



**Minutes of a meeting of the BOATYARDS & MOORING CONTRACTORS held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 1500 hours in the Board Room of the HARBOUR OFFICE OF POOLE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Brian Murphy – (BM)	HM, Poole Harbour Commissioners
	Ian Bishop –	Poole Harbour Commissioners
	Warren Pym -	Poole Harbour Commissioners
	Jim Stewart - (JS)	CEO, Poole Harbour Commissioners
	Rob Brackstone -	Lilliput Sailing Club
	Stuart Rawlinson -	Parkstone Bay Marina
	Tracie Shroder -	Dorset Lake Shipyard
	Dave Wilson -	MDL Limited
	John Stevenson -	Stevensons Moorings
	Simon Firth -	Sunseekers International
	Mike Carter -	Sunseekers International
	Terry Morris -	Shell Bay Marine
	Kate Nicolet -	Shell Bay Marine
	Jem Mills -	Sandbanks Boatyard & Marina
	Karen Pope -	Sandbanks Yacht Company
	Lorraine Murdoch -	Davis's Boatyard
	Sonjia Maidment -	Davis's Boatyard
	Ray Saunders -	Anvil Yacht Charters
	Jacqui Pethen -	Ridge Wharf Yacht Centre
	Rod Jenkins -	Jenkins Marine
	Dan Jenkins -	Jenkins Marine
	Andrew Clarke -	Rockley Boat Services

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

Brian Murphy, Harbour Master thanked everyone present for attending the meeting. He asked those present to introduce themselves around the table.

**2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Captain **Brian Murphy** (BM) was elected Chairman for the meeting.

**3. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from John Binder (PHC), Sally Porter (PHC) and James Sydenham (Salterns Marina).

**4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2009 were approved.

**5. MATTERS ARISING**

BM confirmed that a Local Notice to Mariners had been promulgated regarding lifting the speed limit within the harbour, to emphasise that this is only applicable in the main channels and not through the harbour entrance.



## 6. 2010/2011 CHARGES

BM confirmed that the board had approved the 2010/2011 charges. He advised that harbour dues would be 2% above RPI with the intention of increasing by RPI plus 2% for a further three years, which was agreed two years previously. He confirmed that as RPI was - 1.3% the annual increase would be 0.7%. BM confirmed that the increase would also apply to Mooring Licence Fees whether private or block holder. He also confirmed that negotiations would be held with Crown Estate shortly with a view to keeping the increases as low as possible. **Jim Stewart (PHC)(JS)** advised that it was hoped that negotiations would be completed by the end of November. BM confirmed that Poole Quay berth charges would be increasing by 6%. He further advised that charges will be published prior to next season and a copy will be sent out with the minutes of the meeting.

## 7. HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT

### o Poole Second Bridge/Holes Bay Moorings

BM confirmed that tender documents have gone out and have to be returned by the end of this month. There will be a tender assessment process assuming within budget then the successful contractor will be announced in December/January with official sound off by DfT and local council. It is hopeful work on site will commence February 2010. Preliminary works have commenced with site clearance and translocation of reptiles completed. First phase of dredge work completed and relocation of moorings has commenced and mooring equipment procured. Consultation between block holder and the Borough of Poole is ongoing.

### o Mooring Maintenance

The introduction of self-certification on mooring servicing has been a positive step forward, to hopefully ensure that the standard of moorings in the harbour is improved and maintained. BM advised his concerns regarding the worrying trend of vessels coming adrift from the moorings. After investigation it has always been as a result of faulty or inadequate top gear. BM requested that block holders remind their clients to inspect their top gear and replace or repair as required.

### o Safety Record

BM confirmed that since the last meeting the safety record has continued to be very good especially when you consider the volume of leisure craft in the summer months. He had tabled a graph for all member and confirmed that this would be produced for every meeting in future. BM advised that a Harbour Safety meeting had been held on the 19<sup>th</sup> October where leisure and commercial users had met around the table to discuss safety issues in the harbour. He also confirmed that attendees had included Royal Marines/MCA/RNLI/yacht clubs and boatyards.

BM requested that clubs take more responsibility for their members' poor seamanship and dangerous navigation. Parkstone Yacht Club and Poole Yacht Club both confirmed that they were already proactive. A full discussion ensued regarding unoccupied moorings being used illegally and the problems this was causing. BM stated that this was a problem for the block holder and not PHC although he offered to assist by letter writing or tasking patrol vessels if available.



