

NAME OF COMMITTEE	Salcombe Harbour Board
DATE	20 April 2015
REPORT TITLE	Matters of topical interest
REPORT OF	Salcombe Harbour Master
WARDS AFFECTED	All South Hams

Summary of Report

This report updates the Harbour Board on matters of topical interest.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Harbour Board RESOLVES to note the report.

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1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The Harbour Board wishes to be kept abreast of topical issues.

2. TOPICAL HARBOUR ISSUES

2.1 Port User Group (PUG) feedback

2.1.1 The inaugural PUG took place 19th March. It was well attended with representatives from all existing harbour fora as well as the Salcombe Yacht Club.

2.1.2 The PUG endorsed their draft Terms of Reference and selected Mr Michael Astill as their Chairman. They also held a wide-ranging discussion on harbour issues which included:

- Enforcing the use of navigational lights at night;
- Marking of spanning lines on fore-and-aft moorings to make them more visible, especially to dinghy sailors;

- Encouraging 'wake awareness' as well as adherence to speed limits;
- Inviting representation from the sea angling community; and,
- The poor position of advertising hoardings in Whitestrand.

2.2 Shadycombe pontoon replacement

2.2.1 Shadycombe pontoon was replaced by Walcon at the end of March.

2.3 Update on ex-ICC(Salcombe)

2.3.1 The new owners of what used to be known as ICC(Salcombe) have confirmed their intention to continue to run a sailing school. As this is substantially the same business as before, they are allowed under the existing Moorings Policy to continue to enjoy the moorings on which the assets that they bought were attached (17 moorings in all). They have proposed that they surrender these moorings and install a 25m pontoon in lieu, to which the dinghies can be moored. This will substantially reduce their footprint and will make entering and exiting the dinghies safer. The Harbour Master is in favour of this arrangement, subject to the new owners obtaining the required MMO consent.

2.4 Harbour Office IT

2.4.1 The Harbour IT is currently obsolete and suffering a number of issues related to reliability, speed, functionality and availability. Discussions with SHDC IT department are ongoing however it is becoming clear that migrating to a 'stand alone' network may provide a more optimal solution. Although this could have financial implications (it is estimated that the procurement of a new telephone system, WiF and a stand-alone PC network) could cost in the region of £6,000 however running costs would be lower and the 'recharge' back to the IT department would very likely be much reduced, resulting in net savings in the long term.

2.4.2 Initially, it is intended to procure a new telephone system to replace the existing one which is obsolete and for which spares are becoming very difficult to find. This is expected to cost £900 with monthly costs of approximately £50 vice the £90 currently paid. This will also create a wi-fi network in the Harbour Office and Workshops for the synchronising of the hand-held tablets used by the moorings officers and in the boat park, thus fulfilling a longstanding IT requirement.

3. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 This report has no legal implications.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Procurement of a new telephone system will cost approximately £900.

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 strives to deliver an improve service to harbour users.	3	2	6	Topical items will be brought to the Board as they arise. The objective being a better service in a safe environment for estuary users.
Obsolete and lacking IT decreases staff productivity and makes interaction with the public more difficult	3	4	8	Phased procurement of new, reliable, fast IT will ameliorate existing problems

Corporate priorities engaged:	Community Life. Economy.
Statutory powers	The Pier & Harbour (Salcombe) Order Act 1954
Consideration of equality and human rights:	None
Biodiversity considerations:	None
Sustainability considerations:	None
Crime and disorder implications:	None
Background Papers:	Nil
Appendices attached:	Nil

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