



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOATYARDS & MOORING CONTRACTORS HELD ON TUESDAY 13TH APRIL 2010 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE HARBOUR OFFICE OF POOLE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT:	Brian Murphy -	HM, Poole Harbour Commissioners
	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 Emery -	Sandbanks Yacht Company
	Ray Saunders -	Anvil Yacht Charters
	Jacqui Pethen -	Ridge Wharf Yacht Centre
	Rod Jenkins -	Jenkins Marine
	Dan Jenkins -	Jenkins Marine
	Andrew Clarke -	Rockley Boat Services
	Martin Simms	Parkstone Yacht Club
	Charlie Chapman	Parkstone Yacht Club
	Simon Chalk	Salterns Boatyard
	James Sydenham	Salterns Boatyard

1. INTRODUCTION

Brian Murphy, Harbour Master thanked everyone present for attending the meeting.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Captain Brian Murphy was elected Chairman for the meeting.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from John Binder (PHC), Sally Porter (PHC), Jim Stewart (PHC), Warren Pym (PHC), Rob Brackstone (Lilliput Sailing Club), Stuart Rawlinson (Parkstone Bay Marina), Tracie Shroder (Dorset Lake Shipyard), Dave Wilson (MDL Limited), Lorraine Murdoch (Davis's Boatyard), Sonjia Maidment (Davis's Boatyard) & Robin Culpan (Dorset Lake Shipyard).

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20th October 2009 were approved.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Brian Murphy confirmed that after successful negotiation with Crown Estate the rate will remain unchanged for this year. He further confirmed that there will be a ten year agreement with annual RPI by Oct RPI figures, and the increase will be upwards only rounded to the nearest pound.



Brian Murphy advised that members would have received letters reminding them that there will be a charge to block holders who have had unoccupied moorings over and above the 10% allowance. He further advised that two years have passed since this introduction which may mean that some moorings not being occupied will be asked to be removed and licences will be adjusted accordingly.

Brian Murphy confirmed that following the complaint from Davis's Boatyard, the protruding stakes have been dealt with.

6. HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT

Brian Murphy tabled a paper showing incidents for Oct 09/Mar 10. He confirmed that this paper would be tabled at every meeting. He advised that the safety record had been very good which was to be expected for this time of year.

Brian Murphy advised that a revised Memorandum of Understanding had been promulgated for the Royal Marines and this was working well regarding communication.

Brian Murphy advised that due to the unfortunate demise of the 'Barfleur' major restructuring had taken place within Poole Harbour Commissioners. He confirmed that this had resulted in a number of voluntary and compulsory redundancies within the organisation. He advised that the restructuring had left a leaner HM Department which now consisted of two teams of six members who will cover all eventualities. He further confirmed that his staff were all very positive and keen to move forward. Brian Murphy also advised that he had lost his PA in the restructuring process and any queries should now be made via Annie Willats who would take over the role of his PA or Helen Birch, Moorings Administrator.

James Sydenham (SB) asked if a contact list could be sent of who is who within the HM Dept. Brian Murphy confirmed that this would be done.

ACTION - BRIAN MURPHY

Brian Murphy confirmed that approval for the second bridge has now been signed off by the Department for Transport and a contractor has been selected by the Borough of Poole. He further confirmed that it was envisaged that work would commence within the next two months.

Brian Murphy advised that as mentioned at the last meeting, preliminary works have been ongoing with site clearance and translocation of reptiles completed. He further advised that the first phase of dredging had been completed with the second phase commencing in August. Brian Murphy reported that relocation of moorings is now complete after a successful consultation process with affected mooring licence holders. He further reported that pile moorings have yet to be removed but will be one of the first tasks the contractor will undertake.



Brian Murphy advised that a major concern is how the traffic will be controlled through a temporary channel during the construction phase lasting four months from June to September. Brian Murphy advised that he had met with the contractor during the month when this work had been discussed in greater detail. He advised that he was very keen to put the right control measures in place. He further advised that the contractor has been tasked to provide a risk assessment which will be brought to the Bridges Operating Board. Brian Murphy advised that these minutes will eventually be shown on the PHC website.

Brian Murphy reported that the introduction of self certification on mooring servicing has been a positive step forward in ensuring that the standard of moorings in the harbour is improved. He further reported that due to staff restructuring the PHC mooring maintenance service may not be available next year. Existing clients will be given sufficient notice.

Brian Murphy advised that there has been a worrying trend of vessels coming adrift from their moorings which ultimately seems to be as a result of faulty or improper top gear. He advised members that boat owners using their own top gear should be reminded to inspect them regularly and replace as required.

Brian Murphy reported that a Local Notice to Mariners (06/2010) had been issued on the 16th March reminding Harbour Users of speed limit Byelaw 2aa.

Brian Murphy advised that the Marine & Coastal Access Bill had now been passed. He further advised that a coastal access right to roam will probably not apply around the Harbour perimeter and that the first pedestrian access point (Sandbanks Chain Ferry) will likely apply.

Brian Murphy advised that the IFC (Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authorities) will replace SSFD (Southern Sea Fisheries District Committee) and hopefully will be better resourced.

Brian Murphy advised that the Assistant Harbour Master was working on a Code of Practice for the Kite Surfing fraternity in Poole Harbour.

Terry Morris (SBM) advised that he had been experiencing problems involving vandalism to his moorings. He asked if PHC could assist in this matter and if the Harbour Dues stickers could be larger. Brian Murphy advised that he was sorry that TM was experiencing these problems but as a Licence Holder this unfortunately would be his responsibility and as a criminal issue should be passed to the Marine Police. Brian Murphy also advised that the PHC Harbour Stickers were one of the largest in the UK. He further advised that Harbour Control hold a data base on the majority of vessels in Poole Harbour and therefore information can be made available to the Police to aid investigation.



7. **HRO & Byelaw Update**

Brian Murphy advised that the HRO was still awaiting approval from the Department for Transport. He further advised that HRO's and licensing issues are now being dealt with by the newly formed Marine Maritime Organisation (MMO). He further advised that there were two ongoing byelaws, one regarding no swimming or diving between the bridges and the other to enforce correct use at new IALLA lights for marine traffic. A discussion followed on the sequences of the two bridges. Brian Murphy advised that this would have to be carefully managed and would also be down to education. A discussion ensued regarding wash through Poole Bridge, Brian Murphy advised that it was hoped that issues such as these could be covered by power of general directions under the new HRO.

8. **ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

Brian Murphy advised that there was a reduction in environmental incidents. He also confirmed that the Environmental Adviser would be taking voluntary redundancy and her role would be taken over by other members of PHC staff.

Brian Murphy advised that two areas of Eelgrass adjacent to the North Channel have now been marked using yellow buoys. He passed round a leaflet for all members.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Ray Saunders (AY) asked if it would be possible for Recreational Charges to be published in October/November. Brian Murphy advised that he would look at publishing these in November.

ACTION - BRIAN MURPHY

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 12th October 2010 at 2.30 p.m.