

Navigational Advisory Panel

13th October 2020

Minutes of Meeting

Attending:

Dale Clark (Chair)	Harbour Master/ Pilot
Alan Hartwell	Deputy Harbour Master
Tim Charlesworth	St Mary's Harbour Designated Person
Jeremy Phillips	Senior Pilot
Stephen Hicks	Pilot
Peter Crawford	Master-Scillonian III

1. Matters arising

Risk assessment to be written for the disablement of ship in St Mary's Harbour berth. Not yet actioned. Dale to attend ISSG in Penzance to develop with ISSG Ships Officers.

Hydrographic surveys on St Mary's Harbour website. Uploaded to site after last meeting.

Transit through Crow Sound during restricted visibility. Text added to both the Pilotage Procedures and Pilotage Information (for ships).

Local Area Endorsements (Isles of Scilly Council). Now voluntary for 12 [pax] vessel operators.

Pilotage risk assessments to be duplicated into Pilotage folder. Completed.

Pre arrival checklist. Used for 1 year+. Well received by Peter Crawford and other ISSG Officers. After a small incident last week which saw SHMA staff fail to answer VHF notification the SHMA duty telephone number is now stored next to ships VHF

Pilotage areas. After the last meeting consultation with Pilots/DP was undertaken and designated pilotage areas/requirements have been adopted into the Pilotage Procedures.

2. Pilotage

No schedule pilotage has taken place in 2020 due to COVID-19 but four large private yachts/ship did visit requiring pilots.

58 ships currently booked for 2021 including a number of new vessel.

3. Pilots training/Revalidation

Due to the lack of undertaken pilotage this season, Dale thinks it sensible to undertake a trip or two on the GRY MARITHA. All agreed this would be a reasonable idea for both Pilots and pilot vessel crews to gain further experience in a lean year. ACTION: ARRANGE TRAINING TRIPS

Back in March 2020. Lizzie Sloane was due to embark on her Pilots training schedule however, this was postponed due to the anticipated lack of ships and requirement for social distancing. Jeremy asks that if, now more has been learned, whether it was appropriate for her to start now. All agreed that social distancing and other measures may be in place for some time and that with protective measures in place, delaying further seems pointless. ACTION: ENGAGE TRAINEE PILOT

4. PEC Holders

Victoria Bolitho (Mate, SCILLONIAN III) has recently completed her PEC training trips, including those with Jeremy. She has yet to formally apply for her exam but Peter says the application will arrive within a day or two. This will be the first exam undertaken with a (SMHA supplied) adjudicator.

5. Pilotage Procedures

Alan states that since the last meeting the new 'Pilotage areas' (discussed) have been added to the Pilotage Procedures along with the text pertaining to the use of Crow Sound in restricted visibility.

Alan refers to an email sent to members by Jeremy in July from the UKMPA clarifying that a pilot must be present on the bridge of a ship to conduct Pilotage i.e lead in or remote pilotage do not exist under UK legislation. This brings the need to address the current practice of Pilots remaining on the Pilot vessel for ships departing from Crow Sound. Jeremy suggests that Pilots are on 'standby' during these manoeuvres and do not allude to conducting Pilotage at this point. Alan says there is no Pilotage Direction issued to allow this. Jeremy also describes a visit from ship THE WORLD just a couple of years ago where it was decided that the Pilot would not be able to disembark due to weather and the vessel was 'lead out'. Alan reiterated that the approved procedures allow for the vessel to be piloted to an appropriate disembarkation point or for the Pilot to be carried over to the next port, appreciating the aggravation involved. ACTION: FURTHER INVESTIGATION

Tim mentioned that the term 'Pilotage Procedures' should be replaced with 'Pilotage Directions' for the benefit of clarity. ACTION: CHANGE

6. Any Other Business

Jeremy mentions that Dale's Pilots Licence allows for him to operate through St Mary's Sound, Crow Sound and the North West Passage only. He asks that now the Pilotage Areas have come into force, whether Dale should undergo some form of documented training to allow him to operate in Broad Sound also. Agreed. ACTION: AGREE DOCUMENTED TRAINING. CONDUCT AND AMEND LICENCE

Jeremy asks Alan to revisit the requirement for trainee insurance. Alan acknowledges saying that the CHA have never made this requirement before and as such will be subject to change. Tim says trainee pilots at Cattewater immediately came under the ports insurance (salaried pilots). ACTION: CONTACT CIRCLE INSURANCE FOR DISCUSSION. CONSULT OTHER PORTS IF NECESSARY

Pete asks if the painted marks on old quay, main quay and Taylors island could be repainted over the winter. Dale says yes, Alan says he will add them to the maintenance schedule for Local Aids to Navigation. ACTION: PAINT AND ADD TO MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE.