



HARBOUR MASTERS REPORT TO HHAC April 2017

1 Operational report

January

- Ladder inspections completed
- Local Notice to Mariners updated
- Life saving equipment inspected
- Asbestos inspection completed
- Slipway inspection
- Aids to navigation inspected
- Work to repair Carnsew Quay commenced
- Report that South quay lights were being used as targets by a person with an air rifle police informed
- Sluice tunnel cleared of debris
- Survey of quay walls completed (an insurance requirement)
- Call from Coastguard barrel floating in Carnsew pool (recovered)

February

- Ladder inspections completed
- Life ring recovered from the harbour
- Boy racers reported to be on North Quay
- Lamp post damaged on North quay opposite wave hub buildings removed by Highways
- DHM on Leave
- Aids to navigation inspected
- Asbestos inspection completed
- Life saving equipment inspected
- Slipway inspected
- Carnsew wall repair completed
- NCI meeting harbour Office

March

- Ladder inspection completed
- Aids to navigation inspected
- Drainage works on Penpol Bank
- Life saving equipment inspected
- Slipway inspection completed.
- NCI Meeting harbour office
- Pieces of loose Asbestos cloth found on Lelant foreshore removed by Shield
- A large amount of fish was dumped into the harbour reported to IFCA and Police possibly the Plymouth Gang active again.
- HM attended a FLAG meeting at Looe
- HM on Leave
- Schedule of rates for 2017/2018 reviewed

2 HM Report

1 Navigable Channel

Prior to Christmas the channel had straightened, but winter gales have since moved large amounts of sand causing the channel to once again migrate eastward. This creates a problem for vessels entering and leaving the harbour as they have to turn beam on to any wave action. It is possible that the channel may correct itself before the summer season but if it doesn't then mechanical dredging will need to be considered. I have issued an updated Local Notice to Mariners to advise users of the increased risk.

2 Carnsew sluice

Sluicing from the tunnels recommenced on the 10th April, but until the mitre gate penstocks can be bought into operation the sluice is only operating at 50%. CC agrees that we need to complete this work and to also repair / reinstate the training wall both of which are crucial to sluicing operations. Following a site meeting with Andy Brigden and Iain Mackelworth we are collectively looking at what is achievable with the LEP and CC funding that is currently available to the Harbour Authority. I have also invited quotes from contractors to place a security fence around the actuators as we have experienced some vandalism to the actuator box housings and to also place railings on each side of the quay above the sluice tunnels.

3 Carnsew Quay

The repair of the Quay wall commenced on the third of January and has been completed on time in late February.

4 Schedule Of Rates

The Authority's schedule of rates has been reviewed and increased by RPI which at the time of review was 3%. Leisure vessels on the pontoon will be charged commercial rates of £53.20 per metre. These charges came into force on the 1st April 2017

5 MV Inspiration

The Harbour Authority instructed the owner of the Inspiration to remove the vessel from the harbour as it had broken its back and was starting to break up. Other than the keel and some steel work this operation has almost been completed.

6 Hayle Fishermen's Association

The HFA have elected new officers Mr Scott Phillips has become chair, Mr Lee Carter Vice Chair and Mr Darren Jose remains as Treasurer.

I look forward to working with the new committee who are actively seeking funding from FLAG to continue improving the facilities for fishermen at Hayle.

7 Asbestos

Winter storms have moved a considerable amount sediment on the foreshore at Lelant exposing Asbestos containing materials (ACM's) that were buried when ship breaking took place during the 40's and 50's.

Three years ago it was necessary to encapsulate and rock armour the track which runs North from the quay due to the large amounts of ACM's that were being washed out from behind the old steel ships sides which had been used to support the bank.

The site is monitored monthly and inspections are recorded' but this is the first incident of any significance since that work was completed.

The asbestos found was in a wet state therefore the potential for fibre release was very low risk. Shield were called in and their operatives completed a survey of the area and removed all exposed asbestos.

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