



## HARBOUR MASTERS REPORT TO HHAC April 2014

### 1 Operational report

#### January

- Local Notice to Mariners updated
- HM continued with weekly inspections of the channel
- High tides rose above quay height and flooded the road
- Meeting with Holiday park managers, HHT and John Johnson re fast boat service to St Ives
- Meeting with Andy Robinson of Engineered Earth re gabion baskets
- HHAL management meeting
- HHRL responsibilities passed to HHAL
- CC / Carillion chased to complete snagging works
- Chris Lello instructed to re-grade East Quay and Harvey's Towans car park
- Results from mussel testing
- Bid for grant funding from AXIS for East Quay pontoons submitted to the MMO

#### February

- Fines washed away from behind the stonework on bank opposite the harbour office
- HM continued with weekly inspections of the channel
- Monthly Health and Safety report sent to ING
- Report of illegal gill netting in Carnsew pool. IFCA, RSPB, EA, NE aware
- The slipway hut was blown into the harbour during a severe gale
- Carillion on site re snagging
- I met with a Professor Iglesias, Coastal Engineering, from Plymouth University re Gabion baskets in the estuary
- George Eustice met with John Bennett at the Harbour office
- Serene Dawn refit on East Quay completed and was craned back into the harbour

#### March

- Harbour dues and tenancy invoices sent out
- Following successful engine trials the Serene Dawn sailed for Newlyn.
- Time-line photography of the navigational channel completed.
- Boy racers on the North Quay
- Report that there was a group of non-canoe club members on Carnsew pool
- Further information requested by the MMO re the pontoon grant funding for East Quay
- HFA have been offered a 100% funding for the provision of a fuelling facility by FLAG.
- Deputy HM on leave for his wedding
- Management meeting with the harbour board
- Navigational Aids availability report sent to Trinity House.

## **HM Report**

### **1 Channel**

The channel has straightened itself naturally but there is still considerable sand movement due to the adverse weather and tidal conditions, therefore, there continues to be a risk to vessels navigating the channel. Inspections will continue to be undertaken weekly and users will be notified of any change that may affect navigation via local Notice to Mariners.

I had a meeting with Andy Robinson of Engineered Earth and Professor Gregorio Iglesias, Marine Science & Engineering, of Plymouth University during February. The Authority would like to better define the channel by the use of gabion baskets and the visit was to collect data in support of modelling that will be undertaken to ascertain how the gabion baskets will react to varying weather conditions and what effect they will have on tidal flow and direction.

Subject to the outcome of the modelling, the plan is to conduct a trial by extending the leading wall on the Western bank out to the next navigational pole with gabions. As this is a prototype, Engineered Earth are offering to fund 50% of the £20,000 project which, if successful, will be advertised to promote the initiative, the remainder of the funding will come from the small budget I have for channel maintenance.

### **2 PMSC**

The Port Marine Safety Code statement of compliance was signed by David Alker chairman of the Harbour Board and sent to the MCA. Also enclosed was a copy of the last external audit.

Once every three years the MCA will ask the duty holder to confirm in writing if their harbour authority is complying with the code and if it is considered necessary the MCA may undertake a verification visit.

### **3 Fast Boat Service**

The service provider is intending to commence the service between Hayle and St Ives on the 12<sup>th</sup> April. The service will be supported by a mini bus service to ensure that users can be returned to their start point when tidal conditions prevent boat operations. George Eustace has agreed to officially open the service on 3<sup>rd</sup> May and I have, as a matter of courtesy, invited the mayors of both Hayle and St Ives to attend.

### **4 Hayle Harbour Rentals**

Following the departure of Mr Owen Neal HHRL, the management and collection of estate rents is now being undertaken by HHAL

### **5 Wave Hub**

Seatricity Ltd. has expressed an interest in using Hayle and have asked the authority if a site is available close to the quay on which they can fabricate mooring blocks which will then be loaded onto one of their support vessels. The duration of the contract with Wave Hub is expected to last 2-3 months. I have discussed a few options with the company which are being considered and I am hopeful that Hayle will attract their business.

### **6 HFA**

The HFA have written to the authority requesting that their dues for 2014 be reduced or waived as many have not been able to fish and have lost gear as a result of the recent poor weather.

I have spoken to Andy Brigden the CC ports manager who has received similar requests, he advises me that it is unlikely that CC will waive dues and he will be directing fishermen to the Government scheme and to European Fisheries funding who are assisting. I have advised the Harbour Board who have instructed me to offer similar advice.

**7 Carnsew Sluice**

The requirement to reinstate the sluice gates as part of the South Quay planning was being progressed by Bowmer & Kirkland Ltd. under the Harbour Act, as harbour works, but the operation was stopped by the MMO who considered a licence was required and they should have been consulted. Following lengthy discussions with the legal advisors of the MMO it has been agreed that as the works fall within the jurisdiction of the authority a letter from HHAL to the contractors authorising the works was required. I have written to Simon Humphrey of BK authorising the works but have not as yet been advised of any response from the MMO.

**8 East Quay pontoons**

I submitted an application to FLAG last year for funding to provide a pontoon on East quay which will benefit the Hayle fishing fleet. On 28<sup>th</sup> March I received a phone call from the MMO informing me that my application for £140,000 grant funding had been successful and that the authority has two years in which to complete the project.

**9 Harbour Directions**

Following an amendment to the Marine Navigation Act 2013, harbour authorities may now, on application, be designated with the power to make harbour directions. As laid out in the attached guidance notes, the Process to designate harbour authorities requires a statutory instrument (the designation Order) to be made by the Secretary of State. The department of transport is seeking applications for a first round of harbour authorities to be issued with these powers in a designation Order.

The purpose of these powers is to provide a mechanism for the harbour authority to better regulate vessel movements within their harbours, to enhance safety and reduce risks associated with both commercial and leisure vessel operations. I am very much looking at the possibility of future Wave Hub operations from Hayle and the need to regulate those vessel operations which may create additional marine risks to existing and other users.

Harbour authorities seeking to be designated with powers of harbour direction must apply to the Department for Transport before June 2014 and express an application of interest before April 30<sup>th</sup> 2014

I have expressed an application of interest, but the process requires that I consult and obtain the approval of the harbour stakeholders prior to submitting a formal application therefore I am seeking approval from HHAC that I may proceed with an application on behalf of the harbour authority.

**10 Website**

The New Hayle Harbour Website link [www.hayleharbourauthority.com](http://www.hayleharbourauthority.com) is now up and running

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