BM confirmed that following recent meetings with the Royal Marines, an amended Memorandum of Understanding had greatly improved communication. BM advised that investigations on three incidents were ongoing but none of these involved excessive speeding.

Concerns were raised from members regarding safety issues around the dates of the Bournemouth Air Show in August. BM confirmed that Pip Hall of the MCA had brought various issues up at the Harbour Safety Meeting where he had advised that 930 vessels had been counted between the piers with 95% of vessels having more than six persons on board. BM confirmed that no log entries had been made with Harbour Control but up to 250 calls had been received. He further advised that Pip Hall had confirmed that a diver would be available in future to clear entangled propellers and two mechanics would also be available to assist as necessary. This will hopefully ensure that the all weather lifeboat will be on station and not utilised as a towage vessel. BM confirmed that next year a Local Notice to Mariners would be promulgated, extra patrol vessels will be at the harbour entrance and the possibility of extra bridge lifts will be discussed at a future Bridges Operating Board meeting.

Concerns were raised from members regarding safety issues surrounding the fireworks held first in Bournemouth and subsequently Sandbanks during the air show. BM confirmed that this was out of his jurisdiction but he would discuss this issue further with the MCA and local Councils.

○ **HRO and Byelaw-up-date**

JS updated the members on the Harbour Revision Order which would consolidate legislation. He reported that there were no official objections and it was hoped that the Department for Transport would resolve and approve this in the New Year.

JS advised that PHC would start preparing a port master plan in early 2010. He further advised that this would involve stakeholder consultation and would take at least a year to complete the plan.

JS reported that the Department had recently issued a new set of Trust Port Guidelines for Transport. He further reported that PHC were already complying with 95% of these guidelines but the PHC board would be meeting shortly to discuss the new guidelines.

BM advised that the two pending byelaws would not be progressed until the construction of the second bridge had started. He advised that the first byelaw drafted by Poole Borough Council would be relating to swimming and diving between the bridges and the second drafted by PHC for contravening the proposed IALA marine traffic signals.

Concerns were raised from members regarding the marine knowledge of the existing bridge operators. After discussion BM confirmed that the Bridges Operating Board were in the process of preparing a minimum standard of knowledge required for the 'Basin Master' when the second bridge is in operation. BM also advised that Poole Harbour Control Officers and Poole Council Bridge Operators were in the process of visiting each control room to understand the job description of each position relating to the bridge. BM advised that many issues were already being discussed at the Bridges Operating Board meetings where he was Chairman.

He asked members to email any concerns regarding both bridges to BOB members. Minutes of the BOB meetings can be found on the PHC website [www.phc.co.uk](http://www.phc.co.uk)



**8. ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

BM reminded everyone that two areas of eelgrass adjacent to the North Channel have been designated a sensitive area and will be marked accordingly. Buoy equipment has been procured and will be placed in readiness for next season. Local Notice to Mariners will be promulgated at that time. BM advised that the Marine Bill was to receive royal ascent this month.

**9. SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT UP DATE**

BM reminded that the first in-harbour sediment disposal trial of 10,000 cubic metres was successful. This was completed over a four month period, and a full report has been sent to the MFA and placed on the PHC website with no come backs from any statutory authority. Approximately 20,000 cubic metres will be disposed during 2009, as yet monitoring shows no adverse effect. It is hoped that in-harbour disposal can proceed in the near future from other sources within the harbour i.e. Parkstone Bay Marina, Rockley etc., This would be subject to MFA approval.

Licensing of disposal will be taken over next year by the Marine Management Organisation (MMO). It is likely that there will be delay in consent for the short term but in the long term a result in improved performance.

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Parkstone Bay Marina – Parkstone Bay had recently experienced break ins. BM confirmed that the Police should be contact in the first instance and that Harbour Control would assist with CCTV equipment where possible.

Davis's Boatyard – Stakes were still protruding. BM confirmed that this was on the work list and would be dealt with during suitable tides.

Sunseeeker – Speeding along West Quay Road was causing considerable wash. BM requested that Harbour Control be alerted immediately. Photographic evidence and any other information would assist in enforcement.

Lilliput Sailing Club – Silting in North Channel. BM confirmed that surveying was regularly undertaken but dredging was not carried out in mooring areas.

BM advised that a letter would be sent out shortly regarding the differential levy for un-occupied moorings for the period April 2009 to March 2010.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 2.30 p.m.