



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HARBOUR SAFETY COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY  
10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE HARBOUR OFFICE OF  
POOLE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Brian Murphy	HM, Poole Harbour Commissioners
	Jim Stewart	CX, Poole Harbour Commissioners
	Richard Lacey	Chairman, Poole Harbour Commissioners
	Malcolm Bradshaw	Poole Harbour Commissioners
	Sally Davis	Poole Yachting Association
	Jacky Hardy	North Haven Yacht Club
	Jane Latham	Lathams Boatyard
	Paul Harris -	Royal Motor Yacht Club
	Peter Clark -	North Haven Yacht Club
	James Sydenham -	Salterns Boatyard
	Alan Jones -	Brittany Ferries
	Fran Collins	Condor Ferries
	Colin Stewart -	Lilliput Sailing Club
	Elly Briggs -	British Kite Board Association
	Ivor Graham -	
	Emily Greenslade -	Offshore Performance
	Peter Biggs -	Parkstone Yacht Club

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**1. APOLOGIES**

There were apologies from Ian Davies, Poole Harbour Commissioners, Sally Jeans, Poole Yachting Association, Andy Corbin, Dorset Marine Police, Ann Hollingworth, Redclyffe Yacht Club, Paul Wood, East Dorset Sailing Club, Jane Latham, Lathams Boatyard, Dick Linford, Parkstone Yacht Club, Peter Stanaway, Rockley Cruising Club, Fran Collins, Condor Ferries, John Yonwin, Peter Jacobs, Poole Rowing Club, Royal Marines & RNLI.

**2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2010 were approved.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

Brian Murphy confirmed that several new members had been invited but not all were present for the meeting. He advised that he would follow this up by letter or email.

**ACTION - BRIAN MURPHY**

Sally Davis confirmed that she was happy that the Monthly Marine Safety Report was now on the home page of the PHC website.

Brian Murphy confirmed that a sub group of the PYA had been formed and consultation was on-going to revise the criteria for yacht and dinghy racing in Poole Harbour.

#### 4. HARBOUR MASTER - SAFETY UPDATE

Brian Murphy gave a short presentation on complaints and incidents which had occurred during October 2010 to March 2011. He confirmed that there were no court cases and only 11 incidents during this period. He confirmed that in April 2011 alone there had been 26 incidents of which 10 were speeding and vessels running the red lights at Poole Bridge. He reiterated that further education was essential.

Brian Murphy reported that further to the publication of the Kite-Surfing Code of Conduct, further talks with training schools regarding licencing and the setting up of a Kite-Surfing Club are continuing. The aim is for compulsory membership if using Poole Harbour. Brian Murphy advised that this will ensure third party insurance and keep some control over numbers and training standards. Consultation with the Borough of Poole is on-going. Brian Murphy confirmed that Elly Briggs of the British Kite Surfing Association was in attendance at the meeting. He further confirmed that a number of incidents with kite surfers had been brought to his attention. Elly Briggs advised that she would send Brian Murphy a copy of the log for his information.

Brian Murphy advised that jet skiing was an on-going issue with a small minority causing problems within the harbour.

Emily Greenslade raised her concerns that not all jet skis in the harbour were being checked for the correct permits. Brian Murphy confirmed that he would look into this. **Post Note: Memo sent to patrol staff.**

#### **ACTION - BRIAN MURPHY**

Malcolm Bradshaw raised his concerns that Whitley Lake was becoming increasingly popular with kite surfing users and could cause damage within this area. Brian Murphy advised that once the Harbour Revision Order was passed by the Department for Transport, Poole Harbour Commissioners would have power of general directions and this would enable them to provide proper zoning for this activity. A discussion ensued regarding paddle boarding and kayaking in the harbour.

#### 5. EVENTS

Brian Murphy confirmed that the Bournemouth Air Show would take place between the 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> August 2011. He further confirmed that this would require careful co-ordination regarding the volume of traffic through the new bridge site and Poole Bridge.

James Sydenham advised that Poole Afloat is taking place on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2011.



6. **RISK ASSESSMENTS**

Brian Murphy requested sight of all risk assessments. He confirmed that he had still not received one from Poole Yachting Association. **Post Note: now received.**

Brian Murphy advised that if Race Officers are unable to contact Harbour Control by telephone, then use VHF Channel 14 as stated in the Guidance for Race Officers. It was suggested that Race Officers should advise Harbour Control when racing is completed. This will be proposed as an addition to the racing criteria for consultation.

There had been two recent external audits, one Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation Audit and the second for Port Marine Safety Code Compliance. PHC were found to be fully compliant in both.

Brian Murphy advised that PHC had taken part in a pilot study to look at marine accidents and incidents which would produce a bench mark for Harbour Authorities. He confirmed that this study would be presented to the PHC Board in May before being available on the PHC website.

7. **BRIDGE UPDATE**

Brian Murphy advised that a Working Group has been established to consult on bridge sequencing and timetables, which have now been agreed for the summer peak times and construction phase when twin sails site is reduced to 19m navigable channel, controlled by IALA lights. Brian Murphy then gave a presentation on the sequences and timetables.

Brian Murphy further advised that another working group to consult on Training of Bridge Operators had been formed and a training programme syllabus has been approved.

Brian Murphy confirmed that the bridges operation will have its own dedicated VHF channel yet to be confirmed. (Would be a simplex channel).

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Brian Murphy reported on the recent Sunseeker fire which occurred on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011. He confirmed that PHC staff had reacted very quickly with all agencies working well together. He advised that security had been excellent and the Marine Coastguard Agency had been advised.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at 2.00 p.m.