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## Newport Harbour - Senior Harbour Master Report – 1 December 2019 to 29 February 2020

<b>Visitor Numbers</b>	December: 16	January: 1	February: 0
<b>Permeant berths</b>	Newport Harbour	Regular users: 9	Live-aboard: 4
	Folly	Pontoon: 90	Swing: 55

### Staff

- One of the harbour staff required their Council Vehicle Drivers Authorisation (CVDA) to be renewed, assessment was conducted on 06.01.20 and passed
- The Folly Visitor Berthing Supervision contract was advertised on 03.01.2020 inviting quotes for the service as required in line with the council's process. The deadline for the quotes was 31.01.2020, the decision notification was sent to all suppliers that entered quotes on 28.02.2020. It is anticipated the commencement of the contract will happen on the 01.04.2020.

### Works

- The rails on the corner of the quay alongside the visitor pontoon was damaged on the 01.12.19, this was repaired on the 03.12.19

### Events

- In December, a vessel was lifted out by the hand crane and broken up and disposed of by the owner. This was one of the vessels whose berth was not going to be renewed after 31.03.2020.
- The remaining 2 boats outside of the Bargeman's rest were relocated, one was moved over to the other side of the river and the other to Little London into its new berth on the 08.01.20.
- On 28.12.19, the Coastguard was called to help the ambulance service to get a berth holder off his boat due to ill health. The harbour was informed, that the berth holder had sadly passed away on 04.01.2020, the contact details of next of kin was supplied. The vessel was moved by harbour staff to a berth at the Folly at the request of the family on 09.01.20. Payments were informed of the situation and the adjustment to the fees. It is understood the vessel will be put up for sale.
- The Harbour committee met on 18.12.2019.
- The Newport Harbour User Group met on 28.01.2020 and again on 25.02.2020, the January meeting was for a presentation by Christopher Ashman from Regeneration on the Newport Harbour Master Plan.

### Property

- Mountjoys checked the emergency lighting in the harbour buildings on 06.01.20, they replaced items required.
- Preparation of the quay outside of the Bargeman's rest was completed on 08.01.20, in preparation for Island Roads fitting new railing along the road, which was completed by the end of January.
- A replacement padlock was fitted to one of the gates at Black House quay on 13.01.20 after the original went missing, another padlock was fitted to the gates with security chains on 29.01.20.
- The remaining abandoned boats were transported to a council depot on 20.12.19. and 21.01.20, One required to be towed from its Folly Mooring and lifted shore by Richardsons and then was transported on the 13.01.20. a demolition company has been contacted to undertake the work to demolish and dispose of the vessel and the other items, this is hoped to be complete by early March

- Two of the abandoned boats was sold and collected from the depot on 02.12.19 and 29.01.20 by their new owners.

### **Actions**

- In January an additional Local Notice to Mariners (LNTM) was issued regarding the additions to the Safety Management System, on the harbour website.
- On 11.12.19 many of the vessels on the Folly swing moorings where being pulled down due to the big tides and incorrect adjustment to their mooring lengths, the owners where informed.
- On 16.12.19, 02.01.20, 10.01.20, 20.02.20 and 24.02.20 the harbour staff at Folly pumped out and re-secured the boats required it, after the heavy winds and rains.
- On the 20.12.19 the septic tank was emptied at Black House Quay.

## **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 the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) recommendations. The inspections were undertaken 34 times in the three-month period. On 23.01.20 the two fixed green lights at St. Cross did not seem to be working, Vesta were contacted, and the problem resolved.

### **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 34 times in the three-month period.

- On 01.01.20 a shopping trolley was removed from the river
- On 02.01.20 car tyres where removed from the river
- A large pallet was removed from a pavement on 21.02.20, before it could enter the harbour, left from the sandbag deliver by island roads
- On the 26.02.20 large road cone removed from the river

### **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 34 times in the three-month period.

- The north end of the Visitor Pontoon at the Folly was power washed on the 13, 15 and 16.01.20
- Rock salt was put down on the entree ramp to Newport harbour visitor pontoon and other locations on 18.01.20
- Power washing has been carried out at the following Folly pontoons, East A on 23.01.20, West B on 27, 28 and 30.01.20, West C on 18 and 19.02.20. This was the last of the pontoons requiring to be power washed at Newport harbour.

