

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

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1. Summary

- 1.1. This report summarises the incidents and events in the Harbour from 27 March 2010 to 3 July 2010. Any incidents or events which take place after this report is distributed will be subject of a separate Annex to be distributed at the meeting.

2. Patrols

- 2.1. The summer roster started on 4 May 2010 with four new temporary staff for the summer season. The Harbour has been patrolled by the duty Harbour Master at various times between the hours of 0700 to 2200

3. Incidents and events

- 3.1. 27 March. Patrol assisted a small RIB to Mercury Yacht Harbour following engine failure.
- 3.2. 2 April. Patrol called to a vessel on a mooring site where the stern sinker chain had corroded at the shackle which joins to the ground chain. Vessel and tackle recovered and owner informed.
- 3.3. 4 April. Patrol called to mid-stream mooring to replace mooring lines that had frayed badly. Owner informed.
- 3.4. 5 April. Call received from Coastguard reporting yacht aground on Hook Spit. Hamble Rescue and Calshot Lifeboat in attendance. The yacht was eventually recovered about five hours later and lifted out at Hamble Point Marina.
- 3.5. 5 April. Patrol assisted small cruiser back to mooring due to engine failure.

- 3.6. 23 April. Tender and outboard engine reported stolen from Hamble Jetty. Marine Police informed.
- 3.7. 25 April. Small outboard engine stolen from a vessel moored on a mid-stream mooring. Marine Police informed.
- 3.8. 25 April. Patrol called to remove a vessel berthed on the wrong mooring, preventing access by the mooring holder. Vessel towed to Visitors Pontoon, owner informed and invoiced.
- 3.9. 25 April. Patrol called to a vessel tangled up in mooring lines while returning to the Royal Southern Yacht Club. Hamble – Warsash Ferry helped free the vessel and repaired the mooring.
- 3.10. 25 April. Call received from a mooring holder with fouled prop while trying to come alongside his mooring. At the same time his wife had fallen into the water. The wife was recovered and checked for injuries and the vessel was moored on a temporary berth for the night.
- 3.11. 27 April. Coastguard asked for assistance with a vessel that had been holed and taking on water in the Calshot area. Patrol responded to the request and assisted Calshot Lifeboat (already in attendance) to pump out. Patrol escorted the lifeboat and stricken vessel back to the harbour and the vessel was lifted out at Hamble Point Marina.
- 3.12. 28 April. Patrol responded to a call that an XOD had broken a stern line. On inspection the stern cleat had pulled out of the deck. Vessel was re – secured and the owner informed.
- 3.13. 3 May. Patrol noticed that two moorings had become tangled causing the two vessels to come together. The vessels were removed from the moorings, the mooring checked and the vessels placed back on the moorings. Both owners were informed.
- 3.14. 10 May. Call received from a distressed yachtsman with engine failure just outside the harbour. Patrol responded to the call and towed the vessel back to his mooring.
- 3.15. 15 May. Patrol received a call from a vessel that had gone aground on the Hamble Spit and required assistance. Patrol towed the vessel off the Spit. No damage was sustained by the vessel.
- 3.16. 17 May. Call received asking for assistance with a vessel aground on Hook Spit. Patrol attended and towed the vessel to safety.
- 3.17. 21 May. No-boating area buoys installed at Hamble Jetty.
- 3.18. 24 May. Numerous incidents involving youths around Hamble Jetty, including theft of a tender and a liferaft. One youth arrested by police.
- 3.19. 30 May. Two yacht with engine failure assisted back to their moorings.
- 3.20. 31 May. Report of three adults who appeared to have been drinking heavily in small inflatable. Patrol monitored but no action taken.
- 3.21. 31 May. Report of damage to top mark of Hamble Point buoy. Patrol inspected for damage prior to reporting to ABP Southampton.

