

## Newport Harbour Quarterly Safety Report 1<sup>st</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

| Month                          | Newport     |             | Folly       |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                | Over nights | Short stays | Over nights | Short stays |
| June 2023                      | 364         | 8           | 236         | 90          |
| July 2023                      | 275         | 11          | 120         | 42          |
| August 2023                    | 339         | 19          | 219         | 128         |
| 01 January to 31 August Totals | 1,283       | 54          | 651         | 294         |

### Risk register

Navigation Risk Assessment (highest rated): -

- Leisure vessel/s Contacting at Folly, Possible Causes could be: Human error; Adverse weather conditions; Poor visibility; Mechanical failure; etc.
- Commercial (Passenger) vessel Collision with Commercial (Passenger) vessel at Folly. Possible Causes could be: Human error; Adverse weather conditions; Poor visibility; Mechanical failure; etc.

### Operational information

- The remaining Abandoned are ready for disposal, after one more was sold 18.07.23. The eight were moved alongside the harbour north quay, where they were lifted, transported off site for disposal 22 - 24.08.23. there are two remaining, one that owner said he would pay other is aluminium and will be weighed in.
- Changes to harbour staff, an advertisement for the vacant Duty Harbour master role at 20 hours per week was run from 08.06.23 with a closing date: 29.06.23, due to one member of staff changing to a 0-hour contract due to other commitments. The Interviews for the vacant were held on the 13.07.2023. The successful candidate started on the 25.07.2023
- Designated person monthly Liaison call on teams was held monthly with DF, SN or LE and JB

### Events

- Taxi compliance operation was held in Newport harbour carpark south on the 06.06.23. The harbour office and facilities were used as a base for the Licensing Officer, DVSA officers and police involved.
- Isle of Wight Festival was held between 15.06.23 to 18.06.23 (build up on the harbour site between 29.05.23 to 25.06.23) on the 10.06.23 Harbour staff and other passes accreditation email was received; ticket office opens Monday 12.06.23 at 08.00 for collection
- Harbour user group meeting held on the 18.07.23
- Teams meeting on the 24.07.23 regarding the IOW car club rally, where the harbour site will be used as a service station over the 31.09.23-01.10.23, sadly have been informed by IOW car club it will not be happening but hope they may in the future.
- Southern water has been carrying out work with the pumping station though out the July, security fencing erected. Harbour South carpark was closed between 24.07.23-27.07.23 when they were carrying out work during the night (19.00-05.00) between 24-27 July. No complaints from visiting yacht during this time.
- On the 24.08.23 Barrier to Harbour North opened for the carnival, as the harbour was being used as their dispersal point at the end of the procession.

## **Covid-19 response**

- Additional; cleaning equipment remains in place in the shower block for customers/user's use are still in place.

## **1. Results of periodic inspections**

### **1.1 Inspections of navigation aids**

Periodic inspections have been carried out of the channel and navigation aids, some of which have been done from land. All navigation aids are in place, their colour and characteristics as required by IALA recommendations. daily inspections were carried out from land up to the Newport Rowing club except for 5 days in this period and 28 times by launch by harbour staff

- The top Port Navigation Light north side of the Hotel remains out, from the 09.08.23 both lights unlit during the new post was being installed, it was completed on the 11.08.23 with both lights working
- On the 13.06.23 all Navigation Buoy and lights cleaned up.
- Tide gauge was cleaned on the 04.08.23

### **1.2 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. In this period inspections were carried out daily from land except for 5 days in this period and 28 time by boat, Folly Venture have also checked it weekly.

- Periodic survey of the channel from the Folly to Newport quay was undertaken on the 08.06.23 by Shoreline Surveys Limited. The results were received on the 11.07.23, these show there has not been much change against the first survey carried out in 2012, apart for the area that was dredged in 2019, which is showing most of it dredged depth.

### **1.3a Inspections of quays, steps, pontoons, gangway, piles, and cleats**

14 Periodic inspections have been carried out daily at Newport harbours and found to be in position and in good order, in this period inspections were carried out daily from land except for 5 days in this period and 28 time by boat.

- Numerous buoys have been replaced and moorings adjusted by harbour staff during this period
- During the heat in this period the pontoon boards have shrunk, so the screw has required tightening or screw replaced
- On the 31.07.23 the 7 additional safety ladders were fitted by harbour staff aided by outside engineering contractors to drill the required holes and manufacturing adaption plates.
- On the 07.08.23 Meeting with Cowes Harbour Commission regarding correction to the Folly Swing mooring trot replaced by them earlier in the year and future inspections to the remaining swing trots
- On the 16.08.23 West P mooring missing, replaced by harbour staff
- On the 28.07.23 harbour staff cleaned Quay steps by Newport visitor's quay.

