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St Mary's Harbour Marine Safety Plan Review 2019

In Feb 2018, St. Mary's Harbour Authority (SMHA) released its latest Marine Safety Plan. This plan will run until 2020 with an annual review undertaken each January. The information below relates to the targets set in 2018.

PMSC Compliance

In October 2018 Captain Tim Charlesworth signed to the certificate of compliance after auditing the harbour. This will be undertaken with a report available in November 2019.

MSRD Compliance

SMHA conducted an internal audit in December 2018 the results of which were sent to MSRD. An external audit by MSRD in Aug '18 identified one non-conformity – this related to PSC meetings and has since been cleared. There has been no external audit carried out in 2019 although SMHA remain in contact with Karen Sawyer (Compliance Manager for MSRD) who is planning a visit sometime in 2019.

No major incidents, serious injuries or serious pollution

To date there has been 11 reported incidents, all of which are recorded on the harbour shared drive.

Continue with bathymetric survey programme

SMHA commenced a survey programme in 2012 which covered the harbour, its approaches, Crow Sound, St. Mary's Roads and St. Mary's Sound. There was also a one off survey of the off-island quays undertaken in 2012.

In 2018 SMHA commissioned surveys of the following areas;

- Outer and inner berth in the harbour
- St. Mary's Sound through to St. Mary's Roads
- St. Mary's Roads, including harbour approaches
- Harbour approaches covering leading marks and Buzzza Twr entrance
- Hats buoy through to St. Mary's Roads

The above surveys have been published on the harbour website and distributed to the ISSG and local boat operators. With such an extensive survey programme undertaken it was agreed that there was no requirement to carry out hydrographic surveys in 2019 and that the harbour would investigate the possibility of undertaking survey work using Pegasus.

No mooring equipment failure

To date there have been no mooring equipment failures A review of mooring rings is currently underway to determine a standard size for shore side mooring rings.

Regular stakeholder and public consultation (H.U.G., N.A.P.)

SMHA have consulted regularly with stakeholders throughout the term in a variety of ways. Meetings aside, good use has been made of social media with Facebook and Twitter used daily to inform harbour users of harbour events and information. Emailed (and online) local notices to mariners have also been issued.

The following meetings have been held to date:

2 H.U.G. meetings, 1 N.A.P. meeting, 2 Cruise ship review panel meetings, 7 Monthly update meetings

Investigation of all reported navigational incidents

SMHA has a database of all reported incidents that they have reported on. These incidents are linked to risk assessments which allows a review to be undertaken at the time of reporting.

During 2019 the following reports have been raised by SMHA

11 reported incidents – 4 of which were of a navigational matter

Recognition and reduction of recurring incidents

Throughout 2019 there has been a wide range of reported incidents, none of which identified a trend or regular occurrence. Those reported incidents have been discussed by SMHA staff in an attempt to become extra vigilant and to improve our maintenance, inspections and information to harbour users in an attempt to reduce incidents of all kinds.

Carry out functions as Local Lighthouse Authority (LLA)

SMHA are audited annually by Trinity House as a LLA with the last audit taking place in July 2019. The report identified that all local aids to navigation were in good, efficient order. SMHA maintain 12 local aids to navigation and continue to report to Trinity House monthly with Port Records.

Maintain trained and qualified persons to carry out navigational operations

The harbour have continued to ensure their staff are trained to carry out their roles in accordance with the training policy. Below is a sample of some of the courses that the harbour staff have conducted during 2019.

- First aid
- Oil spill (MCA 5p & 2p)
- Oil spill equipment (practical) training
- Pilotage simulator
- RYA Power Boat Level 2
- RYA CoC Advanced Powerboat
- Boat handling training
- Health & Safety courses
- Searching techniques

- Pegasus & Harbour equipment
- Harbour Assist training
- Radar
- Diesel engine maintenance
- VHF operator
- Manual handling
- Security (police)
- Equality & diversity
- QUBE

Maintain and review Oil Spill Plan (OSP)

SMHA have continued to annually review its OSP and maintain dialogue with the MCA over its suitability. The plan has yet to be approved by the MCA due to the lack of a Tier 2 contractor however, there are no Tier 2 contractors who can satisfy the requirements of the MCA when dealing with us here on the Isles of Scilly. SMHA took the view to add to its own stock of spill equipment each year to ensure it has sufficient to deal with a spill of the oils it is regularly dealing with. This equipment was put to good use in 2017 when a cargo vessel leaked lubricating oil from its stern tube and the harbour team were able to deal with this, and the clean-up using its own resources. SMHA were also successful in persuading the MCA to position a container of oil spill equipment here on the Islands after they visited to carry out their annual national oil spill exercise. This container and its equipment is maintained by SMHA who regularly exercise with the contents.

Maintain and review Port Waste Management Plan (PWMP)

SMHA annually review its PWMP. The MCA audited and reviewed the PWMP in July 2016. SMHA are also registered with the Environment Agency as an “upper tier waste carrier, broker and dealer” allowing them to transport waste off site to the local waste reception facility.

Issue Local Notices to Mariners (LNtMs) relating to navigational safety

SMHA have issued the following LNtMs during the term of the plan:

2015 – 30 LNtMs issued

2016 – 25 LNtMs issued

2017 – 19 LNtMs issued

LNtMs are issued to harbour stakeholders (including UKHO, other ports/harbours and local media) via email, they are published online via the harbour website, Facebook page, local “residents” Facebook page, via the Harbour Twitter account and also published on notice boards on the quay and in the harbour office. This method of delivery ensures the widest distribution in a very short space of time.