



## DUCHY *of* CORNWALL

HARBOUR OFFICE, ST. MARY'S, ISLES OF SCILLY, TR21 0HU

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*Harbour Master: Dale Clark*

### HARBOUR USERS GROUP

### MINUTES FROM MEETING 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018

#### 17:00 MERMAID

#### **Attending**

Dale Clark	DC	SMHA
Alan Hartwell	AH	SMHA
Rafe Ward	RW	ISSG
David Hooper	DH	Tresco Boats
Robert Francis	RF	Fishermen's Ass.
Phillip Woodcock	PW	RNLI
David Bulmar	DB	ISSG
John Peacock	JP	St Agnes Boating
Mary Ross	MR	Police
Peter Hicks	PH	ISSG
Tom Sextant	TS	ISSG
Joe Pender	JoeP	SMBA
Steve Hicks	SH	Pilot
Jeremy Phillips	JeremyP	Pilot

#### **Apologies**

Richard Mills  
Steve Watt  
Eve Pritchard  
Richard Hand  
Luke Paulger  
Tim Fortey

#### **Approval of Minutes from previous meeting**

Approved

#### **Matters Arising**

After various dialogue it has been agreed that the tender pontoon will be replaced like for like with new components being purchased annually. The pontoon will also be reduced in width to allow cyclical replacement to be more cost effective. Half the mounting brackets have been away for blasting and galvanising whilst the others will be sent away soon. PH comments that the part of the pontoon which is currently in place is starting to become damaged.

Tresco Estate have issued two Local Notice to Mariners regarding movement of vessels east of Plumb Island and new procedures which do not allow any vessel to load passengers whilst freight is being unloaded on Tresco quays.

### **Incident Reports**

DC is pleased to report that no notable incidents have been conveyed to the Harbour Office since the last meeting (October '17).

### **Port Marine Safety Code**

DC briefly describes the new Marine Safety Plan, a three yearly report on the general performance of St Marys Harbour. The Marine Safety Plan draft has been emailed to HUG members for comment and a few days remain to reply before the report is published.

DC goes on to give a brief overview of the report content. The report has not shown any areas of repetitive major concerns and all non-conformities have been addressed quickly and with ease. The only reoccurring incidents are that of yacht breakout. DC assure HUG members that SMHA are taking as many steps as possible to address this with our visitors through our website, paper brochures and face to face. The report did highlight the lack of public forums as requested within the Port Marine Safety Code. These were stopped due to lack of interest but may need to be reinstated.

All SMHA policies are being reviewed currently with little changes apart from the addition of a new Environmental Policy.

The MCA will be conducting a Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC) Health check in March where they will be visiting the Harbour to audit compliance with all aspects of the code. This will be a significant look into SMHA operations and we look forward to the results.

DC briefly describes that new regulations for data protection (GDPR) will be coming into force in May which SMHA fully support. There are a number of courses and issues for the harbour to put into place however, on a day-to-day basis people will not see any difference. As a result, and some of the less serious elements mean that we will no longer be giving contact details out in person or on the telephone and that all emails will no longer contain any address other than that of whom it is addressed to.

### **General Harbour Information**

Kevin Ayres, previous ship superintendent with the ISSG, has returned to the post.

TS describes how the Mali Rose is starting a new set of sea trials to help provide the ISSG board with answers to some of their questions. Trials will be conducted over a two week period after a six week schedule of works has been completed. TS states that the Mali Rose should visit SMH at the beginning of April. The Gry Maritha will continue her current schedule during this time.

The Scillonian III will start her season on March 19<sup>th</sup>

Sea Wide Services have successfully completed their inaugural schedule of mooring maintenance for us.

SMHA have published the 2018 cruise visit list with 66 entries for this year. The list is available on request.

The concrete works to the outer berth have now been completed. Works to fit Aco drains around the ISSG ticket office are under way.

Work has begun to fit new flooring to the public showers. The existing floor is damaged after around fifteen years in service.

### **Off Island Quays**

SMHA are currently undertaking a review of the operations of the off Island quay cargo handlers and will be issuing refreshed guidance shortly.

Works to handrails on various quays will be undertaken before the season starts

With reference to the earlier comments about LNtM's from Tresco HM, DC suggests that reporting issues through the MCA CHIRP procedure would be a suitable way for Tresco estate to address maritime issues of significant concern. – Post meeting note: DC emailed and spoke with the Tresco HM regarding the issues raised by his LNtMs.

PH says the bent ring on St Agnes Quay has suffered further damage. SMHA will remove and replace.

## **A.O.B.**

TS asks if a navigation light can be fitted on the end of the quay. DC says that the current provision on a set of leading lights, a newly buoyed and lit channel (Newman and Bacon buoys) and flood lighting on the end of the quay is sufficient at this time.

MR says that the Police will be introducing drones next week and invites members to the airport for an introduction.

JP Thanks SH for his help and attendance at DPSSG meetings and says he will be attending one on 13<sup>th</sup> March if anyone wishes to contribute.

There is some discussion regarding a government drive to introduce a Special Protection Area (SPA), which will encompass all inhabited Islands in the Isles of Scilly, the general feeling is that the introduction of such an area could restrict developmental opportunities in the future and that it is perhaps not welcome. RF says that after an informal meeting earlier he believes any operation, which is currently carried out by HUG members at least, will be unaffected.

PH suggests the Hulman beacon needs repainting.

With regard to local boatmen's licences, DC says that the MCA have requested the Council of the Isles of Scilly to conduct an internal audit after which the MCA will audit the processes themselves. They do not appear to have put a time frame on this task. DC clarifies that SMHA are in support of the local licence scheme but will not be available to 'pick up the slack' of any underperforming process.

PH asks if the 'Victory of Helford' moorings can be dropped for the remainder of the winter as without a vessel on it, it is causing problems for both the Lyonesse Lady and the Lifeboat.

JP reported concern over some retaining bar protruding in steps No.1

Actions:

Bar in steps 1

Off Island Cargo Handlers

Remove and replace ring on St Agnes Quay

Investigate Hulman painting

Contact Tim Richards re mooring