outstanding Harbour Dues.
- 3.80. 03 Oct. Patrol responded to call from adjacent mooring holders regarding further commercial bait digging at Badnam Creek. Patrol warned diggers of requirement to dig outside of 6m from moorings (Bye Law 31). Received strong verbal abuse. Patrol conducted a check of moorings in the upper River. Motor launch stopped and warned for excessive wash.
- 3.81. 04 Oct. Patrol joint operation with Police to Badnam Creek at low water to check for commercial bait diggers. Bait diggers warned by Police for abusive behaviour the previous day.
- 3.82. 05 Oct. Patrol continued moorings check of upper River. Patrol observed further commercial bait digging at Mercury Bend. Reported to Southern IFCA. Routine survey of RHHA pontoons.
- 3.83. 06 Oct. Patrol responded to a report of a yacht suspected of dragging her mooring. Yacht moved to mid-stream visitors' pontoon pending the result of an investigation. Owner informed.

4. Hamble Life Boat Building - Update

- 4.1. While negotiations continue between the Lifeboat trustees and their building contractors under legal advice, little practical progress has been made. No further work has been conducted on making the toilets functional and the Parish Council continues to fund temporary public toilets. A further report will be provided at a future Board meeting.

5. Post Graduate Study – Update

- 5.1. In 2014, the RHHA commissioned a post-graduate doctoral study entitled 'An evaluation of spatial variation in the dissolution of sacrificial anodes in the Solent and implications for management' in Autumn 2014. This work, conducted by Mr Aldous Rees, is now entering its final year of sponsorship under the supervision of Dr Anthony Gallagher, the Chairman of the Hamble Estuary Partnership. Each year, the Harbour Board contributes a grant to Southampton Solent University of £5,000 to support the study, the objectives of which are:
- To determine and evaluate the causes of spatial variations in the dissolution of zinc anodes in the Solent;
 - To ascertain whether there is a need to develop new management responses, particularly in the light of changes to the zinc Environmental Quality Standards.

The report is expected to put before the Board towards the end of 2017.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1. **It is recommended that the River Hamble Harbour Board notes the content of 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.