### **1.3b Inspections of lights, electric pods and water stands**

Periodic inspections have been carried out on the lights, electric pods and water stands. In this period inspections were carried out daily from land except for 5 days in this period and 28 at the Folly. Folly Venture inspected weekly during this period, found to be good condition.

- In this period there have been numerous leaks discovered on Newport visitor pontoon as part of the daily checks, these have been repaired by harbour staff.
- On the 18.07.23 a water leak was detected by the entry ramp on to the visitor pontoon, it was reported to Southern water (reference 4553902). They were on site on the 19.07.23, the leak was fixed on the 21.07.23. during the operation a new water meter was fitted.
- 18-20.07.23 Enerveo fitted additional electricity box/sockets along Harbour north quay. They awaiting to be made live, after the required work to main supply is rectified.

#### **1.4 Inspections of life rings, fire extinguishers**

Inspections were carried out and all existing life rings, fire extinguishers and safety ladders were found to be in position and in good order. In this period inspections were carried out daily from land except for 5 days in this period and 28 at the Folly. All equipment checked.

- Office fire alarm tested weekly
- The office fire alarm went off 6 times during this period, the building checked, nothing found, and alarm reset by harbour staff
- On the full inspection of the harbour site fire extinguisher was carried out 01.06.23, 02.08.23
- On the 12.07.23 Wight Fire visited the harbour to carry out the inspection of the site and building's fire extinguisher
- On the 13.07.23 Mountjoy servicing the harbour office fire alarm
- All of the harbour Life rings were opened and full inspected monthly during this period
- The life ring box were tampered with 5 times during this period, it was checked and repacked by harbour staff. (one by flyover 4 times and one by slipway, the ring was recovered from harbour north carpark)

#### **1.5 Slipways Inspection**

The slipways have been inspected and are in good repair. This has been helped by the environment officers, weekly inspections.

- The Folly slipway was cleaned 4 times during this period
- Quay street slipway was cleared of weeds once during this period
- Jubilee store slipway was cleaned once during this period

#### **1.6 Work boats and Truck**

The Harbour Launch

- The Harbour Launch was checked daily except for 5 days in this period and pumped out when required
- On the 15.06.23, the harbour launch and Dory were moved alongside "Changer" a permeant boat moored alongside the quay at Harbour North, this is with the permission of the owner for the Isle of Wight Festival. They were returned back onto the visitor pontoon on the 20.06.23

Harbour Dory

- The Harbour dory was checked daily except for 5 days in this period and the auto pump checked after heavy rain
- The harbour dory has been refitted during June with it being lifted in by Kingswell on the 14.06.23
- In July the harbour dory 12-volt electrical system renewed (navigation and

- cabin lights, switch board and bilge pump) by harbour staff
- On the 31.07.23 the harbour dory outboard controls were adjusted South Coast Outboards.
- The harbour dory insurance confirmed on the 07.08.23 and ready for use, river test conducted on the 23.08.23 all ok.

#### Harbour Vehicle

- The harbour vehicle coolant, oil and washer fluid were checked monthly

#### Other equipment

- On the 02.08./23 the harbour second pressure washer was delivered to Island Power Tools (Lake) for a service, collected when completed. Will aid with the winter power wash of pontoon.

## 2. Incident and Emergencies

### 2.1 Collisions

- None recorded

### 2.2 Fire or explosion

- On the 15.06.23 Lifeboat shout aka JM, part of Cowes lifeboat got page to launch boat around 9.40 got to the station then was told boat fire up Newport, called JB at 21.48 and passed information. JB and JM arrived at Newport harbour 9.55 to find out there no fire. JB called Solent Coast Guard told if harbour wanted to know what was happening in their jurisdiction it was for the Harbour Master to call them, it was not required for Solent Coast Guard to contact the harbour authority. JB & JM Newport quay at 22.30. for full detailed see attached report.

### 2.3 Vessel's grounding-

- On the 10.06.23 Report from JM a grey hull white deck speed boat hull, secured to west shoreline opposite Island Harbour. Called Folly venture to recover it, as secured to land could not retrieve it due to tide high. On the 17.06.23 Solent Coast Guard called at 12.17 (JB) regarding boat on West bank opposite Island harbour, they were informed that the boat had been there secured from 10.06.23 no action required. Told Solent Coast Guard were still going to investigate; they pulled the boat further up the bank (making retrieval more difficult and covered it with coast guard tape)
- On the 21.06.23 Report from David (Folly) at 10.47 (4 hours before HW), a visiting boat had run aground on the eastern bank opposite NRC. They called him for assistance, got back in channel and is now being towed by another visitor back to Southampton.

