



HARBOUR MASTERS REPORT TO HHAC January 2014

1 Operational report

October

- A number of vessels were lifted out to dry berth on East Quay.
- All vessels moved from South Quay and Carnsew Quay to enable the contractors to secure the site.
- It was not deemed to be necessary to have a second external audit this year.
- Mark Capon's role as Designated Person a requirement of the PMSC has been terminated. This role is being undertaken by Capt Rob Atkinson, Padstow Harbour Master.
- The navigation light on the first pole failed, new light ordered, Notice to Mariners issued.
- The Barge *Thyvalna* entered Hayle to shelter from the poor weather.
- Complaint from a commercial fishermen that youths were seen to be climbing onto the North Cardinal Buoy. Incident report completed.
- South West Ports Meeting.
- Vessels from St Ives took shelter in Hayle during adverse weather conditions
- A mooring holder reported the theft of his new moorings.
- Survitec on site to test Fishermen's landing davits.
- Trinity House conducted a spot check of the navigational aids documentation.
- A mooring holder tripped at the top of his ladder due to the change in quayside level at the quay edge. Incident report completed.
- Navigational Channel inspected weekly.

November

- Cornwall Port Health Authority took a second batch of mussels to test for lead content.
- A mooring holder was given a verbal warning for exceeding the 5knt restriction in the harbour.
- Sunken vessel on Penpol bank moorings. This has been ongoing for several weeks as the owner has failed to maintain the vessel in a seaworthy condition. He has now been instructed to remove it from the harbour.
- Harvey Towans litter bags emptied.
- The Cocklebank navigation light failed. New light ordered. Notice to mariners issued.
- Vessel *Life's to Short* entered Hayle for dry berthing.
- Additional fence panels fitted at the fishermen's compound.
- Gates fitted at the two entry points to the fishermen's compound.
- PMSC updated to reflect changes to the Harbour Board and Designated Person.

December

- A harbour user reported a suspect vehicle. Police informed.
- South West Ports meeting.
- HHT & the HM met with FLAG re funding for Harbour improvements on East Quay.

- Harbour office repainted.
- New ground floor windows ordered for the harbour office.
- A local roofing contractor has been asked to provide a quote to replace the garage roofs at the Harbour office.
- Cornwall Port Health Authority chased for mussel sampling results
- Harbour users have complained about dog fouling on the Quays. Better signage has been ordered.
- Availability of Navigational Aids report sent to Trinity House.

HM Report

1 Channel

Time line photography and visual weekly inspections indicate that the channel would appear to have stabilised somewhat after migrating to the East, much of the siltation which occurred at posts 2 and 3 has dispersed, but the Channel location and depth continues to be subject to variation especially following inclement weather.

Following a conversation with Andy Robinson of Engineered Earth Ltd, prior to Christmas, I am hopeful that a trial can be conducted with gabion baskets to better define the Eastern channel edge later this year.

2 Designated Person

Mark Capon's role as designated person for HHAL was terminated last October and Rob Atkinson the Padstow HM has taken over the role and is expected to meet with the Harbour board later this month. The SMS has been updated to reflect the change and I would expect an external audit to be conducted in the near future.

3 Harbour Board

Following the departure of key personnel from ING RED (UK), the Harbour Board now consists of Hein Brandt, David Alker and Russell Coetzee,

4 Hayle Harbour Rentals

The role of HHRL has been terminated. As of January 10th, HHAL will become responsible for all leasing and the collection of estate rents.

5 Water Taxi

The managers from the local holiday parks have expressed their support for the proposed ferry service between Hayle and St. Ives and have agreed to meet with the Service provider, John Johnson, St. Ives Rib Rides on January 9th. ING has agreed to the use of the old HHRL office as a ticket office for the duration of the 2014 trail period.

6 Wave Hub

There has been some interest from two companies: Glosten Associates (wind turbines) and Seatricity (wave buoy) who are looking at the possibilities of basing small service / maintenance vessels at Hayle. I am hopeful that this can be progressed providing additional income for the Authority.

7 Fuelling Facilities

The Hayle Fishermen's Association has been successful with their grant application for the provision of fuelling facilities in the harbour. The system they will purchase will

be a self contained banded tank and fuelling hose that complies with the regulations applicable to this type of equipment.

8 Sluice

Fishermen who store shell fish on the pontoon directly in line with the sluice are concerned about water contamination during the period of works. I have spoken with Simon Humphrey of Bowmer & Kirkland who assures me he will work closely with the Fishermen and informs me that he has already spoken with some regarding the intended works.

9 Mussels

There will be a requirement to remove all of the mussel growth from the Sluice tunnels to enable inspection and necessary repair work to be carried out. There has been a delay with the testing programme as test results from the initial sampling indicated lead levels to be very slightly above the acceptable standard, necessitating a further test. The results of that test should be available shortly but, so as not to delay the works, I have permission from Natural England and also the Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority for the contractors to move the mussels into a temporary bed inside the Carnsew sluice.

END OF REPORT