



CATTEWATER HARBOUR USERS GROUP

Monday 10th October 2022 – 1300 - 1500

Present:

Richard Allan	Harbour Master & CEO
Alan Nosworthy	Sailing Clubs
Steve Marshall	Commercial operator
Chris Treeby	Residents
Claire Baker	Leisure – Paddle sports
Richard Lerigo	Education & Moorings
Sue Dann	Councillor
James Balouza (Tors Froud)	Charter Boats Guest PCC

Apologies:

Ryan Bonney	Autonomy and Tech
Steve Philips	Valero
Chris Price	Marinas

Agenda

- Port Marine Safety Code – PMSC
- End of Year summary
- Environment
- Leisure
- Seasonal non motor lane feedback
- Commercial / Port future
- Input from user groups
- AOB

Actions from previous meeting

- It was previously asked who was used to conduct water testing. Ecospan was suggested to the members.
- Efforts are ongoing to identify the correct person at SWW re a warning system prior to storm discharges.



RA welcomed all to the Cattewater Harbour Users Group's (CHUG) final planned meeting of the year. All attendees introduced themselves, and gave a brief individual update to all present, on their specific areas. All experienced a busy summer season with increased water usage, events, and visitors to the waterfront.

- RA reviewed the incident list and expanded on incidents pertinent to the Cattewater. Incidents included sewage discharges during operations, Commercial traffic incidents and outcomes, as well as leisure incidents. The importance of reporting any incidents or near misses to either CHC or KHM was reiterated.
- Enforcement – a number of enforcement cases will be in court in the coming weeks for breaches of local regulations (Power Boats and PWC)
- RA gave an overview of Port performance including commercial and leisure statistics and compared them with previous years.
- End of year report, which was sent in advance to members was discussed.
- At the last meeting, due to a high number of near miss and incident reports in the waters off Oreston a risk was identified, under PMSC this was assessed and it was agreed to install a 'non-motorised lane' adjacent to the quay wall to the South. It was agreed that the trial would be reviewed at the end of the season when withdrawn (closing of the PLNTM)

Incidents and Near miss reports were minimal from Oreston this year, HM understands that not all are reported, but as per data the reduction is a positive.

CHC asked for public feedback to the lane, to take into the CHUG to discuss.

37 comments were received. Three were discounted due to the reason being against was to undertake an action that may be harmful to the environment and could not be supported by the SHA. Guidance from the RYA, EA and TECF biodiversity (invasive species) plan was provided.

76% of the feedback was positive, 24% was negative (note negative feedback also included areas outside of the SHA responsibilities such as PCC or D&C issues)

Negative feedback was shared with the CHUG and discussed at depth. The overriding opinion was positive, and it was agreed to install next year, considering some of the feedback.

- Buoys to have a small sign on explaining the purpose
- Stringers to be removed

A note of thanks was passed to CHC staff member Emma who has overseen this initiative and will take this forward.

A lot of comments were raised re the unsafe usage and the lack of management of the slipway, as well as the use of locks on the top of the ladders over the quay wall. These points have been forwarded to PCC.

Port Master Plan

Harbour Master gave an overview of Port operations and maritime trends such as ship sizes, changes in cargo etc. HM showed a presentation outlining the berths within the port and how they haven't changed for decades.

Due to the Port being limited on space and berthing due to a lack of investment historically the port now finds itself in the situation where we are losing considerable custom and tonnage to other ports who have invested in infrastructure.

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For the port to continue, and face the changes in the markets successfully, such as the loss of liquid cargoes and the explosion of FLOW around the South West a port masterplan will be put together and consulted on in the coming year, to which we would expect members to participate in, as well as stakeholders and the public.

On completion of the meeting CHUG members were invited to join a Harbour Tour afloat for Port users and the public as part of maritime week.

Date of next meeting TBC