### 2.4 Loss of vessel stability

- On the low tide on the 15.06.23, Blue small motorboat on the visitor pontoon let their lines off. Without the support, the boat rolled away from the pontoon coming to rest at a slight angle. Was not rafted and no damage or injury occurred and re-floated and repositioned, owners happy.
- On the low tide on the 15.06.23 yacht Jester lent over, no damage was done as rafted with mast well-spaced, owner happy
- On the 18.06.23 Reports of a Rib when departed at the end of the festival, it slit its stern tube on the boat on the raised engine of the boat in front. The Rib was escorted to its home berth in Cowes by lifeboat, who were already launched as a

precaution for the last night of the festival.

- 25.06.23, vessels Wind gate 3 was taking on water, the owner is aware. He is fixing the problem getting a new part harbour staff will monitor.
- On the 27.07.23 at about 17.00 a Report was received from a Folly Pile customer that a 5 metres Shetland on a Folly Swing mooring, was upside down on her mooring. The harbour called Folly Ventures to investigate and confirmed, they informed the harbour the owner was already aware. Folly Venture were called for an updated on the 28.07.23. the operation of the vessel's recovery and removal started on the 01.08.23 the harbour staff recovered the upside-down Shetland from her mooring and towed her to the foreshore by the folly slipway. The vessel was removed on the 02.08.23 organised by the owner. The berth was inspected by harbour staff and all items (anchor and line etc) recovered where removed and owner informed.

## **2.5 Pollution**

- On the 17.06.23 A water discharge from the festival sewage tank by Jubilee stores, this was resulting from an issue from southern water pumping station blockage. Southern water, dyno-rod and ABP where on site dealing with water blockage situation. Area around pumping station has been cordoned off for safety of the general public. On the 18.06.23 southern water had tankers operating on the quay by their pumpstation. Harris fence fell down by pumping station, Harbour staff called Southern water, so they are aware. Reference: 4542812. It was corrected by them the same day. The operation was completed on the 22.06.23.
- On the 20.06.23 call from Jim from Odessa called concerned about the swans (on his slipway) given the number for the RSPB and others we have. The swans where recovered and taken away, for treatment (2 adult swans and 5 signets) will be returned when well. It is suspected cooking oil, harbour staff looked for possible sources none found.
- On the 23.06.23 Investigation work was carried out by Dyno-Rod, Southern Water, to the pumping station area. The work begins on Monday 26th for approx. 5 weeks to carry out repairs. Area fenced off work continue at the end of the June
- On the 17.07.23 a container of used engine oil was left on the quay, was moved and put in oil store in harbour container by harbour staff. Non found to of gone in the river.

## **2.6 Dangerous occurrences / near misses.**

- On the 16.06.23 at 1015 a lady fell from a tender into the river when exiting onto the pontoon, was successfully recovered by member of the harbour team and other berth holders. No first aid assistance required.
- 3rd hand report that there was an incident on the night of the 16.06.23 at the Folly, when boat hit another and a confrontation/fight broke out. Police attended.
- On the 23.08.23 Individual's swimming in the river off boat Fire & Ice, owner spoken to as host, the men were asked not to swim in the river. A second swimming occurrence this time alongside harbour pontoon. Fire & Ice departed.
- On the 30.08.23 Folly swing mooring West J failed and boat was recovered and remoored to West 41 no damaged observed

## **2.7 Reportable Accidents**

- Following an assault on the quay on Wednesday 07.06.23, which the police was called, during this a bag was thrown into the river. The bag was recovered by harbour staff on the 08.06.23 by harbour staff. The police collected the bag the

same day.

- On the 08.06.23 a harbour visitor tripped on an unlevel paving slab on Quay street (outside of Newport Harbour area). He suffered a cut to his head and bleeding nose; he was aided by harbour staff back to his boat and suggested he went to A&E, but he declined. Was checked on by harbour staff during the day. Photos were taken of the pavement area and reported to Island roads.
- On the 15.06.23 (during the IOW festival) An intoxicated member of the public at Newport Harbour quay tried get in to harbour north saying he was on a houseboat, festival security stopped him, Harbour staff confirmed he was not a berth holder. Due to being very inebriated he fell over banging his head on floor, festival security made sure he was ok. Video was taken as a precaution by harbour staff.

## **2.8 Defects affecting Marine Safety**

- The owners access ramp on Kilwarlin (Black House Quay) was left down on the 05.07.23, it was crushed between the boat and the quay. It was freed and tied up by harbour staff. Replaced by the owner
- On the 05.07.23 a large tree branch was removed from mid river off the visitor pontoon by harbour staff, had been reported by visitor.

