



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HARBOUR SAFETY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
12TH APRIL 2010 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE HARBOUR OFFICE
OF POOLE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS**

PRESENT:	Brian Murphy	HM, Poole Harbour Commissioners
	Ian Cookson	Poole Harbour Commissioners
	Peter Burt	Poole Harbour Commissioners
	Sally Davis	Poole Yachting Association
	Sally Jeans -	Poole Yachting Association
	Paul Harris -	Royal Motor Yacht Club
	Peter Clark -	North Haven Yacht Club
	Martin Pearson	Parkstone Yacht Club
	Peter Stanaway	Rockley Cruising Club
	James Sydenham -	Salterns Boatyard
	Jo Bussell -	Brittany Ferries
	Fran Collins	Condor Ferries
	Kevin Walters -	Blue Line Cruises
	Colin Stewart -	Lilliput Sailing Club
	John Yonwin	Poole Yacht Club

1. INTRODUCTION

Brian Murphy welcomed everyone to the meeting. He confirmed that this was the third meeting for the Harbour Safety Committee and would give everyone present the chance to talk about any issues or concerns.

2. APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Nick Holland, Dorset Lake Shipyard, Laurie Thornton Grimes, Poole Yacht Club, Joseph Lambert, Dorset Cruises, Major Neil Wraith, Royal Marines, Paul Wood, East Dorset Sailing Club, Pip Hall, MCA & John Guess, Lilliput Sailing Club.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2010 were approved.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Brian Murphy advised that only one risk assessment had been received from North Haven. Sally Davis confirmed that the remaining risk assessments would be sent next week.

ACTION - SALLY DAVIS

Brian Murphy confirmed that investigations pertaining to the Royal Marines had now been completed. He confirmed that he was satisfied with the reports which were thorough and detailed and which the RM had taken very seriously.

Brian Murphy advised that the ferry schedules would not be published on the PHC website as these could frequently change. He further advised that members should contact Harbour Control for information. Jo Bussell (BF) advised that the schedules could be viewed on the Brittany Ferries' freight website which were updated regularly. Fran Collins (Condor) also advised that Condor schedules could be viewed on the Condor website.

Brian Murphy advised that after consultation with Brittany Ferries' Masters it was agreed that sounding the horn was only necessary as per colregs.

Brian Murphy reported that there were no significant changes to chains on the Sandbanks Chain Ferry after replacement. Kevin Walters (BLC) advised that on certain occasions the black ball was still showing in the 'up' position while loading. Brian Murphy confirmed that he would look into this.

ACTION - BRIAN MURPHY

5. RACE EVENTS

Sally Davis (PYA) passed around the table to all members a list of race events for 2010.

Martin Pearson (PYC) confirmed that the International Paint Regatta would be held during 29th, 30th & 31st May. He confirmed that up to 200 yachts would visit Poole that weekend. Brian Murphy requested that Harbour Control be contacted as to the number of yachts involved each of the days.

ACTION - MARTIN PEARSON

Ian Cookson advised that Harbour Control need to know when race events were going to be held as there were a few incidents in 2009 when this was not adhered to. Brian Murphy advised that Harbour Control can always be contacted on Channel 14 or via the telephone (01202 440230)

ACTION - Martin Pearson/Harbour Control

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Nothing to report

7. INCIDENTS

Brian Murphy confirmed that since the last meeting the safety record had been very good which was to be expected for this time of year. He showed a slide of comparisons for March 09/Sep 09 and Oct 09/Mar 10. Brian Murphy also tabled a list of incidents for Oct 09/Mar 10 which he talked through to the members. He reminded all members that Clubs need to be more proactive when it comes to safety. Brian Murphy confirmed that a Monthly Marine Safety Report is also given to the PHC Board. Ian Cookson (PHC) advised that the speeding figure as tabled gave a false impression as it was not always possible to identify vessels from CCTV footage.

Brian Murphy advised that a Code of Practice and possibly scheme permit was being formulated for kite surfers in Poole Harbour.

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

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.

Brian Murphy asked members how Clubs deal with incidents as he never received reports from Clubs. He reminded members that serious incidents need to be passed to the MAIB. James Sydenham (SM) asked what procedures would be in place to assist a sinking vessel. Brian Murphy confirmed that he would always have a team of men in place should the incident involve pollution or safety of navigation.

8. **EXERCISES (BLOCKED GATE)**

Brian Murphy confirmed that the exercise Blocked Gate had been cancelled for a second time due to bad weather.

POST NOTE: Exercise re-scheduled for November 2010 – date to confirm

9 **POOLE SECOND BRIDGE**

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.

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 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).

Brian Murphy advised that since the last meeting there has been a reduction in environmental incidents. He further 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.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Fran Collins (Condor) confirmed that a number of sailings had been changed for the Condor Express. She further confirmed that the vessel would be coming in slightly later at 11.30 p.m. Fran Collins advised that these changes would be on the Condor website.

Brian Murphy again reiterated the importance of visits to Condor, Brittany Ferries and Harbour Control.

Brian Murphy advised that he was looking at the possibility of online payment of Harbour Dues. A question was raised regarding the need to see the Harbour Master's report on the PHC website. Brian Murphy confirmed that in due course the Monthly Marine Safety Report would be downloaded every month on the PHC website.

ACTION - BRIAN MURPHY/ANNIE WILLATS

Brian Murphy asked if there were any other organisations that should be included in the distribution list for the Harbour Safety Meeting. After discussion the following were agreed upon.

Fishing (Ian Davies or Phil Higgins)
Marine Police
Charter Skippers



ACTION - BRIAN MURPHY/ANNIE WILLATS

Brian Murphy thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Date of next meeting - Tuesday 19th October 2010 at 2.00 p.m.