

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

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1. Summary

- 1.1. This report summarises the incidents and events in the Harbour from 28 January 2011. Events which took place after the 7 January Management Committee meeting but have already been reported to the Harbour Board are listed at Appendix 1. Any incidents or events which take place after this report is distributed will be the subject of a separate Annex to be distributed at the meeting.

2. Patrols

- 2.1. The Harbour has been patrolled by the duty Harbour Master at various times between the hours of 0800 and 1800.

3. Incidents and events

- 3.1. 1 February. Patrol noticed a vessel which appeared to be broken into. The owner was contacted and it was confirmed that certain items had been stolen from the vessel. Marine Police were informed.
- 3.2. 2 February. Call received from Royal Southern Yacht club that they had noticed a buoy mooring had become free and was laying alongside a pontoon mooring. On investigation it was discovered that the upstream riser chain had parted. Patrol recovered the chain, buoy and pick up line and then contacted the owner.
- 3.3. 3 February. Patrol recovered a stolen Zodiac tender and returned it to the rightful owner.
- 3.4. 4 February. Office received a request for assistance, due to engine failure on a tender. Patrol provided a tow back to shore.

- 3.5. 12 February. A lady came into the office to report that she had received a telephone call from her husband, that his boat had broken down and drifted onto a beach but was unaware of his location. He also had his 6 year old grandson onboard. The office contacted the Coastguard, whilst the Patrol went to investigate. The boat was found just outside the Harbour entrance. The Coastguard were informed of the location and helped to assist the occupants to safety.
- 3.6. 13 February. The DHM received a telephone call at 03:00 from the Dock Master at Port Hamble that a vessel was sinking at HYS and forcing the pontoon down as well. The DHM telephoned the HM for assistance and both attended the incident along with staff from HYS. The vessel had already sunk on arrival. Vessels moored close by were moved to other berths and an oil boom was placed around the sunken boat.
- 3.7. 14 February. The sunken vessel was raised by using airbags positioned by divers and then moved to the crane at HYS. The vessel was lifted out of the harbour by 14:00. There was minimal pollution throughout the incident.



- 3.8. 1 March. Report of a small amount of diesel oil entering the River via a land drain at Deacon's boatyard. Investigations failed to find the source. Environment Agency informed.

4. Code of Practice for Events

- 4.1. A meeting to review the Code of Practice for Events was held at Warsash Sailing Club on the evening of 9 February. It was attended by the HM, DHM and representatives of the clubs and organisations responsible for organising the various events in the harbour. It was agreed that the new Code of Practice, introduced in 2010, was working well. A few minor amendments were agreed.

5. Port Marine Safety Code audit

- 5.1. The Harbour Authority's compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code was subject to a full audit by Marine Enforcement Ltd on 11 March 2011. The audit report will be distributed separately upon receipt, or at the meeting.

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

Incidents and Events from 7 – 28 January

- 1.1 13 January. Office received a telephone call from a Southern Sea Fisheries Officer asking for assistance to help apprehend a local fisherman who they had just observed undertaking illegal activity. The fisherman was caught and the case is awaiting prosecution.
- 1.2 21 January. Patrol noticed that a vessel on a mid-stream mooring had been left with its hatch open. The owner was contacted and it was discovered that the vessel had been broken into and an outboard engine stolen. Police informed.
- 1.3 23 January. Office received a call that a female had fallen overboard while the yacht she was on was being moored. During the incident the mooring line also got caught around the prop. The female had been recovered and was uninjured and patrol assisted the vessel back onto its mooring.
- 1.4 27 January. The underwater obstruction referred to in Notice to River Users 2 of 2011, was lifted and removed from the river.

