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Newport Harbour - Senior Harbour Master Report – 1 September to 30 November 2019

Visitor Numbers	September: 168	October: 73	November: 22
Permeant berths	Newport Harbour	Regular users: 13	Live-aboard: 4
	Folly	Pontoon: 90	Swing: 62

Staff

- The two Harbour Maintenance Staff attended and passed a VHF training course on 04.09.2019.
- Regular harbour staff meetings were held with Senior Council officers on the 09.10.2019 and 05.11.2019
- SHM attended Cowes Harbour Commission Incident Management Exercise on 07.11.2019
- SHM attended the Shaping Newport Forum on 19.11.2019
- SHM attended the UKHMA Autumn Seminar 2019 on 27.11.2019

Works

- On 06.09.2019 and 13.09.2019 official notices were placed in the County Press for the abandoned vessels. The deadline for claims of ownership was 12.00 on 20 September 2019
- On 27.09.2019 and, 04.10.2019 and 11.10.2019 tenders were invited on the remaining abandoned vessels in County Press Marine Section. Viewing was conducted at Bleak down on the 03, 10 & 17.10.2019 The bid dead line was on 18.10.2019.
- The first boat was removed on the 23.10.2019 with another removed on the 27.10.2019. The boats that did not receive bids or have not been collected have started to be prepared by harbour staff for their removal and disposal.

Events

- On the 14.09.19, the Classic Car show took place
- On the 09.10.19 the Drascombe Luggers rally of 6 boats was held
- On the 11.10.19 the Seal Rally of 5 boats was held
- Over the Weekend of 12-13.10.19, The Beer & Buses weekend was held, (set up from 16.00 on 11.10.19). A walk through with the organiser took place on the 09.10.19. Sadly, one of the buses broke down during the event and had to remain at the harbour until 05.11.19.
- The Fire Brigade used the harbour for training on 23.09.2019 & 08.11.19
- The Newport Harbour User Group meet on the evening of the 26.11.19.

Property

- On 25.09.19 the water, electric and gas meter reading around the harbour site were taken by harbour staff, at the request of property
- An asbestos check was conducted on the 07.10.20 of the harbour office and workshops by Property Services, no risks found.
- The harbour staff started to power wash Newport Visitor pontoon on 17.10.2019, it was completed on the 13.11.19.
- On 04 and 05.11.19 the Forge fitted new rubbing timbers over the top of the existing timbers on the Visitor quay
- On 09.11.19 and 14.11.19 rock salt was put down due to icy/slippery conditions.
- Reports from the Premier Inn and the tenant of the building opposite that Southern Water contractors were running a petrol disc cutter at 23.00 on the 20.11.19; this was stopped by their night reception staff. SHM advised them that they had not been contacted regarding the work; the SHM contacted Southern Water for more info and requested to be supplied with their operating procedures etc. This has not received this to date.
- It was reported that the septic tank could be full on the 12.11.19, the tank was checked on the 18.11.19 and pump out arranged for the 20.12.19 (the earliest date available)
- Power washing by harbour staff of Folly pontoon B East was started on 25.11.19 and completed on 27.11.19

Actions

- On 13.09.19 the harbour staff repaired a loose plank at Grid Iron public landing.
- On 03.10.19 letters were sent out to the Folly summer only swing moorings holders, requesting payment for their moorings if they were going to be used. Payments have been received, any outstanding will be chased in the new year.
- On 04.11.19 SHM meet with Council's Health and Safety team to formulate an updated risk assessment form that is compatible with the council's present system. The harbours present risk assessments will be updated onto the new form and this will address points raised during the recent MCA visit.
- On 07.11.19, the harbour staff prepared replacement mooring chains for the 35 folly moorings which will be changed over in the new year. The ground chain West 1-20 is showing wear and may require changing later.
- The expired flairs collected around Newport and Ryde harbour where collected by Ramora UK on the 15.11.2019.
- The Designated Person conducted the Port Marine Safety Code Audit on the 08.10.2019
- Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), conducted a Port Marine Safety Code Health check on the 12.11.2019.
- On the 13.11.2019 letters/emails were sent out to the four vessels currently moored on the wall outside the Bargeman's to advise that the berths are not being renewed after the 01.04.20.

