

# Newport Harbour – Senior Harbour Master Quarterly Report

## Newport Harbour Quarterly Safety Report - December 2023 to February 2024

### 1. Overnight visitor and Short Stay

	Newport Harbour			Folly		
	Overnights	Short stay	Total	Overnights	Short stay	Total
December	8	4	12	0	0	0
January	15	4	19	0	0	0
February	9	1	10	Awaiting numbers		

1.1 Daily checks completed for Christmas period.

1.2 The scheduled Designated person Liaison Call were held, David Foster, Jonathan Brand and Lawrence Edmonston.

### 2. Events

2.1. Fishing competition held on the 30.12.2023.

2.2. Newport Harbour Tier 1 spillage exercise (Golden Dawn) was conducted on the 11.01.2024, including checking/updating contact details.

### 3. Results of periodic inspections

#### 3.1. Inspections of navigation aids

- Periodic inspections and daily inspections have been carried out of the channel and navigation aids, some of which have been undertaken from land. All navigation aids are in place, their colour and characteristics are all as required by IALA recommendations.
- Trinity House Local Aids to Navigation Manager conducted an Audit of Local Aids to Navigation. Everything was found in good order and there were no matters arising which require further comment in February. Report received.

#### 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 in the month and 22 times by boat.

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

- Periodic inspections have been carried out at Newport Harbour and found to be in position and in good order daily inspected were carried out in the month. The NAABSA berth checks were carried out each month. Folly pontoons were inspected 22 times by harbour staff.
- The harbour staff have been power washing Newport Harbour and the Folly pontoons in preparation when weather and tides allow over the 3 months.
- Repairs on a loose support beam on the Newport visitor pontoon carried out by harbour staff in January.

### **3.4. Inspections of lights, electric pods and water stands - December 2023**

- Periodic inspections have been carried out on the lights, electric pods and water stands. Daily inspections were carried out this month.
- New water meter fitted by the Newport Harbour visitor ramp.
- Issues with youngsters interfering with pontoon electric boxes in February, same issues with life rings – staff monitoring.
- Visitor standpipe repaired.
- On the 06.04.2024 the power at Black House Quay was out at about 17.30, due to damage overhead power lines. SSE repaired and power was back on about 23.00.
- In February electrical engineers were working on Unit 7 supply and north quay, as well as safety inspection of harbour buildings.

### **3.5. 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 22 times at the Folly were carried out this month.
- A safety ladder on Folly East A pontoon was found to be damaged. Replacement was sourced and fitted.

### **3.6. Slipways Inspection**

- The slipways have been inspected and are in good repair. Regular inspections also take place by the environment officers.
- The Folly slipway was cleaned in January and February.
- Seaclose slipway cleaned in February.
- Senior Harbour Master met with MMA in January regarding the damaged area (2 by 5 metres) at the start of Folly slipway (a useable but small step making it more difficult to get dinghy trailers over). Meeting with contractors in February. Quotes received for the options.

### **3.7. Work boats and Van**

- The main harbour equipment was visually checked daily during the month.
- The monthly check was completed each month.
- The Harbour Launch was lifted out on the 07.02.2024, and placed in the vacant Unit 7, to be painted etc.
- The launch was surveyed on the 08.02.2024 for renewal of the Small Craft Licence.
- Harbour life Jackets - existing staff life jackets, at the end of operational life as manufacturers will service them when 10 years old. Replacements were sourced of the same spec at the start of February.

## **4. Incident and emergencies**

### **4.1. Collisions**

- None recorded.

### **4.2. Fire or explosion**

- None reported.

### **4.3. Vessels grounding**

- Folly mooring holder on the east folly foreshore north of folly pier on the 28.12.2023. Recovered 29.12.23. Boat checked and moored on the visitor pontoon.

### **4.4. Loss of vessel stability**

- The sunk vessel alongside Folly West B pontoon was recovered by Kingston Boatyard at the owners request in January.
- In January a report of a sunken boat on Newport Harbour Folly Visitor pontoon was received. When checked was unfounded and the boat was OK.
- On the 22.01.24 boats loose on Folly swing mooring, mooring failed Quotes received and works to be completed by Cowes Harbour Commission. Vessels recovered and placed on a replacement mooring.

### **4.5. Pollution**

- Due to large tides and the heavy rain fall the harbour has been checked for large debris being washed down river, debris removed as and when.
- On the 14.02.2024 phone call received from Solent Coast Guard regarding a concern raised about foam evident in river adjacent to Dodnor area. After closer inspection by harbour staff this was freshwater runoff and water foam.

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

- During this period due to the bad weather, boats have snapped ropes, fenders popping out and requiring being pumped out. Harbour made good and informed the owners of the condition of their vessels.

### **4.7. Reportable Accidents**

- None reported.

### **4.8. Defects affecting Marine Safety.**

- None reported.

## **5. Additional information**

- Due to the heavy rain during the month, the harbour staff have been inspecting the harbour drains and clearing where needed.
- Black House Quay - black water tank required being pumped out/emptied monthly.
- On the 02.12.23 spray paint aerosol cans recovered from the site adjacent to the NHS container, north harbour. Evidence of new street art (graffiti) on side of container.

- On the 05.12.23 removed damaged tender on Folly pontoon and stored at Newport Harbour.
- In December access gained into Unit 7 at the request of property services and new locks fitted by harbour staff.
- Fire alarm system serviced as per contract.
- Old floating bridge chain was collected in February and transported to Kingston boat Yard (CHC) in preparation for the renewal/service of West inshore Folly swing Mooring line.
- In February, Island Roads conducted an inspection of the harbour access bridge.
- Health and Safety spot check carried out by IWC health and safety at the end of February - awaiting report.