

Harbour Users Group Meeting

14th March 2019

19.00

Present

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| Dale Clark | DC | Harbour Master |
| Alan Hartwell | AH | Senior Assistant Harbour Master |
| Eldred Banfield | EB | ISSG Freight Manager |
| David Hooper | DH | Tresco Boats |
| Tom Hooper | TH | IFCA |

Apologies

Steve Hicks, Jeremy Phillips, Tony Baker, Kevin Ayres, John Peacock, Luke Paulger, Richard Mills, Tim Fortey, Joe Pender.

Approval of Previous Minutes

- Approved

Matters Arising

- Tim Richards mooring was not dropped for the winter. There were no complaints from the RNLI or issues caused by leaving it in position.
- The replacement of railings along the quay is all but complete. The new railings are galvanised rather than powder coated/painted, saving many hours in maintenance annually.
- There are still various signs to replace on the Off Island Quays

Incident Reports

- There have been eight incident reports since the last HUG meeting. DC briefly explains them to attendees and offers the reports for sighting. In general, there are no patterns forming but we have identified an issue with one of the drop down chains in the 'fish' berth. This chain has currently been removed whilst a better solution for its mounting is discussed.

Port Marine Safety Code

- DC explains that we are still in the process of finding a suitable replacement for Sodium Hypochlorite for cleaning the steps on St Mary's Quay and for cleaning the hulls of Harbour vessels. The Pegasus has been fitted with a 'Sonihull' system which uses ultrasonic waves to reduce algae growth on hulls whilst we have been experimenting with Sodium Percarbonate and Algae Inhibitors on the steps. We are still very much in a testing phase and we will report at the next HUG. We are struggling with an intense black algae on the end steps and are considering sand blasting as a method of removal. EB suggests burning it off. This will be discussed.
- DC says that Kate Sugar (Natural England) will be undertaking a public consultation on the Islands (4th April) with a view to extending the SPA area of the Islands and DC encourages attendees to go along.
- Aids to Navigation-The Bacon Buoy is still off station and will be repositioned next week as weather allows. A new sinker will be dropped and the older one recovered in time. The lights on the end of Higher Town and Church Quays have been replaced with new items and we have in stock new lights for Bar and St Agnes quays which will be fitted soon. We will be fitting two (vertical) green lights on the end of St Mary's Quay in due course. We are currently making the brackets and hope to fit them next week. Will update the UKHO upon completion of the works.

- Tariffs- all tariffs will be updated from 1st April. There is a general 3% rise across the board with the occasional exception. The updated tariffs will be available online soon.
- Pilotage Procedures-A review of many areas of the Pilotage Function has been undertaken including new or updated MPX forms, Pilotage Passage Plans, Pilots Licences and Pilotage Procedures. A Navigational Advisory Panel will be conducted soon to discuss the addition of different 'Pilotage Areas' within the district.
- Cruise Calls- The latest Cruise list for 2019 was shown around attendees. There are currently 59 visits planned, starting on 2nd April.

ISSG Update

- EB describes how the MALI ROSE continues to conduct her service trials on the PZ-IOS route. Within the next few weeks the ISSG will make their decision as to whether the MALI ROSE will enter service on the route full time. At this time the GRY MARITHA is undergoing planned maintenance and re certification work. The Scillonian III will start here schedule for the 2019 season on 18th March.

General Harbour Information

- DC explains that work to replace the mooring ground chain within the inner harbour is currently underway by Seawide Services. All ground chain and risers will be replaced with 20mm/16mm chain and each buoy has been labelled. This project should be complete within the next week.
- An automatic barrier to replace the one at the entrance to the working yard has been approved. This will be ordered and fitted in due course.
- The storm boards at Porthloo will be removed on Monday 18th March. It is hoped they will remain out.

Off Island Quays

- The navigation lights on Church Quay, Bryher, and Higher Town Quay, St Martins have been replaced and the topmarks painted. Lights on Bar and St Agnes Quays are in stock and will be replaced within the coming weeks. New railing will be fitted on St Agnes Quay.

Any Other Business

- EB says that Matt Honeychurch has been appointed as quay manager. He has worked on St Mary's Quay for a number of years.
- EB says that the container opening times for SCY III have been altered slightly to 1000-1145 and 1400-1600
- TH says a new IFCA vessel has been ordered. An 8m Ribcraft will be delivered to the Islands soon