

NAME OF COMMITTEE	Salcombe Harbour Board
DATE	31 March 2014
REPORT TITLE	TOPICAL HARBOUR ISSUES
REPORT OF	Salcombe Harbour Master
WARDS AFFECTED	All South Hams

Summary of Report

To consider a range of topical harbour issues which do not warrant a separate report in their own right.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Harbour Board RESOLVES to:

- a. **Note the report.**
- b. **Relax the maximum boat size on Kingsbridge Pontoon to 5.5m boat length.**

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 As the season approaches, there are a range of issues which the Board and the Public should be aware of.

2. TOPICAL HARBOUR ISSUES

2.1 Appointment of Harbour Master.

- 2.1.1 The Council have appointed Mr Adam Parnell to the post of Salcombe Harbour Master; he will take up his new position on 9 May 2014.

2.2 Kingsbridge Berthing Improvements Project.

- 2.2.1 The Kingsbridge Berthing Improvements Project is almost complete. There are several items of the pontoon furniture still to be installed, which will be progressed over the next couple of weeks.

2.2.2 The berths are available to berth holders from 1 April 2014.

2.2.3 Now that the pontoons are in place and the ample manoeuvre room between the quay wall and the fingers is apparent, it is proposed to relax the max boat size to 5.5m boat length rather than 5.5m length overall.

2.3 **Victoria Quay Pontoons.**

2.3.1 The Harbour Board resolved on 3 February to bring forward the replacement of the Victoria Quay Pontoons (SH41/13).

2.3.2 The replacement pontoons will be in place for 11 April 2014. Berth holders wanting to use their berths before this date will be offered an alternative berth.

2.4 **Salcombe Harbour Hotel**

2.5 The Salcombe Harbour Hotel, having been granted planning permission and awarded an MMO licence to undertake the installation works requested a Private Foreshore Mooring Licence (PFML) for the proposed 31m pontoon.

2.6 As all of the conditions of the proposed pontoon met the guidelines of the Moorings Policy, most notably an element of public access for patrons of the Hotel, a PFML has been granted.

2.7 **Harbour Management System**

2.7.1 The 2014 invoice run was sent electronically from the updated harbour management system, e-harbours.

2.8 **Marine Navigation Act**

2.8.1 The Marine Navigation Act 2013, Appendix 1, was enacted by Parliament on 25 April 2013. This gives the Harbour Authority the opportunity to apply for the Power to make Harbour Directions.

2.8.2 The Harbour Board resolved on 3 February 2013 (SH43/13), to progress an application for the powers to make Harbour Directions.

2.8.3 An expression of interest has been made to the DfT.

2.9 **Normandy Pontoon, Storm Damage.**

2.9.1 The bridge landing pontoon, installed ten years ago, suffered damage and partials sank following one of the numerous storms in January 2014.

2.9.2 To remove the pontoon for repair and maintenance has been a particularly difficult problem because of the size and weight of the bridge.

2.9.3 This has been resolved by providing a davit which fits into the pontoon pile to suspend the bridge when the pontoon is removed for maintenance.

2.10 Deep Water Finger Pontoons

2.10.1 Following a successful trial in 2012/13 with finger pontoons for vessels under 8m the harbour Board approved the installation of a further 12 berths have been created for the 2014/15 season (SH26/13).

2.10.2 This has enabled the smaller boats to be accommodated so freeing up berthing capacity to get the deep water mooring waiting list moving for larger boats of 12m plus.

2.11 Calendar of Events

2.11.1 The following events are planned for the forthcoming season:

- 2.11.1.1 27 March to 3 April – Royal marines Landing Craft Exercise.
- 2.11.1.2 31 March – Opening of Kingsbridge Pontoons.
- 2.11.1.3 1 April – Hydrographic Office Training Visit.
- 2.11.1.4 12 to 13 April – Merlin Rocket Silver Tiller Regatta.
- 2.11.1.5 22 April – Marine Crime Awareness Day.
- 2.11.1.6 3 to 5 May – National 12 and Salcombe Yawl Open.
- 2.11.1.7 25 to 26 May – 'D' Day Little Ships West Country Cruise visits Salcombe.
- 2.11.1.8 8 June Topper SW Regatta Open.
- 2.11.1.9 21 to 22 June – Classic Lifeboat Rally.
- 2.11.1.10 28 June – UNESCO Commemoration of the First World War Centenary.
 - Vessels fly ship's flags/ensigns at half mast.
 - Vessels moored in harbours encouraged to use a remembrance sound signal at 1800(L).
- 2.11.1.11 29 June – Salcombe Gig Regatta.
- 2.11.1.12 6 to 12 July – Merlin Rocket Week.
- 2.11.1.13 19 to 26 July – Kingsbridge Fair Week
- 2.11.1.14 3 to 10 August – Salcombe Yacht Club Regatta.
- 2.11.1.15 11 to 15 August – Salcombe Town Regatta.
- 2.11.1.16 23 to 24 August – Shrimper, Hawk and Yawl Open.
- 2.11.1.17 20 to 21 September – Salcombe and Devon Yawl Open.
- 2.11.1.18 18 to 19 October – National 12 and Solo Open.

3. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Statutory Powers: Local Government Act 1972, Section 151. The Pier and Harbour Order (Salcombe) Confirmation Act 1954 (Sections 22-36).

3.2 There are no other legal implications to this report.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no new financial implications as a result of this report.

5. Risk Assessment

5.1 The risk management implications are:

Risk/Opportunity	Risk Status			Mitigating and Management Actions
	Impact/Severity	Likelihood/Probability	Risk Score	
The Harbour Authority is striving to deliver an improving service to harbour users.	3	2	6	The Harbour Board, considers many routine issues annually, topical items will be brought to the Board as they arise. The objective being a better service in a safe environment for estuary users.

Corporate priorities engaged:	Community Life Economy Environment
Statutory powers	The Pier & Harbour (Salcombe) Order Act 1954
Consideration of equality and human rights:	There are no equality or human rights issues with this report
Biodiversity considerations:	None
Sustainability considerations:	None
Crime and disorder implications:	None
Background Papers:	Strategic Business Plan 2nd Edition dated 26 March 2012.
Appendices attached:	None