

## Newport Harbour - Senior Harbour Master Report – 01 December 2020 to 28 February 2021

<b>Visitor Numbers</b>	December: 8	January: 0	February: 0
<b>Folly visitor numbers</b>	December: 0	January: 0	February: 0
<b>Permanent berths</b>	Newport Harbour	Regular users: 9	Live-aboard: 4
<b>Folly Paid</b>	Folly: 132	Pontoon: 75	Swing: 57
<b>Folly to pay</b>	Folly: 10	Pontoon: 3	Swing: 7

### Level of Risk

During this quarter the main risk is being able to operate the harbour within the current Covid-19 restrictions and guidelines; this has been balanced with the requirement to keep the harbour staff and users safe.

### Staff

#### December:

- Harbour staff in December 2020, with one staff member working +/- 3 hours either side of High Water between 08.00 – 17.00 (hour off for lunch) and will provide cover seven day a week
- Folly staff - during December 2020 their hours were 10.00 - 16.00 5 days Monday to Friday  
Sat 10.00-18.00 Hours Sun 11.00-15.00 hours

#### January:

- Harbour labouring staff returned after Christmas break on 05.01.2021, (SHM carried out inspection during this time) with one staff member working +/- 3 hours either side of High Water between 08.00 – 17.00 (hour off for lunch) provide cover seven day a week. This was until the 12.01.2021 when they were Furlough
- Folly staff - during January 2021 where operating a service by request, however carrying out regular checks of the Newport harbour's berths.

#### February:

- Harbour labouring staff remained on Furlough; daily harbour visits where carried out by the SHM
- Folly staff - during February 2021 where operating a service by request, however carrying out regular checks of the Newport harbour's berths.

### Works

- Notice was given by the Marine Management Organisation for Newport (isle of Wight) Harbour Revision order 2021 on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
- Harbour Committee PMSC training was carried out on team by the Designated person on the 17.02.2021
- Notices regarding bird flu put up at Newport and Folly on the 22.12.20
- On the 28.01.2021 the office fire alarm system and emergency lights where inspected, found to working ok, apart from one emergency light charging unit to be changed

## **Covid-19 response**

- An updated Coronavirus statement was issued on the 06.01.2021, below.
- Vaccine centre at the Riverside Centre open on the 01.02.2021, the barrier between North and South carparks was opened. Water barriers installed to allow parking on the quay. it is being well marshalled.
- On the 3.02.2021 the harbours covid 19 risk Assessment was reviewed and updated.
- On the 3.02.2021 a berth holder raised his concerns regarding the increased traffic along the quay, this was discussed, and additional control was put in place.

## **Events**

- The harbour was open; however, the harbour facilities have remained closed, an updated Coronavirus statement was issued on the 02.12.2020.
- The Visitors fees for Newport harbour remain reduced to £1.50 per metre. Folly visitor pontoon is unchanged
- On the 21.01.2021, The MCA carried out an inspection of the harbours Port Waste Management Plan for Newport and the Folly. It was found to be well managed and adequate for the harbour users.
- On the 25.01.2021 Completed and emailed Newport MSD5 form, for the commercial shipping

## **Land and Property**

- Property informed about lose rail by quay street slipway and the entrance sign still has information regarding coach parking on a Thursday on 14.12.20
- Fenced area erected by entrance to visitor ramp on the 12.01.2021, no information received. On the 13.01.2021 J A Dempsey on site to dig out and replaced a water manhole cover by the visitor pontoon ramp. It has been covered over by the roadway in the past.
- On the 27.01.2021, Received call from Riverside Centre that due to gas works, the middle barrier may need opening, returned to harbour and talk to gas crew, they confirmed it would not be required. The work was to locate and fix a gas leak. Informed them that from the 01.02.2021, that there would be a high volume of traffic due to the vaccine centre, workers said that they would get it registered as emergency work to try to get it completed before then. 3-way traffic light on to the harbour from Quay Street un use between 28 to 29.01.2021.

## **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 69 times in the three-month period. Most of these were made from land.

- On the 03.01.2021 the lower leading light where found to be out, confirmed with hotel/pub they had not turn them off as part of their lock down, blubs changed on the 04.01.21 (original blubs checked and are working). The trip was reset in carpark by Harbour labouring staff on the 05.01.2021 informed SHM of trips location
- On the 10.02.2021 the short leading lights found to be unlit, the trip was reset.

### **Inspections of the channel**

Periodic visual inspections have been carried out of the channel most have been carried out from the land. The depth within the channel has not been reported below

the depths advertised. These inspections were carried out 69 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 69 times in the three-month period.