### **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 34 times in the three-month period.

The visitor's electricity supply on the quay closest to the flyover remains not working, also one of the sockets at the end of the Visitor pontoon is not operational. These will be investigated in the spring when the weather is drier, and they are required.

### **Inspections of lifebelts, fire extinguishers**

Inspections were carried out, all lifebelts, fire extinguishers and safety ladders were found to be in position and in good order. These inspections were carried out 34 times in the three-month period.

- The alarm in the extinguisher box under the office stairs was going off on 08.12.19, it was reset. The extinguisher was checked and undamaged.
- On the 14.02.20 one of Newport harbour visitor pontoon lifebelts was recovered by harbour staff and washed, inspected and return to station. (believed to be thrown in by kids)

### **Slipways Inspection**

The slipways have been inspected and are in good repair.

- The Folly Slipway was cleaned on 11.12.19 and 30.01.20.
- The Newport Harbour Public slipway and Sea close where cleaned on 10.01.20.

### **Harbour Launch, vehicle and other tools**

launch

- The launch was pumped out regularly over the 3 months, especially during the heavy rain
- The two harbours Spinlock Deckvests had their annual inspection and service/cleaned only requiring replacement cylinders as they were corroded. They were returned on 21.02.2020, additional Deckvests where supplied for the harbour staff to use when this was being undertaken.

Other Tools

- The Hand Crane was used to lift 5 boats in the 3 months. Entered in the log on the 24.02.2020, the harbour staff have raised concerns that they (he) should not be operating the hand crane as they are in their late 50's, he is requesting confirmation in writing from the council. They were referred to the SMS and reminded that they can decline from lifting any boat they feel is not acceptable. SHM line manager was informed and he would raise it when he spoke to them in March.
- The power washer was taken on the 19.02.20 to be serviced and repaired, before they start on Ryde Harbour

## **INCIDENT AND EMERGENCIES**

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

- One of the Folly Ventures water taxis sunk alongside East A Pontoon on 09.12.19, this was recovered by them
- A small permeant boat on a folly pontoon sank on 15.01.20, the owner was informed, and the boat recovered by Folly Venture
- The owner was contacted on 01.02.2020 and a message left after his vessel had sunk on its Folly swing mooring (W28), he was contacted again on 02.02.20. He was informed that the harbour staff would tow the vessel on 03.02.20 to the foreshore in front of MMA dinghy park to allow it to dry out and be pumped out, it re-floated on 04.02.20. Following this it was towed and lifted out with the hand crane on 05.02.20 and was removed by the owner on 09.02.20.
- On 09.02.20 the vessel on swing mooring (W49) was blown ashore onto the eastern shore between the Folly and Island Harbour due to the mooring gear failing. The vessel was secured in this location and the owner was informed by harbour staff. On 11.02.20. The harbour staff towed the vessel to Newport Harbour on the high water. The hull was inspected by the staff before this was undertaken. When it was moored at Newport the staff monitored it for leaks over the following days. The vessel remains at Newport Harbour until repairs are made to its swing mooring or another mooring can be allocated.

- In the strong winds of the night of 15/16.02.20, two vessels at the Folly pontoons broke lines and one small yacht on a swing mooring was dismantled, these were made safe by Folly Venture, and the owners contacted.

#### **Dangerous Occurrences / Near Misses.**

- On 02.12.19, a Medina High School pupil fell partially into the river from the pontoon, this was due to him messing around on the pontoon. He got out, was unhurt and departed.
- On 19.12.19 a member of the public reported that someone had fallen into the river about a week ago at the high tide, when it had flooded over the top of the quay edge by the northern end of the road bridge, there were no reports and not witnessed by harbour staff at the time of the incident.

#### **Reportable Accidents**

- None recorded

#### **Defects Affecting Marine Safety**

- None recorded

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- School pupils remain a problem, jumping on to pontoons from the quay and walking along the visitor pontoon though the three months.
- On the 19.12.19 a meeting was held with Vestas regarding possible changes to their operation and any impacts on land and river use. Discussions are ongoing.
- A Meeting and tour of Newport harbour site was held on the 31.01.2020 with one of the members of the Arm forces day event committee, to discuss their intended event, including the limitations due their event proximity to the Isle of Wight Festival.
- Informed by Richardsons that they would be operating a small hovercraft in the river on the morning of 04.02.2020

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