

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 24 times in the three-month period.

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 24 times in the three-month period.

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

Periodic inspections have been carried out and found to be in position and in good order. The inspections were carried out 24 times in the three-month period.

Due to the cold weather rock salt was put down around the Harbour site at key locations though out the 3-months period

Inspections of lights, electric pods and water stands

Periodic inspections have been carried out on the lights, electric point and water standpipes. The inspections were carried out 24 times in the three-month period. The Water pipe at the visitor pontoon ramp was found to be hanging down from it fixings on the 09.02.19 this was repaired by harbour staff.

Inspections of Hand Crane

Harbour staff operated the crane to lift the abandon vessels to be disposed of. As part of the inspection by Mecal In February, the harbour Launch was lifted for the hull to be inspected. The Harbour staff carried out an inspection of the crane before each lift. On the 24.01.19 a Lift weight test was conducted by Spencer Rigging Ltd, no problems where identified. Replacement lifting slings arrived on the 07.02.19 as the current slings where starting to show signs of wear.

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 in the three-month period. The office fire alarm has been found to be going off 4 times within the three months, no damage found and the system reset.

Slipways Inspection

The slipways have been inspected and are in good repair. The Folly Slipway was cleaned on the three occasions over the three-month period,

Harbour Launch and Land Rover

The launch has been pumped out regularly though the three-month due to the weather The Launch back cabin window had been pushed in on the 13.12.18, nothing found to be missing. Harbour staff refitted the window. Mecal a marine surveyor has inspected in line with the Inland Water Boat Code of Practice requirements. The certificate of compliance has been issued. The engine and running gear was serviced in February ready for the upcoming season

The harbour Land Rover developed a fault with its driving lights in January; this was due to a faulty switch, a Garage fit a replacement.

Incident and emergencies

Collisions

None recorded.

Fire or explosion

None recorded

Vessels grounding

None recorded

Loss of vessel stability

None recorded

Pollution

None recorded

Dangerous occurrences / near misses.

- A visiting vessel reported that during their night stay in February, Bottles were thrown from the quay onto the pontoon and around there vessel. No damage to the crew or the vessel was reported but distressing to those onboard.

Reportable Accidents

None recorded

Defects affecting marine safety

- On the 10.02.19 Vessel moored at a Folly pontoon, one of it mooring line broke, the vessel swung around and did some damage to a vessel berthed adjacent. CHC who reported it retied the vessel. Newport harbour informed owners of both vessels.

Additional information

- The Harbour office and launch Oil Spill kit was collected in December.
- An enquired was received in January from a past debtor, regarding lifting his vessel "onto the Quay, this was refused. A letter was sent confirming this.
- The harbour staff life jackets where serviced by Spinlock and light being fitted in February.
- A vessel continuing to remain as a visitor (since 09.08.18), the owner is insisting to be given a houseboat berth; a meeting was held on the 30.01.19. During this meeting, he was informed again that he would not receive a houseboat berth. An agreement that the vessel would receive a 50% discount on the current Visitor's Fees to allow him funds to make his vessel seaworthy. This was on the understanding that the vessel would depart Newport harbour by the 31 March 2019.

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