



HARBOUR MASTERS REPORT TO HHAC April 2015

1 Operational report

January

- Local notice to mariners updated. Users informed of those which remain active
- Inspection of Aids to navigation completed
- Stones washed out of the base of the wall on North Quay
- Ladder inspections completed
- Life saving equipment inspected
- Contract from British gas received re meter fitting for South quay
- Timeline of the navigational channel completed
- NCI St Ives meeting Harbour Office
- A member of the public complained of sewerage off East Quay
- Cornishman requested interview re sewerage in the harbour
- UNESCO on site.

February

- Inspection of Aids to navigation completed
- Work commenced on the sluice tunnels / penstock gates
- Work commenced on the EA gate
- Life saving equipment inspected
- Ladder inspections completed
- British Gas on site to fit the feeder pillar meter for South Quay Lighting.
- Manufacture of the Harbour office windows completed
- Ordinance was found at low water in the estuary emergency services attended and the object was removed to a safe site for detonation by the bomb squad
- Ladder re-numbering South Quay
- Life rings ordered for South Quay
- Proposed schedule of rates sent to ING for approval.
- Slipway inspection completed
- Timeline of the navigational channel was not completed due to weather conditions

March

- Repair work to North Quay wall to replace washed out stone
- Mooring holders instructed they can return to their moorings on Penpol side of South Quay
- The anchors and weights that were used to secure the silt curtains have been left on the harbour bed in Carnsew creek. B&K contacted and instructed to remove them.
- Ladder inspections completed. Bolts on one East Quay ladder require tightening.
- Inspection of life saving equipment completed
- B&K removed rubble that had been left on the harbour bed from their sheet piling operation on South Quay.
- HM on Leave
- Minor pollution incident dealt with by the DHM

- EA & SWW put dye into the town drainage system (follow up to a pollution incident from the drainage system).
- Following complaints re pedestrian / vehicle separation, the lower quayside walkway has been closed to all vehicles other than the emergency services.
- NCI St Ives meeting Harbour Office
- Boulders have been placed at the access points on the upper pedestrian walkway following reports that vehicles have been seen driving along it.
- DHM on leave
- Report of broken glass on North Quay

HM Report

1 Raw sewerage Discharge

I have written to a business owner on East Quay as I have been made aware that a toilet on the premises discharges directly into the harbour therefore I have instructed the owner that it is not to be used and that alternative welfare arrangements should be made. The EA are aware of the problem and will conduct a site visit.

2 PMSC

The three yearly requirement to send written confirmation to the Marine and Coastguard agency that the authority remains compliant with the Port Marine Safety Code has been sent to the MCA by the chairman of the Harbour board.

3 Navigable Channel

Siltation in the channel has reduced the available depth to vessels and commercial fishermen have reported that this has restricted the time they can proceed to sea by 20 minutes. It would appear from monthly time line photography of the channel that the siltation has worsened since the sluice tunnels were dammed off, but I am hopeful the problem will be addressed when the tunnels are reopened.

4 Sluicing

A test sluice programmed for the 9th April has been postponed until early May the date of the trial has yet to be confirmed.

5 Trinity House

The annual inspection of Aids to Navigation will be undertaken on May 14th by the Inspector of seamarks Graham Proctor.

6 Moorings

A considerable amount of rubble left on the harbour bed from the South Quay development has caused a delay with the allocation of available moorings. The work to remove the stone has now been completed and the authority has given mooring holders who moved off the quay prior to the development, the opportunity to return to their old moorings. Once this process has been completed the waiting list will be addressed.

7 North Quay

Following reports from public and observations from daily patrols, both the DHM and I have to continually clean up broken glass from around the seating area on the quay. I have ordered an 1100ltr bin for the area in the hope this may help to reduce the problem.

There have also been reports from mooring holders of youths going onto vessels untying fenders and removing loose items such as deck scrubbers etc and also throwing gravel onto boats. The police have been informed and I am also hopeful that I will in the near future be able to increase our CCTV coverage of the harbour.

8 Pollution

In addition to the East quay sewerage problem earlier this year, there has been two further minor pollution incidents which appear to have come from an old pipe outlet in the quay wall. SWW have investigated, but I have not as yet been made aware of any findings.

9 Lelant Quay

I have been authorised to open Lelant quay for Harbour user parking which will generate additional income for the harbour. Llawncro Parking has been instructed to erect appropriate signage and install a pay and display machine. As soon as this has been completed the quay will be re-opened.

Peter Haddock
Harbour Master