- On the 20.12.20 it was noted that the gabion boxes by the hotel have been opened and the rocks lifted out on to the quay. These were put back in and cages repaired on the 05.01.2021
- The tide gauge at Newport visitor pontoon was cleaned on the 22.12.2020
- Rock salt was put down on the visitor pontoon ramp on 17 times over the 3 months
- The starboard and aft stays of the boat by the hand crane, where secured by harbour staff on the 20.02.2021

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

- The water was turned off on the visitor pontoon and quay on the 21.12.2020.
- Water monitoring took place on the 11.01.2021 and 08.02.2021

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

- On the 30.12.20 life ring found in Jubilee store carpark, returned to its box
- On the 17.02.2021 The life ring recovered from under the fly over and returned to by quay street box.

### **Slipways Inspection**

The slipways have been inspected and are in good repair this includes minoring the weed build up. The slipways have been inspected and are in good repair. This has been helped by the environment officers, as now added to their weekly inspections in January.

- Seaclose slipway and steps was cleaned on the 01.12.20
- Folly slipway cleaned on the 4 & 5.12.2020 and 06.01.2021

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

#### **Launch**

- It has been pumped out 64 times over the 3 months.
- Additional lines were fitted on the 18.12.20
- The Launch was run up on the 04, 05 and the 13.01.2021.
- On the 13.01.2021, Launch including the cabin cleared of unnecessary items, and organised. The wiper not working, appears to be lose wiring, will fix when next serviced.
- On 18.01.2021, The Launch and her equipment were inspected for her mid-term survey for her Inland Water Small Passenger Boat Code, all found to be correct. Certificate attached below.
- The harbours staff Deckvest lifejacket had their yearly inspection and service at Spinlock (21.01.202) found to be in good repair, however one cylinder was changed due to showing signs of corrosion.

## **Ford Ranger**

- Ford Ranger, is working well.
- Taken for MOT on the 14.12.20, which it passed

## **Other Tools**

- The hand crane was not used this month

## **INCIDENT AND EMERGENCIES**

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

- On the night of the 26.12.20, a Folly Swing mooring holder, mooring line broke. The vessel was blown across the river and went aground on the east side of the river, the vessel appeared to not of damaged itself or anything else. The owner was informed. On the 27.12.20, the vessel was secured to the shore and a stern anchor was laid to hold it in position. On the morning of the 28.12.20, the vessel was towed off the foreshore by Folly Venture aided by harbour staff, now moored alongside the Folly visitor pontoon.
- On the 18.01.2021 a seal was seen swimming by the visitor pontoon
- Informed by Folly venture that a boat was laying low in the water, on the 12.02.2021. the owner was contacted.

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

- On the 26.01.2021 A man's body in his fifties was found in the upper reaches of the River Medina by Lidl Supermarket at about 11.30. It was recovered by Police, Fire service and the Coastguard at about 13.30. statement from police the death is being treated as unexplained but not suspicious. This is outside of the Jurisdiction of Newport harbour, the information has been taken from local news reports, no contact has been made to the harbour.
- On the 17.02.2021 reports from the vaccine centre volunteer, that a lady fell into the river, by the fly over she was help out and taken to hospital as a precaution. The life ring by quay street was recovered from under the fly over and returned to position.

### **Reportable Accidents**

None to report

### **Defects Affecting Marine Safety**

None to report

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- The harbour was litter picked 11 in the 3 months,
- 4 Fly tips on the harbour site in the 4 months, put in skip
- The foreshore by Little London by where the homeless camp had been was cleared and rubbish transported to the skip by harbour staff on the 05.01.2021
- On the 18.01.2021, the Skip was emptied.
- 2 tyre, 2 supermarket trolleys, large plastic sheet, traffic cone and a small bike were recovered from off the visitor pontoon.
- On the 17.12.2020 an E-scooter was recovered for by the visitor pontoon, put under office stairs by harbour staff. Was removed shortly afterwards

- On the 15.12.20 white rib “Atina” made a complaint about being asked to pay short stat fee (which was not paid). Being handled by council’s complaint procedure,
- Renewed the SHM membership of the UKHMA on the 21.01.2021
- The waste tank at Black house Quay was pumped out on the 04.02.2021, following informed it was in need by the houseboats at that site.

