

Navigation Advisory Panel Meeting

23rd August 2018

Present

- Dale Clark (DC)
- Alan Hartwell (AH)
- Jeremy Phillips (JP)
- Steve Hicks (SH)
- David Redgrave (DR)

Not present

- Steve Watt

1. Approval of Previous Minutes

Previous minutes approved

2. MAIB Safety Digest Review

DC emailed the MAIB annual report around to NAP members prior to the meeting. All members have seen the document.

3. Risk Assessments

SMHA is keen to add more ship based risk assessments to its library and several assessments were worked through with NAP members including:

- 3.1 Cruise Ships Dragging Anchor
- 3.2 Grounding of Vessels in the Outer Berth-Note ISSG have still not provided written assurance to SHMA that any ISSG vessel can take the ground. JP asks if the area dredged for the quay extension has begun to fill in as he predicts. DC says that surveys are currently underway and we will be able to test this theory in the coming weeks.
- 3.3 Disablement of vessel within the outer berth-further mentioned below

4. Disablement of Vessels in Outer Berth

Discussions took place regarding thoughts and actions in the case of a ship becoming disabled in the outer berth. It is obvious that a ship in the outer berth, being unable to move, would have ongoing effects for the whole Island and it's businesses whether this be through the inability to discharge passengers or freight onto the Islands. It is mentioned that both the Scillonian II and Gry Maritha have both used the middle berths of the quay to discharge in the past. This could be done again but the addition of wooden fenders and ladders would pose a threat. It is also noted that both the Gry Maritha and Scillonian III would fit on the outer berth at the same time but DR suggests ISSG do not support towing by vessels not appropriately designed, licenced or experienced for the benefit of keeping a port open.

It is agreed that if an ISSG vessel was to become disabled for anything but the shortest period of time, a tug would be sought to tow the vessel back to the mainland (where supplies and tools are a lot easier to come by). It would be prudent to check with Fowey harbour as they would be the closest available.

Various options were discussed for the offloading of passengers and it was agreed that further discussions would take place.

There are several references to a recent incident at Dartmouth in which it appears third parties (Insurance) were allowed to take over from the Harbour Authority which caused a severe delay in the successful salvage of the vessel. Attendees take note of remaining in control during emergency incidents.

5. Pilotage Procedures Review

Changes to the Pilotage Procedure in recent months include the provision of 'Pilots Licences', addition of new transit and the removal of Pilots retirement age. A full review of the Pilotage Procedures is undertaken in November of each year.

A brief discussion takes place regarding new Pilots for some point in the future. There is still nobody, full time, on the Island, who is qualified for the post. As in previous discussions, it would seem an option of starting training for one or more candidates who work away would be advantageous.

6. AOB

Shoreline Surveys are conducting new surveys of St Mary's Sound, St Mary's Roads, Crow Sound and along the quay wall within the Harbour. These will update and replace the previous set of surveys as part of SMHA five year rolling plan.

The issue of local licencing does not appear to have progressed in the previous months and Steve Watt did not attend the meeting to give an update.

The use of Crow sound by Pilots and PEC holders during dark or reduced visibility is not black and white since the grounding of the Gry Maritha. AH to investigate. Note: after inquiry, the initial incident report removed the ability to transit in the dark/reduced visibility. After the NAP meeting of 23rd January 2014 the capability was restored when all marks or lights could be seen (i.e in the dark but not in fog)

Actions to be taken:

- Email MIAB links (DC)

Next meeting to be held in November 2018