## **Additional information**

- Litter picks needed most days during this period numerous times a large amount of broken glass (harbour north was not litter picked during the use of the area by the festival) on the 03.07.23 large amount of rubbish. It appeared to be an abandoned homeless camp (sleeping bags, shopping trolley, pallets etc.) was removed from West bank by five tree points by harbour staff.
- Items have been removed from the harbour including road cones, large branches etc by harbour staff
- When harbour staff visited Folly pumped out many of the swing mooring boats in this period
- On the 02.06.23 Island Cranes lifted a yacht from the classic boat shed
- The harbour toilet has blocked 4 times in this period, 3 times the harbour staff corrected the situation, once Dares were called and solved the problem
- On the 19.06.23 and 10.07.23 one of the gent's shower pressure release valves failed, replaced by harbour staff same day.
- On the 24.06.23 About 12 kids came on the Newport visitor pontoon with scooters and fishing gear, however fishing was not happening, but where playing, asked to move on by harbour staff.
- Harbour staff cut protruding bolts/fitting of Picnic table by northern leading light, after the wooden tabletops and seats have been vandalised (broken off)
- On the 10.07.23 a tent was noted in the cemetery, harbour informed Cemeteries (already knew) who arranged it to visited on the 11.07.23 by an environment officer. It was removed by them on the 13.07.23
- On the 11-12.07.23 SSE carrying out work on the electricity supply in town councils event loos
- On the 19.07.23, Black house quay pedestrian gate padlock was changed to a coded type, at the request of the residents, and extra key supplied to houseboat that required/requested. This is to improve the gates being closed at night.
- on the 21.07.23 The repair to the carpark wall on the south end of Jubilee store carpark started continued until 31.08.23.
- On the 26.07.23 the gully by the fly over was cleared by harbour staff.
- Harbour staff raised concerns on the 01.08.23 of the level debris along the side of

the pub wall areas. This was raised with the pub staff including the raised drain cover on the 03.08.23, it was corrected by pub

- The No Fin Signs that have faded and not present at some points. Replacement scored and replacing them have started when tide highs allow
- Harbour facility code changed on the 22.08.23 due to it being given out by the bicycle hire for their customers

### **During the Isle of Wight Festival**

Between 15.06.23 to 18.06.23 (build up on the harbour site between 29.05.23 to 25.06.23

- From the 14.06.23 the staffing levels (2 staff) and working hours increased minimal 08.00 – 19.00, until the 18.06.23
- The harbour facilities code was shared with the festival security's station near and around the harbour site for personal; use, this resulted in the facilities being checked outside of the harbour staff working hours.
- On the 10.06.23 the 1st of the festival fencing along the cemetery was put in place, access by way of steps was maintained. A reopposed 15 MPH was attached to festival fence across the roadway South of Jubilee Store carpark.
- On the 12.06.23 Temporary marker/sign buoy "Keep Channel Clear" was put out at 5 tree point.
- On the 12.06.23 Staff picked up Festival access bands.
- On the 13.06.23 the harbour users' lanyards, and vehicle passes if required where collected by harbour staff, the information of requirements was emailed to festival on the 23.05.23. They were distributed to relevant people and company excluding Mark Mordey who opted to deal directly with the Festival (noted for next year).
- On the 14.06.23 the festival moved into the Harbour North with shower blocks, accommodation etc
- The organising/layout of the visitor's pontoon was started on the 14.06.23 to be able to accommodate the booked boats as maximise berths.
- On the 14.06.23 the anchorage was organised with the first boats to arrive to ensure the channel remained clear
- On the 15.06.23 the Festival Fire boat was launched, and berth organised on Harbour north quay (quay mooring chains etc.) recovered on the 19.06.23.
- On the 15.06.23, Police marine police boat seen patrolling Newport harbour area (afloat)
- On the 15.06.23 Coastguard teams parked at harbour informed what vhf channel (68) the harbour was motoring
- On the 15.06.23 harbour facilities given a deep clean in preparation for the Festival duration, it was noted that Harbour facilities doors where being left open, an automatic closer was fitted by harbour staff on the 16.06.23
- On the 15.06.23 IoW Festival direction sign up to Hillside was put out. (created by the harbour)
- On the 16.06.23 Festival staff were swimming by hand crane, harbour Staff talked to them and asked not to do it again and they agreed.
- 21.06.23 Most of the IOW Festival items have departed from Harbour north and the fence has started to be collected. AMEY has litter picked Harbour North on the behalf of the Festival.
- Stack of fence blocks still are by the air raid shelter. Harbour staff emailed festival on the 27.06.23 to remind them they were still there, collect shortly afterwards