#### **WHITEGATES PIER**

- Was inspected 8 times in the 3 months
- On the 30.12.20, A rib and road trailer arrived on the northern side of the pier on the foreshore. As suspected to belongs to UKSA, they were informed (closed till 04.01.2021) they confirmed it was theirs and they recovered it, informed CHC as in their jurisdiction

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## **CORONAVIRUS STATEMENT**

2 December 2020

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Following the end of the government lockdown the Isle of Wight is currently designated as a Tier 1 area from 2 December 2020; accordingly, most potential visitors will be traveling from a higher tier.

Current advice is that people do not travel from a higher tier (e.g. tier 2 to tier 1); accordingly travelling should be avoided but, if essential, visitors must continue to follow rules from their original tier.

In the absence of further guidance Newport Harbour's number one priority remains to ensure the safety of the harbour, as well its staff and customers, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. All harbour users and customers are advised to adhere to the Government's guidelines.

Newport Harbour is implementing the following from 2 December until further notice.

### **Newport Harbour/Folly Visitor Moorings**

The continuation of no overnight berthing at Newport Harbour's visitor pontoons, without prior arrangement; this includes the Folly visitor pontoon.

### **Harbour Office**

Newport Harbour Office will be closed to customers and visitors and all communications should be sent via email to [Newport.harbour@iow.gov.uk](mailto:Newport.harbour@iow.gov.uk) or alternatively, customers may phone on 01983 823885. If the phone is not answered please leave a message and the harbour staff will call you back.

### **Folly Water taxi**

For berth holders the harbour water taxi will be running a limited service. For further information for the water taxi please contact Folly Ventures on 07884 400 046, or 07974 864 627, or email [Follymooring@hotmail.com](mailto:Follymooring@hotmail.com)

For Odessa Boatyard, Island Harbour and transiting through Cowes Harbour, boat users are advised to visit their respective websites and contact them directly for their most up-to-date information.

### **Open Port**

As a Harbour Authority, Newport Harbour has a statutory duty to maintain an 'Open Port Policy' for freedom of navigation and public use. Commercial shipping will continue to operate as usual, and unless notified otherwise by the UK Government, the harbour will remain open to any vessel that needs to transit the harbour or access a berth.

### **Further Information**

Newport Harbour will keep these policies under review in line with UK Government guidance and inform harbour users on any further updates. Newport Harbour would like to reiterate

that all customers and harbour users should adhere to the latest Government guidelines regarding leaving home and ensure their trip to Newport harbour is in compliance with these rules.

Thank you for your understanding and patience. Stay safe.

Jonathan Brand, Senior Harbour Master

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**6 January 2021**

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### **Newport Harbour and Folly**

Mariners are advised that, following the announcement that the country will now entering a new lockdown from 6 January 2021, the following changes to operations will apply in the Newport Harbour jurisdiction.

Please help us to maintain a safe and Covid-19 free environment by following the government guidance and rules, consider your own safety in addition to that of our staff and other harbour users. Customers are encouraged to consider if the visit to their vessel is essential.

### **Newport Harbour and the Folly Pontoon & Quay**

- Overnight Stays on Vessels are not Permitted  
Mariners are reminded that Government guidance for staying at your primary residence still applies. Accordingly, overnight stays or extended visits are not permitted except in limited circumstances. (i.e. if this is your primary place of residence).
- Visiting vessels, including short stay at Newport Harbour and the Folly are not encouraged, this is due to the restraints to return to your primary residence overnight. Any visiting vessels will be charged the appropriate fee.
- Newport Harbour Office will continue to remain closed. However, harbour staff and the Folly Berthing Master will be carrying out regular checks. If you require electric cards, please phone and leave a message, email or drop a note though the door.
- The Harbour hospitality facilities will remain closed;
- The refuse facilities will only be unlocked when the harbour staff are on site, they will remain locked at all other times.

These measures will be reviewed regularly, when sector specific guidance is received, or when changes to the present lockdown are announced.

If a berth holder is at the harbour and they observe the harbour staff undertaking their inspection or maintenance tasks they are respectfully asked to avoid close contact with them.

Berth holders are encouraged to email any enquires to [newport.harbour@iow.gov.uk](mailto:newport.harbour@iow.gov.uk) or phone and leave a message on (01983) 823885; or if urgent, by calling (01983) 821000 extension 5978.

Please note: The Folly Water Taxi service will not be operating; however, the berthing staff will be carrying out regular checks of the Folly site.

The Berthing staff will be available for essential access, or services by prior arrangement, fees and charges may apply, please contact them on 07974 864 627

**Details of any boats not observing the Government guidance will be passed to the police**