

Newport Harbour - Senior Harbour Master Report – August to October 2018

Visitor Numbers

August: 203

September: 266

October: 89

Permeant berths

Newport Harbour

Regular users: 15

Live-aboard: 5

Folly

Pontoon: 87

Swing: 67

Staff

- Harbour master was been signed off sick on 6 August 18, following a heart attack. He remains signed off at the end of October
- On 6 September 18 one of the harbour labourers was assigned light duties following a note from his doctor due to shoulder joint pain; this is still the case as at 31 October 18. The tasks and activities that he should or should not carry out have been discussed with him

Works

- At the start of August divers were working for Island Roads on the underside of the road bridge to the East of the Quay Arts Centre
- On the 14 August the car park metre at harbour North was vandalised, parking services were informed and the metre was covered. It has remains covered as at 31 October
- The new electricity supply installed on the harbour quay for events was certified for use on 17 August
- On 13 September all harbour electrical equipment was PAT tested.

Events

- The Old Gaffers held a Rally at the Folly from 17 August for a week
- The Food Market was held on 7 September.
- On Saturday 15 September the Classic Car Extravaganza Special was held at the harbour.
- Odessa Boat Yard with Island Crane carried out their winter lift out on 10 November.
- Classic Boat Museum used Kingswell to lift one boat on 10 November 18
- The Beer and Bus event happened on 13&14 November and the event was well attended

Property

- On the 20 August a water leak between the Hillside barrier and the harbour office was detected; this was reported to Property Services, investigated by WSM on 22 August 18, and fixed on the 23 August
- The first Newport Harbour Works permit was issued on 4 September to Greene King to enable them to replace their landing jetty at the Folly Inn, this work has been suspended due to issue with granting a new lease and is now scheduled for April 2019
- Following the leasing of the Saw tooth building the new tenants have started work to clear and repair the building

Actions

- An official notice regarding the abandoned vessels at Newport Harbour, Folly, Whitegates and Ryde Harbour was placed in the County Press on 24 August; in addition notices of removal were attached to the vessels, the official notice was repeated in the County Press on 31 August.
- Closed bids were requested, by way of a further notice in the County Press on 5 October, for the unclaimed/abandoned vessels in the County Press with the deadline for bids being 19 October.
- Bids were made for eight of the 20 unclaimed/abandoned vessels. 5 vessels were removed by the end of October.

Results of periodic inspections

Inspections of navigation aids

Periodic inspections have been carried out of the channel and navigation aids, some of which were conducted from land. All navigation aids are in place, their colour, and characteristics as required by IALA recommendations. The inspections were carried 26 times in the 3 month period.

On 8 August 18, the lenses on the navigation light at the end of the quay by the hotel were replaced due to the original fading (showing orange as opposed to red). The channel markers were cleaned on the 20 September. Trinity House conducted their annual inspection of the navigational marks on the 24 September; the report from their inspection was received on 4 November and stated that the transit lights at Newport harbour were showing orange. These lamps were changed between 8 November and 10 November. The tree branches close to the transit lights were cut back on the 22 November. The Tide gauge at Newport harbour was cleaned on the 29 November.

Inspections of the channel

Periodic visual inspections have been carried out of the channel some of which were carried out from the land. The depth within the channel has not been reported below the depths advertised. These inspections were carried out 18 times in the 3 months.

Inspections of quays, steps, pontoons, gangway, piles and cleats August 2018

Periodic inspections have been carried out and found to be in position and in good order. The inspections were carried out 26 times in the three month period. The undergrowth was cleared along Blackhouse Quay. The safety ladder on Folly East A pontoon was hit by a rib and has now been replaced.

Inspections of lights, electric pods and water stands

Periodic inspections have been carried out on the lights, electric point and water stand pipes. The inspections were carried out 26 times during the period. A water leak was detected and repaired on the quay wall. The whole of the harbour's electrical supply was inspected and tested by SSE.

Inspections of Hand Crane

Harbour staff operated the crane to lift five vessels; the harbour staff carried out an inspection of the crane before it was used each occasion. The Council's insurer has undertaken the routine inspection of the crane no faults were discovered.

Inspections of lifebelts, fire extinguishers

Inspections were carried out and all lifebelts, fire extinguishers and safety ladders were found to be in position and in good order. These inspections were carried 26 times. The alarm was set off in the fire extinguisher box under the office stairwell; the damaged part replaced and reset, the fire extinguisher was not damaged. Two of the harbour lifebelts had their lines cut off, replacements were sourced and spliced back on.

Slipways Inspection

The slipways have been inspected and are in good repair. The Folly Slipway was cleaned on the five occasions over the last 3 months, Seaclose slipway was cleaned three times over the last 3 months. The end marker post was replaced with new sign and marker.

Harbour Launch and Land Rover

A marine surveyor has inspected the launch in line with the Isle of Wight Council Water Taxi licence requirements.

Incident and emergencies

Collisions

A dinghy user reported to the harbour, that whilst sailing their dinghy they had hit a moored vessel on a Folly pontoon; the owner of the hit vessel was contacted by the harbour and the details were passed on.

Fire or explosion

None recorded

Vessels grounding

None recorded

Loss of vessel stability

A vessel sank in its berth alongside the quay wall by the Bargeman's Rest public house; it was made secure by harbour staff. The owner moved it to the quay opposite the next day; he then proceeded to demolish the vessel and it was removed by skip 4 days later. The quayside was cleaned down and the berth checked by harbour staff on completion.

Pollution

None recorded

Dangerous occurrences / near misses.

None recorded

Reportable Accidents

None recorded

Defects affecting marine safety

None recorded

Additional information

- The Goole Star and Blade Runner 2 continue to bring commercial loads into the harbour. The Carmel has not been used for any commercial activity
- The shower block was found covered with mud one early morning. When visitors were asked if they knew anything about it, they informed the harbour staff that someone had fallen/ jumped into the harbour at low tide. However, no formal report was made by the person or persons involved.

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