- As part of the licence application for a capital dredge silt samples were taken on the 14.11.19

INSPECTION RESULTS

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 are as required by IALA recommendations. The inspections were undertaken 23 times in the three-month period.

On the 05.09.19 the blubs were changed on the tall transit lights, this was due to the blub colour was fading.

Three channel markers have been refurbished: -

- By Newport Rowing Club (No 22) on the 05.09.19
- By Island Harbour (No 16) on the 10.09.19
- By Sea Close (No 24) on the 13.09.19

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 23 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 23 times in the three-month period.

The Folly swing mooring buoy was missing on the 14.10.2019, recovered and new buoy fitted on 28.10.19, no vessels on the mooring at the time.

On the 20.11.19 moorings 1-4 were changed at Dodnor.

Inspections of lights, electric distribution points and water standpipes

Periodic inspections have been carried out on the lights, electric point and water standpipes. The inspections were carried out 23 times in the three-month period.

Two water leaks were discovered and repaired by the harbour staff.

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 23 times in the three-month period.

The fire extinguishers box under the harbour office stairs alarm was found to be going off on the 01.11.19, extinguishers checked by harbour staff and the alarm reset. On the 19.11.19 the school kids threw a life ring from the visitor pontoon (police called) life ring retrieved

Slipways Inspection

The slipways have been inspected and are in good repair.

Harbour Launch, vehicle and other tools

- The harbour Launch navigation lights, safety equipment was checked on 23.09.19. The launch was pumped out on the 23.09.19, 09 and 23.11.19.
- Ford Ranger the recalled airbag system part was changed by Premier Ford 08.10.2019, This was, this was highlighted and organised by Fleet, other than this it's been working well.
- The hand crane was used to lift 2 boats in the 3 months. The Gearing and wire were greased on the 23.09.19; it was inspected - along with the slings - by Allianz engineering on 25.09.19, no concerns raised. In the strong winds on the 02.11.19 the crane gib swung around and touched the yacht mast that was lifted out. No damage done.

INCIDENT AND EMERGENCIES

Collisions, Fire or Explosion, Vessels Grounding, Loss of Vessel Stability, Pollution

- The Harbour Staff went to Folly and pumped out boats requiring it 6 times in the 3 months.
- During the night of 01.10.2019, Iren Ann (concrete hull yacht berth alongside Little London) broke her lines and fell over in her keel hole. The harbour staff renewed her lines and re-moored her alongside the quay as she re-floated.
- One of the vessels alongside the quay wall opposite the Bargeman's Rest appeared to be sinking, harbour staff tried calling and posted a note through the door of the owner; on 17.10.19 the boat sank. It was pumped out at low water by harbour staff. Family member called in to ask about vessel and was informed that it had sunk and pumped out by harbour staff.
- Re-moored a Folly swing mooring boat as the bow eye bolt had failed on 18.10.19.
- On 14.11.19 the harbour staff checked the chain tension of the Folly swings due to the upcoming large tides.

Dangerous Occurrences / Near Misses.

- One of the visiting vessels Carbon Monoxide Detector went off on the evening of the 12.10.2019, the owner was fine. It was believed that it was due to them running a Diesel heater.

Reportable Accidents

- None recorded

Defects Affecting Marine Safety

- None recorded

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- On the 14.09.19 permeant on the visitor pontoon had to be told to keep the noise down and mind their language.
- Letters were sent to Summer only Folly Berth holders informing them of their winter fees if they wish to continue to use there swing moorings.
- On 03.10.19 Kingswell dropped of MCM steel pontoons for the Island Roads job up river beyond the bridge; risk assessments etc. supplied by MCM. Damage was discovered to the electricity box after the Kingswell departed by harbour staff replaced the wooded mounting post, box undamaged. The pontoon was removed on 04.10.19
- On 22.10.19 there were 3 coaches parked on the quay, it was noted that an old information sign was still up regarding coach parking on a Tuesday; Island Roads were contacted and the signs were removed and replaced on 25.11.19
- Kingswell lifted a boat onto a trailer on the 01.11.2019.
- On 14,.11.19 the harbour water supply was checked
- On 26.11.2019, there was an update on the Newport Harbour Master Plan to SN and SHM by Tanya Griffiths from Kay Elliott

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