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

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Harbour Master: Dale Clark

HARBOUR USERS GROUP

MINUTES FROM MEETING 20th JUNE 2018

17:30 MERMAID

Attending

Dale Clark	DC	SMHA
Alan Hartwell	AH	SMHA
Robert Francis	RF	Fishermen's Ass.
Phillip Woodcock	PW	RNLI
John Peacock	JP	St Agnes Boating
Lisa Wooley	LW	Police
Richard Wiltshire	RW	Police
Peter Hicks	PH	ISSG
Joe Pender	JoeP	SMBA
Steve Hicks	SH	Pilot
Richard Mills	RM	Sailing Centre
Steve Watt	SW	Council of the Isles of Scilly
Tom Hooper	TH	IFCA

Apologies

Jeremy Phillips
Rafe Ward
Dave Hooper
Toots Taxis
Tim Fortey
L. Paulger Transport

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

Approved

Matters Arising

DC has not seen Tim Richards to ask about dropping VICTORY OF HELFORD mooring during the winter months. Will look later in the year.

Pontoon-The pontoon has been fitted in a new configuration using moorings at the end of the now longer fingers. Is performing well.

SW says he, and RF have attended another meeting referencing the new encompassing SPA. He considers the meeting was largely reassuring, as he did not interpret that existing operations of any scale could be disrupted by the SPA, rather just large, future projects such as installation of a wave hub or the building of many new homes.

Incident Reports

There have been a significant number of incident reports since the last HUG in February:

- Empty car rolling off Higher Town quay
- Scillonian passenger tripped in walkway
- Cruise ship leaving the pilotage district without a pilot
- Small ring parted whilst vessel made fast
- Fire on-board vessel
- Arrival of ship (during trials) without satisfactory communication
- Damage to fender during departure of ship on trials

Port Marine Safety Code

DC explains the SMHA has undergone a 'Port Health Check' conducted by the MCA. Essentially an audit of compliance with the Code SMHA, the MCA were happy with what they found.

After a visit to the Harbour a few weeks previous, Tim Charlesworth will be undertaking the role of Designated Person from this summer to provide independent assurance to the Duchy of Cornwall that SMHA meets the requirements of the Code.

DC and AH both attended Habitats Directive training in the last week.

Shoreline Surveys will return to the Islands this year to undertake surveys of St Mary's Sound into St Mary's Roads, Crow Sound into St Mary's Roads and the Harbour as part of a successful SMHA five year rolling plan.

MALI ROSE trials are complete. Awaiting further information from ISSG.

A Port Security Committee meeting was undertaken last week where a table top exercise was conducted with ISSG in regard to a Security level raise to level 2, which would see varying numbers of passengers searched (at the will of the DfT). A real time exercise will take place later in the year. A level 2 exercise was also undertaken with the cruise ship BREMEN in the last week. Successful searches of 10% of returning passengers was undertaken and reports to the DfT were sent. The DfT will conduct a MSRDA audit on 4th July.

DC has attended two SWRPA meetings over the last few months.

General Harbour Information

In the winter months all ground chain will be replaced on the inner and middle moorings.

There are 67 cruise ships booked for 2019 at this time.

In the coming weeks, SMHA plan to fit a ladder half way along the outer berth.

Repairs to the concrete surface in the working area will be undertaken in the coming weeks.

PH says the Lyonesse tried to berth along the very end of the quay but there were no rings. SMHA to investigate.

JoeP asks if it is ok to use steps 4 when the SCY III is loading. DC says yes but please contact the SCY to check actual departure times.

DC asks all members not to tie up alongside wherever possible as it seems nobody is willing to help each other. Most vessels using the harbour regularly have own moorings and these should be used.

DC will email all vessel operators.

JP complains about diving boats laying alongside for up to an hour to load guests. DC says he will email dive vessel operators to thin the time alongside down.

RM asks if steps 2 are completely out of bounds when cruise ship tenders are using the harbour. DC says no, although we try to keep all tender operations to this set of steps, if there are gaps then please utilise.

Off Island Quays

The Off Island Quay Management Plan has been updated as a joint project between SMHA and DoC, meetings have taken place on each Island with all cargo handlers and new PPE has been provided.

DC requests that all vessel operators check walkways are usable prior to letting their passengers use them on both Off Island and St Mary's quays. JP asks if there is any liability on vessels operators. DC says no. PH says they (ISSG) are trying to get Higher Town quay tidied up. DC says he will speak to

the local councillor. JP discusses a similar issue at the top of St Agnes quay. DC says DoC staff were on St Agnes just a day previously and noticed. A letter may come from DoC.

A.O.B.

SW says that an internal audit is underway of the Council local licencing scheme. A written syllabus has been sent to the MCA and they are awaiting response.

JoeP asks what can be done about strops etc. falling from the working yard into the sea as he had recently picked up a strop in his prop. DC says he has spoken with the ISSG and will look to have the berth examined by divers in the near future. He has asked that incidents like this are reported in a timely manner.

JP says he has had information from MCA that their new automated VHF transmission may not always work properly. He asks members to report to MCA if transmissions on ch.64 are unreadable.

Actions:

- Investigate the fitting of rings to aid berthing in steps 5.
- Email all commercial vessel operators re berthing/rafting alongside the quay.
- Email dive vessel operators to minimise time spent alongside whilst loading passengers.
- Speak to St Martins Councillor re mess on Higher Town Quay.
- Address Tim Richard re moorings in winter