- 3.22. 6 June. Patrol issued two written warnings for speeding – both to the same PWC but with different coxswains on each occasion.
- 3.23. 12 June. Patrol assisted yacht with engine failure to its mooring.
- 3.24. 13 June. Report of near miss between an inflatable kayak and a small launch going astern. No injuries. Launch operator cautioned.
- 3.25. 16 June. A large motor yacht, with only one working engine, entered the River without informing the Harbour Officer and an into difficulties manoeuvring in the River and collided with a moored yacht (owner on board), causing minor damage. Patrol attended and dealt with both parties.
- 3.26. 16 June. Patrol assisted a yacht with engine failure which had attempted to berth (unsuccessfully) on a vacant pontoon mooring. Yacht towed to nearest marina.
- 3.27. 19 June. Patrol started work at 0400 to monitor yachts departing for Round the Island Race. No problems.
- 3.28. 19 June. Commercial fisherman reported near miss with a yacht under sail (close hauled) in the River entrance.
- 3.29. 21 June. Call received at 1020 from ABP Southampton to advise of a significant oil spill at Fawley. ABP had just escalated to a Tier 2 response. Harbour Authority oil spill response providers (Adler and Allan) were activated. Boom assembled on Warsash slipway as a precaution, ready to be deployed if oil threatened to enter River. In the event, the oil drifted to the east and the boom was not deployed. The boom was dismantled at 2000 (ie just after High Water) and the response incident was concluded at 2130.
- 3.30. 24 June. Patrol pumped out a RIB sinking alongside the Visitors' Pontoon and informed the owner.
- 3.31. 24 June. Royal Southern Yacht Club reported that a 15 hp engine had been stolen from a tender in their yard. Police informed.
- 3.32. 27 June. Warsash Sailing Club reported that a Yamaha 4 stroke outboard had been stolen from the club jetty overnight.
- 3.33. 27 June. Patrol assisted a 5m cruiser which had got his prop caught round a mooring line.
- 3.34. 27 June. Deacons reported a land rover stuck in the mud at the slipway downstream of the A27 road bridge. Patrol gave assistance but the land rover would not move. Patrol returned to the office to collect generator, lighting and oil spill booms and pads in case the vehicle could not be recovered. When the patrol returned to the slipway a recovery truck was in attendance and successfully recovered the vehicle.
- 3.35. 27 June. Patrol received a call from Southampton Patrol reporting a jet ski going at high speed and doing high speed turns opposite the RAF Yacht Club. After taking details from observers at the Royal Southern Yacht Club and Port Hamble Marina the patrol impounded the jet ski and locked it onto the Harbour Masters Jetty at Warsash, pending further investigation.

- 3.36. 28 June to 3 July. Problems with youths swimming and diving off the Hamble Jetty due to good weather and Hamble Week. Patrol attended most afternoons and evenings to help control the problem. Vandalism on the jetty included a memorial bench which had to be removed and the water taxi which was vandalised overnight.
- 3.37. 30 June. Patrol re-secured vessel on mid stream mooring after bow line had broken. Owner informed.
- 3.38. 1 July. Office received a call from Elephant Boatyard regarding a vessel taking on water. Patrol investigated and pumped out about 60cms of water. Owner informed and advised to lift out his vessel and resolve the problem.
- 3.39. 3 July. Patrol received a call that a vessel had collided with the Royal Southern Yacht Club pontoon and caused damage to the vessel and pontoon. Royal Southern Yacht Club informed.

4. Safety Management System

- 4.1. Progress has been made on reviewing and updating the current Safety Management System. Consultation has been completed and a revised Code of Practice for races, events and regattas on the River Hamble has been implemented. It is working well and has widespread support amongst the various organisations involved. A meeting has been organised with the appropriate organisations at the end of the year to review the efficiency of the new Code.

5. Training

- 5.1. Staff have undertaken two training sessions since March. All staff completed a refresher VHF/DSC course in April and a bespoke manual handling course was undertaken in May. The main aim of the day was to refresh all staff on the basic principles of manual handling but also to test techniques and equipment involved in the recovery of persons and large objects from the water.
- 5.2. A meeting between staff and representatives from the local police including Hamble, Warsash and the Marine Unit took place on 10 May. The aim of the meeting was to discuss local issues regarding youths, thefts and up coming events such as Hamble Week. The meeting also allowed all parties to be introduced to each and help improve communication channels.

6. Trinity House Audit

- 6.1. An audit by Trinity House was undertaken on 21 April to check all Aids to Navigation and check on quarterly reporting of navigation aid defects to ensure compliance with Trinity House requirements. Everything was found to be in good order and there were no matters arising which require further action.

7. Pile Replacement Programme

- 7.1. Twenty four Crown Estate piles have been replaced within the harbour. The programme was successfully completed on 13 April with minimal disruption to mooring holders.

8. Recommendation

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:	no
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.)

DocumentLocation

None