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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

6th JULY 2022

SLIP INN

Attending:

Dale Clark - Harbour Master
Alan Hartwell - Deputy Harbour Master
Eldred Banfield - ISSG Freight Manager
Jeremy Phillips - Senior Pilot
Joe Pender - St Mary's Boatmens Association
Diana Mompoloki - Tresco Estate
Jon Rundle - ISSG-Gry Maritha
Jack Glasson - ISSG- Gry Maritha

DC mentioned that the Harbour Users Group would like to pass on our sympathies to St Mary's Boatmens Association member David Badcock and his family after the loss of his wife, Paula Badcock.

1. Apologies

Sam Mallon, John Peacock, Richard Mills, Peter Hicks, Steve Watt, and Ben Jenkins.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes & Matters Arising

Previous minutes approved, Buzza light and Byelaws projects removed from matters arising for the time being. LUF project updates due on 8th July

3. Health & Safety and Incident Reports

Several incident reports have been recorded since the last Harbour Users Group meeting notably:

- Visitor fall on steps
- Hanseatic Inspiration – Pilotage/Navigational error

- Public/Commercial operations interactions during WPGC weekend
- Failure of lifting davit
- Pegasus steering fault and resulting puncture
- Staff injury whilst grinding metal
- Vessel collision within Harbour
- Public slip on steps 4

All incidents have been reported well and investigated with new mitigations implemented where appropriate. DC reminds attendees to report any incidents to the Harbour Office. DM also requested that all HUG members report any incidents whilst operating at Tresco. A recent incident saw heavy contact with New Grimsby quay resulting in repair works to the blocks on the quay however the incident was not reported.

DC mentioned that the harbour are trialling non-slip boards bolted to the deck in steps 4 and 5 which may result in further use on steps.

4. ISSG Update

EB reports no new information from ISSG apart from that they will be looking to undertake an internal marine exercise in the coming months.

5. PMSC & General Harbour Update

DC provides an update.

Our latest round of hydrographic surveys has recently been completed in the areas of the Harbour and Porthloo. These are currently being overlooked by the harbour office before public release onto our website.

We have three new and temporary staff for the coming weeks of summer. All will be undertaking an RYA Powerboat level 2 this coming weekend.

SMHA have been working towards tier 2 compliance for oil spill response. At this stage we have purchased a skimmer and power pack to compliment the assets we already hold, and those provided by the MCA. We have conducted training with 'Ambipar' (through the MCA) this week to ensure a rapid and effective response is carried out should a spill occur. As well as training, the MCA have agreed to assist us with further appropriate assets and training to ensure we can offer the best protection to the Harbour. The tier 2 accreditation process continues and part of this will likely include an exercise with ISSG vessels.

Pilotage: PEC training is underway with Jack Glasson on the GRY MARITHA and Matthew Wheeler on the SCILLONIAN III.

We have had 25 visiting cruise ships so far this season and a further 23 are booked.

6. Off Island Quays

DC asks if attendees have anything to report re off Island Quays and invites general questions.

JP asks if the navigation mark on Lower Town slip is being replaced. DC/AH explains that the slip is owned by Karma hotel group, and they have been good at

fixing problems as they are reported. We have fitted several rings and cleaned the quay surface several times for them. A project to replace the navigation aid is underway.

JP asks if we could consider fitting drop down chains in steps 1 and 4 and consider lengthening the one in steps 3.

DC raised the issue of passengers and freight interacting on off-island quays most notably at Bryher quay. He mentions that the launch lists are being sent to SMBA which would allow a heads up for passenger boats to see when the Lyonesse Lady is expected alongside and will be forwarded to all passenger boats in the future. DC again asks for skippers to communicate to prevent passengers being forced to transit across working areas.

DM asks if the HUG as a body would support approaching the CIOS to discuss off island waste and it's return to St Mary's. She suggests that the waste is often stored badly and smells bad. The waste is often stored for longer than is necessary too and she raises a concern about it being shipped alongside food products. EB ensures DM that rubbish and food are not carried on the same trips and that the deck of the inter-island launch is cleaned after carrying waste. DC agrees to write to the Council concerning the storage of returning waste.

7. A.O.B.

None.