

Newport Harbour Monthly Safety Report September to November 2023

1. Overnight visitor and Short Stays

	Newport Harbour			Folly		
	Overnights	Short stay	Total	Overnights	Short stay	Total
September	194	21	215	90	45	135
October	87	3	90	4	1	5
November	7	2	9	Awaiting numbers		

- The Designated person conducted his Port Marine Safety Code Audit.
- The scheduled Designated person held Liaison Calls.
- Harbour Committee Meeting was held in September.
- The Hazmat training/review was held.
- Harbour User Group meeting was held.
- MCA Port Waste Management site visit was conducted.

2. Events

There were no public events at the harbour during this period.

- Odessa Boat Yard conducted their winter lift out on the 16.10.2023.
- On the 01.11.2023 IWC Licensing and DVSA ran their 2nd Taxi inspection operation at Harbour South carpark, utilising the harbour office.
- Island Roads carried out their inspection of the flyover bridge over the 21& 22.11.2023. their equipment was stored overnight on the quay. The access road from Quay Street was closed during the inspection.

3. Results of periodic inspections

3.1. Inspections of navigation aids

Periodic inspections have been carried out of the channel and navigation aids, some of which have been completed 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 in this period and 29 times by launch by harbour staff.

- All navigational buoys were cleaned.
- Trinity House conducted their routine annual inspection in September.
- Port channel buoys 14 and 18 were changed for freshly refurbished buoys in November.

3.2. 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. Daily inspections were carried out from land and by boat during this period.

3.3.

3.3.a Inspections of quays, steps, pontoons, gangway, piles, and cleats

Daily inspections have been carried out at Newport harbours and found to be in position and in good order inspected were carried out in this period. Periodic checks of the Folly pontoons by harbour staff.

- On 23.09.2023 the Newport visitor pontoon was inspected and the loose screws were tightened or replaced.
- Folly Swing mooring chains were un-twisted and inspected on the 01.09.2023.
- The Newport visitor pontoon was power washed on the 09.11.2023 by harbour staff.
- Folly West B & Visitors pontoon was swept on the 14.11.2023.
- On the 25.11.2023 the Harbour Office pathways and pontoon entrance were salted, due to the temperature.
- On the 26.11.2023 one of Newport visitor pontoon safety ladder fixings were tightened.

3.3.b Inspections of lights, electric pods and water stands

Daily inspections have been carried out on the lights, electric pods and water stands in this period.

- On the 13.09.2023 the worn electricity box locks were replaced by harbour staff.
- On the 10.10.2023 a leak on one of the visitors water standpipes was fixed by harbour staff.

3.4. 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. Daily inspections of Newport and 29 times at the Folly were carried out on this period.

- Life rings and fire extinguishers were opened and fully inspected on the 05.09.2023, 03.10.2023 and 01.11.2023.
- In this period there have been 9 life rings, or their boxes, tampered with. Some of these issues could have been due to the strong winds. Sadly, I believe some were due to members of the public.

3.5. Slipways Inspection

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

- Seaclose slipway was cleaned on the 08.09.2023.
- The Folly slipway was cleaned on the 26.09.2023, 03.10.2023, 20.10.2023 and 21.11.2023.
- Newport north and south slipways were cleaned on the 02.10.2023.

3.6. Work Boats and Truck

The monthly check sheet has been completed.

Launch

- The Harbour Launch was pumped out as and when required.
- The Harbour Launch equipment was checked.
- The Bilge pump on Launch diaphragm was split and was replaced.

Dory

- The Harbour Dory was fitted with an auto pump. Checked operating when Launch is pumped.
- The Dory's equipment list was checked.

Vehicle

- The Harbour Ford Ranger pick-up truck was changed for a Citroen Berlingo van in September. This van was inspected by harbour staff on the 12.09.2023. The van was booked into the garage on the 18.09.2023 for scheduled work.

Harbour pump

- Was run though with fresh water after each use.

4. Incidents and emergencies

4.1. Collisions

- None recorded.

4.2. Fire or explosion

- None reported.

4.3. Vessels grounding

- Folly mooring holder anchored on the east bank of the Folly foreshore on the 21.11.2023. Boat was checked at low water by harbour staff and the owner was contacted. The vessel was returned to her mooring by owner on the 24.11.2023.

