



## DUCHY of CORNWALL

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*Harbour Master: Dale Clark*

## HARBOUR USERS GROUP

### MINUTES OF MEETING 26th July 2017

18:00 MERMAID INN

#### Attending

Dale Clark	St Mary's Harbour (Chair)	DC
Alan Hartwell	St Mary's Harbour	AH
Joe Pender	SMBA	JP
Mary Ross	Police	MR
Robert Francis	Fishermen's Association	RF
Dave Hooper	Tresco Boats	DH
John Peacock	St Agnes Boating	JPK

#### 1. Apologies

Tim Fortey  
Rafe Ward  
Peter Hicks  
Gemma Summerwill  
Luke Paulger  
Jeremy Phillips  
Richard Mills  
Phillip Woodcock  
Gerald Thompson  
Sue Pritchard  
Eve Pritchard

#### 2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Previous meetings minutes approved

#### 3. Matters Arising

- Chain 4/5. Falmouth Divers will no longer be supplying pad eyes for the fitment of these chains. We will look to provide our own solution.
- Delivery of freight to Tresco-There has been no further correspondence on this. DH says new guard rails have been fitted to New Grimsby quay.
- Davit-The davit was successfully raised by 500mm and has performed well since.
- Whatsapp Group-HUG group was started and has been used to good effect since.
- First Aid Course-TF arranged a first aid course which was attended by two harbour staff as well as several boatmen.

- Old Quay Electricity-An electric feed has been fitted to Old Quay. Access to the socket is done by contacting Harbour staff.
- JP suggests the ‘loose’ ring on St Agnes quay is not loose at all. He has applied pressure to the ring using one of his vessels and confirms the ring is just a little bent, but not loose.

#### **4. Incident Reports**

There has been more than the average amount of incident reports since the last HUG meeting mainly due to periods of heavy weather. Gales have brought about two instances of breakout whilst a pollution incident occurred on the Gry Maritha. Further to these was one minor head injury sustained by a member of public whilst walking on the quay. All were dealt with effectively.

RF suggests that, from an RNLI point of view, the Harbour Office should do everything they can to minimise the potential for harm to visiting yachts during NW Gales. DC explains that all visitors are warned, advised on mooring techniques and sometimes even asked to leave prior to any heavy weather. DC also points out that our preferred mooring technique is advertised both on our website and in our brochure. DC notes that we are an open port and therefore cannot legally ask people to leave.

#### **5. General Harbour Information**

- DC describes how our latest cyclical survey data has been delivered following a visit by ‘Shoreline Surveys’ a short while ago. In time, it will be made available on our website but can also be emailed to HUG members upon request.
- MALI ROSE-Berthing trials within St Mary’s Harbour have been completed and were successful insofar as they have allowed us to gain knowledge on the handling ability of the vessel before it enters service. We have adapted the PEC (Pilot Exemption Certificate) of Paul Stevens to include the new vessel upon completion of the successful trials. JP asks if we know the timings of the ship. DC says not at this time but we expect them to be similar to that of the GRY MARITHA. The MALI ROSE will continue her charge into service over the coming weeks with support from the Harbour Office at all times.
- DC explains that Kier/Mace will be on the Island soon to complete the final sign off of works (end of warranty period). He suggests ISSCo should be represented.
- DC says the introduction of Harbour Assist (new software) has had a notably positive effect on the day-to-day running of the office and should offer many more improvements in the future too as there are still many capabilities yet unutilised.
- DC discusses communications between vessel operators. He suggests that the harbour office does not necessarily need be called to clear steps for particular vessels. He reminds HUG members that the Harbour operates on VHF 14/16 and that when operating within the harbour, operators should do the same. DC also requests that vessels only stay alongside steps long enough to load their passengers. DH says that Tresco Boat Services do not have any vessels operating within the Harbour between 0930-1015 and JP says that on the busiest days, it can be hard to clear the quay of customers before other vessels arrive. JPK asks if steps can be made available for his passengers unloading luggage. DC suggests that vessel operators contact the ISSCo to move containers to the next available steps which has been done successfully many times before.
- DC says that the waiting room will undergo refurbishment during August and JPK adds that it has become something of a dumping ground. DC says we have scheduled a clean up (note: has now been completed) and that a notice will be placed giving users a maximum of two weeks to store belongings.
- DC says he has spoken with the RNLI and asked if they could let us know when coming alongside the quay to change rafts etc.

## **6. Off Island Quays**

- Painting and railing changes will take place on St Martins and notice boards on all off-Island quays will be replaced. JP asks about placing his own boards on off-Island quays. DC suggests he approached Luke Humphries.

## **7. Any Other Business**

- 28 Mile Grill will be operating from the quay on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings for the remainder of the year. Timings have been considered by the Harbour Office and the business has been operating for a few weeks without any negative feedback.
- The DoC are still looking for a tenant for the Harbourside building. More information will follow.
- We will be working towards developing a new pontoon system as the summer closes. As in previous HUG meetings a design has been progressed and views are encouraged from HUG members and the wider community.
- HUG members discuss briefly if there has been any movement in discussions regarding local licencing. RF suggest that Steve Watt has been given a lead position in the clarification of the subject and is due to call a meeting at any time. JP says that Steve has told him that a byelaw does exist, contrary to current belief.
- MR says that there have been 9 fuel thefts and 3 other cases of marine theft this year. Although they are working hard to prevent or capture a fuel thief MR explains that availability of resources from mainland forces are limited due to ‘small’ number of thefts comparative to mainland events.
- MR also encourages HUG members to be vigilant around yachts and other visitors explaining that scruffy looking yachts, possibly with poorly stencilled French registrations should raise eyebrows.