



**HARBOUR MASTERS REPORT TO HHAC 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**Operational report**

**April**

- Boarder Force on site
- Slipway inspection
- Ladder inspection
- Lifesaving equipment inspection
- Aids to navigation inspected.
- Building's inspection completed.

**May**

- NCI St Ives meeting Harbour office
- Ladder inspections completed.
- Aids to navigation inspected.
- Building's inspection completed.
- Lifesaving equipment inspected.
- Slipway inspected and cleaned.
- Harbour office and slipway secured by police.

**June**

- G7 summit
- RN Bomb disposal team and marine police on site
- Ladder inspection completed.
- Aids to navigation inspected.
- Life Saving equipment inspected.
- Slipway inspected and cleaned.
- New Cardinal buoy deployed.

## **HM PMSC Report**

### **1 Aids to Navigation**

I was able to use the vessel ordered in by the marine manager of Cornwall Council to lay the G7 summit buoys in the bay to recover our old North cardinal buoy then to deploy the New Cardinal Buoy. The top mark and light were fitted later as the securing plate to which they are fitted required to be strengthened by the manufacturer.

Trinity House conducted an inspection of the Harbours navigational Aids on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July which were found to be in good order. Letter attached.



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09/07/2021

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Inspection of Local Aids to Navigation, Merchant Shipping Act, 1995, Section 198(1)**

We are pleased to advise you that the local aids to navigation under the management of Hayle Harbour Authority Operations Limited at Hayle were inspected on 07/07/2021 by an Officer of Trinity House and found to be in good and efficient order.

Yours faithfully,

Adrienne Thomas | Local AtoN Officer | Trinity House  
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## **2 Dredging**

Dredging operations of the inner estuary have continued on Spring tides however necessary plant maintenance has resulted in some down time, to date the total of 4,340 tons has been removed from the estuary of which a further 400 tons has gone to dune replenishment. And the remainder stored / sold to assist with the costs of the dredge operation.

## **3 G7**

The planning for G7 and the controls that were put in place for its duration appeared to work well and those Fishermen which were stopped by the police remarked how professional and friendly they appeared to be.

There were two incidents that I am aware of which occurred during the summit one was a fisherman who claims to have had his pots towed away by HMS Tamar when it moved anchorage. I am currently pursuing this with the Admiralty and await their response.

The other an operator bought in by police to lay a security floating fence in Carbis Bay used an Uncoded unseaworthy vessel as a workboat which was having to be continually inflated while underway. I considered this to be an incident in the making and instructed the police and the company concerned that the vessel was not to be launched from Hayle and that they should obtain another vessel that was fit for purpose. I also reported the incident to the MCA as a non-conformity.

## **4 Lelant Saltings**

I have received a number of complaints and one written email attached from Lelant residents who are concerned about the disturbance to the wildlife of the nature reserve from fast speed boats and jet skis which occasionally operate on this area of water.

There is a requirement for me to investigate such complaints especially with regard to SSSI / nature reserve and having recently witnessed for myself the disturbance to the bird population when these craft are operating, plus the noise, they generate in what is a restricted area of water; I can only conclude that damage is occurring to the SSSI / nature reserve, and I find the complaint to be valid.

It is therefore my intention subject to the confirmation of this committee that as of 31<sup>st</sup> August not to allow the use of this area for any high-speed craft.

**Good afternoon Peter.**

**Many thanks indeed for taking the time to listen to our concerns about the use of the Estuary, and our most recent experiences.**

**As discussed, we live and work in the area, and are worried along with fellow residents about the potential for there to be an escalation of environmentally unfavourable effects, given the scale of some recent local developments around the coastline and estuary. Therefore, as requested, these concerns can be summarised as follows:**

- **Pollution/chemicals/gases/wastes/biological contamination - anthropological pressures on the water environment and associated environmental impacts of this type of recreation; questions over its suitability in a highly protected marine and surrounding environment, including physical, chemical and biological impacts on the water systems and terrestrial areas, given that there is unfortunate synchrony between peak use times and the occurrence of**

planktonic development in estuaries and coastal waters; associated shoreline and flora degradation; and turbidity.

- **Disturbance and Dislocation of Birds and Wildlife** - the effects of all of the above on the wildlife, ecology and Estuary environment, resulting from pollution, disturbance and dislocation generally and noise impacts.
- **Noise** - in addition to the significant ecological, environmental and pollutant effects for wildlife, there are effects on underlying urban noise pollution; the influence of motor noise underwater; the prolonged and persistent social nuisance of motor engine and people noise, significantly affecting the local resident community in terms both of noise and quality of life.

The combined threats of this urbanization, climate change, and decreases in biodiversity, coupled with pollutant and erosive impacts on fish, water organisms, plant beds, waterfowl, and numerous other increasingly rare animals and birds in the close vicinity - all these factors lie at odds with growing awareness and need for proper protections to be in place for the coastal and estuary landscape and seascape.

Thank you for considering the local environmental, ecological and social needs and pressures; and for bringing these issues in to discussion with partners in the RSPB, Natural England, Harbour Authority and elsewhere as appropriate.

kindest regards and good wishes, Rowena.

## 5 Slipway

A pontoon has been installed on the slipway to assist slipway users by providing a mooring facility while they park their vehicle and trailer.

## 6 Marine Incidents 2021 incidents

HHAOL Incidents	Reports	Notes
Fatalities	0	
Serious Injury	0	Reportable to HSE / MAIB
Person Requiring Assistance – In Water	0	Includes canoes, windsurfers, kite surfers, Paddleboarders swimmers, etc.
Person Requiring Assistance – Ashore	0	Includes cut off by tide, ambulance assist, stuck in mud, etc. Male fell from the South Quay at low water
Person Requiring Assistance – On Vessel	0	Includes medical issues, persons rescued on 'Vessel Casualties', etc.
Reported Injury - Ashore	0	Includes staff & public, minor accidents, slips & trips claims, etc

Vessel Casualty Within Port Limits	1	Jet ski required recovery to the harbour from the NC buoy
Casualty Vessel Towed / Escorted into Port	0	
Collision	0	
Grounding	0	Includes vessels broken free from moorings and ashore (fishing vessels grounded pushing tidal boundaries)
Fire	0	Harbour property ashore or on vessels
Near Miss	0	Near collisions or near accidents.
Speeding	1	Jet ski owner given a verbal warning
Updated risk assessment following an incident accident or navigational condition	1	South quay, Review of risk assessment
Pollution Incidents	1	discharge from SW pumping station east quay
	1	Rubbish from vessel maintenance E quay
Liftings replaced	2	(North Quay) refitted following removal of scaffolding
liftings repacked	2	North Quay,
Aids to Navigation	1	1 pole replaced New
Unauthorised lifting operation	0	
Club incidents	0	

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