



## HARBOUR MASTERS REPORT TO HHAC 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013

### 1 Operational report

#### January

- Local notice to mariners remaining in force re issued
- Availability report of navigational aids sent to Trinity House
- North cardinal buoy light reported as defective. On inspection the light was found to be operational.
- Time line photography of the channel No amendment to the Channel Risk assessment was required
- Access provided over Lelant Quay for the NHS to remove medical equipment from Miss Aspinals
- Harbour Dues increase agreed with the HFA
- C Lello instructed re demolishing the old SWEB canteen

#### February

- Report of over turned vessel on Penpol bank owner informed
- Scaffold boards Stolen from scaffolding at Penpol Bridge crime number AY13120
- South West Ports association Meeting at Padstow
- Meeting with Chris Ranford, Fisheries Local Action Group re funding for harbour improvements
- Complaint from Lelant beach residents about the fishermen's landing platform lights
- 14 new ladders ordered for North quay

#### March

- Reports of skateboarders and boy racers using the fishermen's landing area
- MV Ida May and Yacht Aegle removed from dry berthing on South Quay
- Meeting with John Pollard RSPB, NE.EA re recreational use of Copperhouse Pool
- Meeting with Buro Happold re South Quay and sluicing
- All vessels removed from South Quay to enable the seaweed to be removed from the quay walls for a laser survey
- Mussels taken for flesh sampling by Cornwall Port Health authority
- North Cardinal buoy storm damage incident report completed
- Meeting with Ben Granata Perival Leisure re expanding his operation to include RYA power boat training plus a range of other water sport activities
- Time line photography of the channel No amendment to the Channel Risk assessment was required
- Harbour Coordinators meeting
- Availability report of navigational aids sent to Trinity House

### HM Report

#### 1 South Quay

I have been informed by the contractors Bowmer Kirkland who are on South Quay that there will be no access over the quay when works commence, therefore there is a requirement to relocate all vessels moored on the quay. The majority of commercial fisherman will be moved to East quay, leisure vessels and the remaining fishing vessels

will go onto North Quay. The authority would like to apologise for the disruption this has caused and thank both the commercial and leisure users for their cooperation which has enabled the authority to comply with the contractors request.

## **2 Sluice Tunnels**

Works to clear the tunnels of mussel growth and other debris was programmed to take place this month and I was given permission to re-bed the mussels within the harbour while this work was undertaken; as the process to obtain a classification for the mussel beds is still not complete. My understanding is this work has now been delayed until such time the sluice channel and the mitre gates have been restored. The tunnels can then be dammed to enable works to be conducted without interrupting water flow into Carnsew pool.

## **3 Fishermen's Landing area**

Within a day of being open to the Public the Local boy racers were using the area as a race track. In an effort to stop this boulders were placed at one entry exit point, but the problem persisted with continued use of the area for a variety of other vehicle related activities. My concern is that a member of the public or fisherman will be injured or a vehicle driven off the quay.

I have spoken to the police who have been most helpful and have made several site visits and recorded the registration numbers of the vehicles involved then followed this up with house visits.

## **4 North Cardinal buoy**

St Ives NCI contacted me PM Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March and informed me that the top mark and light were possibly loose as they appeared to be wobbling. They then phoned me again and informed me the top mark and light had broken away from the buoy. I came in and was able to confirm that the report from the NCI was correct and issued a LNtM. Mr Peter Ghey also informed me that when he was passing the buoy he saw the light and top mark fall into the sea.

When conditions were suitable photos were obtained of the buoy, which indicate that the screw inserts had probably failed leaving a large hole in the top of the buoy.

I am pursuing the suppliers for replacement parts, refitting and costs.

## **5 Mooring Holder waiting list**

I have investigated a complaint from a person about his position on the waiting list for a wall mooring which was applied for on 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2011. The person concerned claimed that he had previously been informed that he was tenth on the list and not seventeenth. The system I inherited was not transparent which it should be. As a result I have put in place a procedure which is now part of the authorities standard operating procedures, this falls within the scope SMS required by the Port Marine Safety Code, it is robust and intended to avoid this type of situation occurring. That said the AHM and I checked the list against the applications held on file and could not find any reason to suggest why the complainant should be any further up the list than his current position. The authority does periodically go through the list by contacting those who have applied and quite often find some no longer require a mooring or have moved on which will shorten the list.

## **6 Funding**

I had a meeting with Chris Ranford of FLAG (Fisheries Local Action Group) who is based at Newlyn re funding for some harbour initiatives. The discussion was encouraging and there is a possibility that funding may be available. I also involved Peter Ghey HFA with regard to improving the facilities for the Fishermen. The email below gives a brief outline of the issues which were discussed.

Dear Peter

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you from our meeting, but please see the below details and links to get some ideas for funding.

Regarding mussel aquaculture we would be looking at AXIS 2 of European Fisheries Funds, the below link will highlight some key information and also guidelines:

[http://www.marinemanagement.org.uk/fisheries/funding/eff\\_axis2.htm](http://www.marinemanagement.org.uk/fisheries/funding/eff_axis2.htm)

Please have a read through and we can draft an email between us to the MMO to get some early guidance before going into a full application.

I spoke with Peter Ghey last week on the development of the pontoon and there is potential to get this funded through the Fisheries Local Action Group (AXIS 4 EFF). I am drafting an expression of interest for this, which will be presented to the group at the May meeting. I will share with you and Peter Ghey before submitting so will look to get a draft to you sometime next week for comment.

I have written to the MMO to ask for guidance on the other points we discussed, such as sluicing and passenger ferries as it is not entirely clear if it is eligible to fund this. If we build the mussel project and pontoon as priorities we can then look into developing other areas when we have feedback from the MMO.

If you have any questions or queries on any of this then please do contact me.

Kind regards

Chris

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