



Autumn Newsletter 2013

Welcome to autumn 2013 edition of the Littlehampton Harbour newsletter! I hope that you find the following information both informative and interesting.

Billy Johnson
Harbour Master

HARBOUR ENTRANCE AND SURVEYS

We understand the importance in maintaining depths of water at the harbour entrance and tackling the effects of long shore drift. In conjunction with Lafarge Tarmac we removed 2000 tonnes of shingle off the shoal bank and with the EAs help have increased the size of the west beach groyne. We have also recently purchased extremely accurate survey equipment in order to measure levels within the harbour to 1cm degree of accuracy. The EA will look to undertake the annual shingle recycling process from November which involves moving shingle from the west works and adjacent beach area back to Clymping.



COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC

2013 has been a record breaking year for the port. After adapting the pilotage directions we are now handling the longest ships ever. Islay Trader made her maiden call on Bank Holiday Monday 26th August with hundreds of spectators. The vessel has returned since importing almost double the cargo of the

standard size vessels such as the Swift. Having made these changes to the pilotage directions we are now also in a better position to ensure the safety of passenger vessels, workboats and commercial vessels using the harbour.



KILL CORDS

Following the recent and tragic RIB incident in Padstow the MCA, RYA and local harbour authorities are raising the awareness of the importance of wearing a properly fitted Kill Cord. For more information visit www.rya.org.uk



EAST BANK FLOOD DEFENCE SCHEME

The £14.5m scheme will commence at the end of October to bring Littlehampton's tidal flood defences up to the 300 year standard. Inevitably there will be a certain amount of disruption throughout the port during this time. All mariners are requested to bear with us, maintain a good look out and monitor VHF Ch 71 and 16.

TOWN QUAY CLOSED

During the Environment Agency flood defence works the Town Quay is closed to visiting craft until Spring 2014.

INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS

The LHB have commissioned an in depth survey of all the LHB owned infrastructure in the harbour entrance in order to develop a long term maintenance plan to ensure the longevity of these structures. Specific works will commence in 2014 in preserving the West Works and LHB infrastructure.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

The Lighthouse light has been upgraded to a LED lantern on a light sensor vastly improving its visibility and efficiency. The east pier front



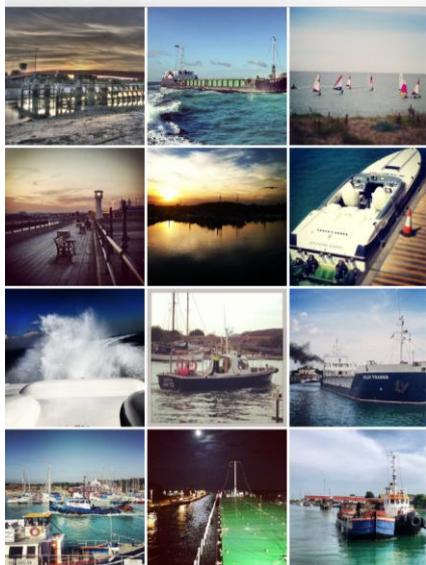
transit light has also been upgraded to an LED lantern and fitted with an improved dayshape to aid those using the transit by day. Additional AtoN will be installed along the narrows during the food defence works.

SOCIAL MEDIA (#Littlehamptonharbour)

We want to hear from you! Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, Instagram and all the other types of Social Networking websites. If you wish to receive the most up to date information and local notice to mariners let us have your email address or visit our website www.littlehampton.org.uk.



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SAFETY STAKEHOLDER GROUP

The safety group meets twice a year, most recently at the start of October, with businesses, clubs and other organisations on the river represented. The meeting is a relaxed forum to give all parties the opportunity to comment and provide feedback. If you have any ideas or questions for the next meeting in April please contact the Harbour Office.

HARBOUR REVISION ORDER (HRO)

It is hoped the HRO will update the very old bylaws and enable harbour patrol staff and the harbour master to enforce current and up to date port legislation.

6 ½ KNOTS NO WASH

The speed limit in the harbour is 6 ½ knots and the limits extend to 50 feet south of the west pier at the harbour entrance. In order to reduce damage to moored craft vessel owners are reminded to respect the request for no wash.

PONTOON SAFETY

The winter is coming and pontoons can be hazardous places. Ensure the pontoon has sufficient gripping, place grit on the pontoons and generally take care when on them. Escape ladders have been fitted to the LHB moorings to provide all harbour users the security that if you do fall in you will be able to get back out. Contact the harbour office for further advice or guidance.

ARUNDEL BOAT TRIPS

We welcomed the arrival of 'The Belle' in August as part of the Arundel festival. After being a huge success throughout the summer the owners have decided to winter in Littlehampton to undertake maintenance and make plans for 2014.

BOAT AND EQUIPMENT THEFTS

During 2013 to date the Harbour has seen a spate of vandalism on moored craft. Boat owners are reminded to ensure their craft is locked and secure at all times. All incidents are to be reported direct to the Harbour Office and Sussex Police by dialling 101 and mentioning Project Kraken.

WATERFRONT FESTIVAL

Sunday 27th July 2014, various visiting vessels, activities and general fun for all the family. There could even be a few surprises this year!

