

Harbour Masters Update

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1.0 Commercial Shipping

There have been no disruptions to the pilotage service during the reporting period. A few vessels each month continue to trade at Rye wharf.

2.0 Health & Safety - Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC)

Sinking of RML526 – The vessel has been abandoned, is unserviceable and is taking on water. HM deployed pumps to ascertain hull condition. Survey has been undertaken. Notice has been served - Contractors have been arranged to remove the vessel.

New regulations introduced by the MCA sees stricter safety requirements for fishers. They are encouraged to wear life jackets to sea unless the vessel has a documented risk assessment to show how the risk of drowning has been mitigated.

A helicopter rescue exercise has been planned with co operation from rye fishing, HM Coastguard MCA, and Bristows.

We continue to review our risk assessments in line with port marine safety code and guide to good practice.

OPRC – Oil Spill Response & Contingency planning

Every 3 years we are required to hold an incident management exercise with the next exercise occurring in 2019.

WMP - Waste Management Plan

HM has reviewed and MCA have revalidated our WMP which is now valid for 5 years. The plan includes additional bins at Simmons quay and an additional waste oil tank at the Admiralty jetty.

3.0 Maintenance, Repairs, Capital Works

RNLI Slipway Water Supply

The water supply at the top of the slipway has now been reinstated. The tap is covered and locked to prevent vandalism and unauthorised usage.

Navigation

A project to replace the western causeway sheet piling and base of No.2 light is now in place and has funding for this year. Following some internal delays the project has now been tendered and business case approved. The majority of the construction works will now likely slip into the next financial year.

Pontoon extension

We have funding to install an additional 80 meters of pontoons at the harbour road pontoon mooring site. The project will utilise the pontoons currently laying idle in the harbour masters car park. The pontoons will provide a temporary home for displaced fishing boats when the admiralty jetty rebuild is undertaken. Until then it will not be let to new users. Despite delays with the marine license, construction will commence week commencing 18th March 2019.

Admiralty Jetty

We have some funding available this financial year to commence design work for a replacement jetty. The current jetty is nearing the end of its design life (25years). Temporary repairs will be regularly monitored. A new jetty could cost in the region of 2.8million pounds.

Simmons Quay

Thanks to the fishermen at the quay who have been proactive in arranging the gear storage areas. Each vessel owner now has an equal share of the storage area which is being divided and appropriately demarked.

Strand Quay

A project to replace all wooden ladders with steel alternatives is in place and has received funding. The wooden fenders will be checked and replaced/fixed as required during the works. These works have now slipped into the next financial year.

4.0 Security

There has been a recent spate of thefts from vessels. Owners are requested to report anything unusual to the crime stoppers helpline or project kraken which is focused on marine related crime. I am reviewing our security risk assessment and the coverage of our cctv cameras. ⓧ

5.0 Byelaws renewal

A full review of the byelaws has been undertaken by EA legal and HM. We are still waiting for DEFRA to commence the process for permissions and publishing, this has been delayed by Brexit.