4.4. Loss of vessel stability

- In this period, 13 boats were pumped out by harbour staff, some of these numerous times. The owners were contacted and a Folly pontoon berth holder was contacted due to the level of water in their boat by harbour staff.
- On the 26.10.2023 a sunken and capsized 5-meter dory was found and taken to the Folly slipway, where it was recovered to shore by the owner.
- On the 23.11.2023 a vessel alongside Folly West B pontoon sank. The owner was informed. Advice offered regards her recovery at earliest opportunity. It is hoped it will be recovered by Kingston Boatyard under the owner's instruction at the start of December 2023.

4.5. Pollution

- Due to large tides and the heavy rain fall, a large amount of tree branches and roots were noted and recovered where necessary. The largest being a tree trunk (6 foot by ½ foot) and tree root ball.
- On the 21.11.2023 the deck items that found themselves in the river alongside the vessel married alongside Harbour North Quay, were recovered and placed within the boat hull.
- There was a small amount of fuel from the sunken boat from the 23.11.2023, however the owner confirmed there was only a small amount of fuel on board. Due to the weather, coupled with the strong water flow and the position nearly fully submerged alongside the pontoon, it was felt to be impractical and unnecessary for absorbent equipment to be deployed. The saturation will continue to be monitored until the vessel is removed. Environment Agency informed.

4.6. Dangerous occurrences / near misses

- On the 08.09.2023, harbour staff re-secured a mooring chain onto West 29 (Audacity) fitted with extended chain and small chain link. Owner informed via email.
- On the 14.09.2023 a visiting yacht with a fin keel, lent away from the quay wall. Lines held and no damage seen. Harbour staff discussed with owners and agreed to help resecuring at around 21.00 when the tide was back in and when their concert had ended. The vessel was turned by lines around and re-moored

with the owner and a member of harbour staff. She lay well alongside the quay on that side and stayed for 4 nights in total.

- On the 24.09.2023 a voicemail was left on the phone at 7.00pm Sunday night about vandals messing with shore safety equipment and Dory. The vandals had removed 2 life rings which were retrieved from the river and returned. Other various life rings holders were opened. Also received reports that youths were messing around on customers boats and our Dory. Incident reported to the Police.
- On the 30.11.2023 a vessel from a west swing mooring was found on the Folly west bank, the vessel was recovered by harbour staff and returned to a mooring.

4.7. Reportable Accidents

- On the 20.10.2023, during Harbour staff routine checks, we were alerted by members of the public that at the side of the Premier Inn, a man's body had been discovered behind the pub on the riverbank. They went on to say that they had called the Police. This was 10.32 am. Harbour staff, accompanied by a member of the public, confirmed that there was a body and that he was face down with no sign of life. Harbour staff waited for the authorities to arrive and returned to the office and contacted SHM. The body was removed by the fire brigade and Harbour staff liaised with the police on site if they needed any other information. MAIB was contacted regarding the incident harbour were advised no further action is required by us.

4.8. Defects affecting Marine Safety

- On the 28.09.2023, Harbour staff received information from visiting vessels that at 2140 the previous night (27.09.2023) the police and ambulance were called to attend an incident at the harbour area. Raised voices and arguments were heard. It transpired that a man had gone into the river. He was safely recovered and treated within the ambulance.

5. Additional Information

- Litter picks undertaken in September. Undergrowth cleared / cut back around harbour site including around the Classic Boat Museum shed.
- On the 20.09.2023 the trees north of the hotel were showing wind damage. This was investigated and photos taken by harbour staff, and parks notified. On the 21.09.2023 members of parks inspected the trees. The damaged branch was cut down and removed on the 28.09.2023.
- On the 05.09.2023 a damaged tender to collect on end of West B.
- Fire brigade on Harbour site on the 18.10.2023. There was no fire on the Harbour at the time. Barrier opened at their request, closed on the 19.10.2023.
- On the 19.10.2023 at 1145, a vehicle reversed into Hillside barrier. Damage was done to the vehicle - rear window smashed. No damage to the barrier.
- On the 06.11.2023, two more sections of the Premier Inn fence were blown down, slightly blocking access. The Premier Inn was informed, and the Harbour's concerns regarding the possibility of it ending up in the river. Raised again by Harbour staff on the 15.11.2023.
- On the 07.11.2023, in preparation for the Harbour staff using Body warn cameras, signs informing the Harbour users and general public were put up at all entrances to the Harbour site. The "No Swimming" sign was re-fixed on the north slipway.
- On the 24.11.2023, two rough sleepers had taken up residence under the flyover on the west side of the river next to the quay edge. This has been reported.
- The Harbour COSHH Register was reviewed and updated in the last 2 weeks of November 2023.