

NAME OF COMMITTEE	Salcombe Harbour Board
DATE	09 February 2015
REPORT TITLE	Topical Harbour Issues
REPORT OF	Salcombe Harbour Master
WARDS AFFECTED	All South Hams

Summary of Report

To consider topical harbour issues which do not warrant their own report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Harbour Board RESOLVES to note the report.

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The Board would wish to be kept abreast of topical issues.

2. TOPICAL HARBOUR ISSUES

2.1 ICC Egremont

2.1.1 The trustees of ICC Egremont announced shortly before Christmas that they would cease trading. A receiver has been appointed and is actively seeking the disposal of the vessel. Several unsolicited and informal expressions of interest regarding the development of a similar venture have been made to the Harbour Master and it is likely that one or more proposals may be put to the Board in the near future. Alternatively the Board may wish to formulate its own plans to develop the site. This is a dynamic situation and the Board will be verbally updated on 9 Feb.

2.2 Oil Spill Response Audit and Training

2.2.1 **Audit.** The MCA conducted a formal audit on 18 Dec of SHA's readiness and ability to deal with Tier 1 and 2 oil pollution incidents. Only one observation – that an incident management exercise was overdue – was made, but the auditor was content that this was provisionally planned for Oct 15.

2.2.2 **Training.** The following formal staff training has taken place:

- HM + 2 AHM: MCA 4P (min requirement is 2 x 4P course)
- 6 boatmen: MCA 2P (min requirement is 6 x 1P course)

2.2.3 **Exercises.** The following have planned or have taken place:

- **Communications exercise:** Nov 14, next is due Mar & Oct 15;
- **Mobilisation exercise:** Planned for Apr and Oct 15;
- **Incident management exercise:** Planned for Oct or Dec 15.

2.3 **Adding fingers to Batson pontoon**

2.3.1 Pontoon berths are very popular, and alongside berths even more so. It is therefore intended to add 4 fingers along the north-western edge of Batson pontoon to convert 4 alongside berths into 8 to partially address demand. 4 unused berths in Frogmore will be lifted to compensate. The cost is expected to be £5650 and there is provision (underspend) in the revenue budget.

2.4 **Harbour directions and establishment of Port User Group**

2.4.1 The Board resolved to seek powers of Harbour Directions in Jun 14. The legal process has progressed to public consultation, which closed 16 Jan and in the expectation that legislation will now be forthcoming it is timely to stand up the Port User Group required for award of Harbour Directions. Letters have been sent to each of the existing fora and also to the Salcombe Yacht Club inviting them to take the PUG forward.

2.5 **Granting of EcoPort status to Salcombe harbour**

2.5.1 The European Sea Ports Organisation granted EcoPort status to Salcombe in Nov 14. This recognises the harbour's awareness of its ecological responsibilities and the next step is to undertake a 'bench-marking' exercise against other EcoPorts later in the year.

2.6 **Harbour Board workshop**

2.6.1 At the last workshop there was strong appetite for it to become biannual. It is therefore proposed to hold the next workshop in the morning of April's Board meeting.

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 This report proposes £5650 expenditure on pontoon fingering and £500 for EcoPort benchmarking.

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