

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

Committee	River Hamble Harbour Board
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1. Summary

- 1.1. This report summarises the incidents and events in the Harbour from 17 July 2010 until 23 August 2010

2. Patrols

- 2.1. The Harbour has been patrolled by the duty Harbour Master between the hours of 0630 and 2200 (2300 and 2359 on Fridays and Saturdays respectively).

3. Incidents and events

- 3.1. 18 July. Patrol assisted Personal Water Craft (PWC) with rope through impellor – towed to safety.
- 3.2. 19 July. Patrol stood by power boat with overheated engine and possible engine fire. Fire Brigade attended when boat secured to Warsash Jetty.
- 3.3. 20 July. Patrol called to assist a man stuck in the mud up to his waist, adjacent to Swanwick slipway. On arrival, the man had been already been rescued, uninjured but badly shaken.
- 3.4. 20 July. Report of 2hp outboard motor stolen from tender at Swanwick Marina.
- 3.5. 22 July. Patrol assisted RIB which had run out of fuel. Towed to nearest safe berth.
- 3.6. 24 July. Patrol called to assist yacht with engine failure entering River under sail. Yacht requested a tow to Swanwick Marina – a charge was made for this service.

- 3.7. 30 July. Significant spill of diesel fuel from a vessel refuelling alongside. The fuel was broken up with prop wash. Subsequent investigation carried out with a view to further action, but available evidence was inconclusive.
- 3.8. 31 July. PWC reported operating at high speed in vicinity of Eastland's Boatyard. The owner stopped by the Patrol and advised of the speed limit. Patrol issued a written warning.
- 3.9. 31 July. Patrol towed broken-down RIB from River entrance to nearest safe berth.
- 3.10. 6 August. Patrol stood by yacht returning to River with collision damage. Escorted to Hamble Yacht Services for lift-out.
- 3.11. 6 August. Cowes Fireworks evening. Patrol in vicinity of River entrance to monitor returning boats. Poor weather restricted numbers and those which ventured out were generally well behaved. Many yachts showing incorrect navigation lights.
- 3.12. 8 August. Patrol discovered that a 6 metre length of safety railing had been broken off from the Upper Hamble Country Park Jetty and thrown in the water. Railing recovered and replaced.
- 3.13. 11 August. Patrol attended yacht with parted stern lines (to mooring buoy). Yacht moved to safe berth and mooring contractor informed.
- 3.14. 12 August. Patrol assisted with re-berthing a yacht with parted mooring lines which had become wedged across the access channel.
- 3.15. 13 August. Report that a yacht had collided with the mid-stream fishermen's pontoon, causing considerable damage to both the pontoon and yacht. Pontoon made safe and fishing vessels moved from damaged area.
- 3.16. 16 August. Patrol escorted derelict houseboat as it was towed from Cabin Boatyard to Southampton Water, for disposal.
- 3.17. 16 August. Hamble-le-Rice Parish Council Bye-Law to prevent diving, jumping and swimming in the vicinity of Hamble Jetty came into force.
- 3.18. 21 August. Patrol attended yacht with engine failure. Towed to nearest safe berth.

4. Prosecution

- 4.1. The Harbour Authority is currently prosecuting the owner of a personal water craft for exceeding the 6 knot speed limit in the River. The trial will take place at Southampton Magistrates' Court on 17 November 2010.

5. Environment and Development Manager – maternity cover

- 5.1. Graham Horton has been appointed on a 12 month contract as maternity cover for the Environment and Development Manager's post. He currently works for Natural England and is expected to join the Harbour Office staff in mid-September.

6. 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.)

Document

Location

None