



**Sovereign Harbour Berth-holders' Association**  
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## **Changes afoot for the North!**

**The New Year will usher in a season of change for the NW area of the harbour with the facilities about to experience a total makeover.**



The Association's newest harbour rep got cracking by collecting evidence for us and along with a visit from the new Client Experience Director the showers and toilets were deemed in need of serious improvements.

The ventilation units should have been replaced by now but once quotes and contracts have been sorted the total makeover and upgrade will start. The aim is to have the block ready for use by Easter.

The banging door which was enough to shake the building will also be replaced as part of the project.

December also saw the start of a new improved contract for the cleaning of the area. Not only has more time been allocated per cleaning session but the specification has been upgraded and will, along with other improvements, also now include a monthly use of the floor scrubber machine.

Mike Hatch, the temporary Manager from Port Solent was also involved in discussion about other areas of the North Harbour and we are pleased to report that after continued pressure, and the marina then being let down by a contractor, the lighting in the bin area will be finally sorted out. This project will also include an improvement to the blue cable that runs through the water to provide electricity for this light.

Other lighting problems that we highlighted have resulted in a check list of the bollards. This will be monitored by the lock keepers on their nightly walks. Additional lighting is also being provided on NF/NG pontoon and also the charter pontoon to improve the H&S aspects of this issue.

To prevent unauthorised access via the hoist bay a new gate was installed. It is still too easy to circumvent this and so some extra bars and screening will be added.



During Mike's time in Eastbourne we discussed many other aspects of the Marina and in the handover meeting with Dan Heckford, who has taken the helm again, it was agreed to colour code the summary of the preceding meetings. Red being urgent, yellow meaning of high importance and green meaning to be done as soon as possible.

**In summary the following items/areas of concern have been coded red**

- Lighting in the main car park (new LED system to be implemented)
- The new bollards to warn of the overhanging structure in the same carpark to have more reflective tape
- The bin emptying contract to be monitored in detail
- A bin washing programme to commence immediately
- The floating bin pontoon in the NE of the Harbour to be upgraded.
- The surface by the side door of the shed to be improved.

- A walkway from the back gate of the yard to be identified (and fob access to be provided at the earliest opportunity)
- Easily seen identification of all escape ladders to be introduced.

**The following have been placed in the yellow category**

- A monitoring of all areas scheme introduced (Staff have been allocated 'Rep' responsibilities.....each having an area to check against a list on a regular basis)
- Litter in the Boardwalk carpark (a machine that sweeps 7x faster than humans has been hired on trial for this and other areas such as the yard with a view to purchase)
- The power supply to G pontoon. K has already been replaced and G is being monitored for faults in the main cable. The new Metamacs system to replace electric cards will be coming shortly (initially in the central but also to a place near you!) The cable will be replaced before this happens.
- The weeds and Pampas grass along the disabled path in the west will be dealt with
- The windows which are impossible to open/close in the west facilities will be checked and replaced if necessary
- Lockers for boat owners to use whilst their boats are in the yard are being given serious consideration
- More bird scarer kites to be installed (alongside the continued use of a loudhailer)
- CCTV provision to be improved

**The following have been placed in the green category**

- Some road markings need re lining
- Oil bund signage to be improved
- Contract information to be more transparent and notified in a timely fashion
- An induction programme for berth holders new to Sovereign Harbour to be introduced (use of radio, locking procedures etc)



We are pleased to report that:

- The improved cleaning contract mentioned above has been rolled out in all facilities blocks.
- Work continues with the Hamilton Quay leakage problem which causes lime drips in the carpark below. The flats' management company have an enormous project of replacing the concrete after laying a non-pervious layer of very special material. (Hence the taped off area of the main carpark which will be used as a short term storage area)
- New bike racks have been provided for the West and North harbours
- The cable ties have been removed from the fencing on the lock areas and replaced with proper fittings (just in time for the next batch of work!!)
- A scheme using the west harbour carpark for parents to park safely at drop off and collection times for the Haven School has been agreed and is currently being trialled.

**This is only a summary! Your committee are working hard for you.** In addition to trying to provide the best possible facilities the team also arranged social events.....

### **Do-It-Yourself Bar B Q (Saturday 27 August 2016)**

It was back by popular demand!



Another successful Berth Holders BBQ with around 70 coming to cook their own burgers and sausages. This year we had a nautical optional dressing up theme. A Shark greeted us, along with some pirates that arrived in style by water in their dinghy! We had two Navy Officers overseeing events and making sure all were behaving!

Of course the weather helped and was kind to us. The BBQs the Association has

purchased proved successful and will be useful for other events. A good time was had by all and comments were made 'see you all at next year's bbq'!

## **Cruise and Meet, Brighton (Saturday 10 September 2016)**

### **Our First!**



We had 15 boats booked, but unfortunately the weather was unkind to us so only 9 made the trip by sea with some have interesting conditions being experienced! The crews from the other 6 boats joined us for the dinner in the Yacht Club on the Saturday night. We were

welcomed by the Commodore and a lovely spread was laid out before us, with a welcoming drink to kick start the evening being provided by SHBHA.

Some comments that were received:

- A good time had by all, and we will look forward to the next one
- A great success
- What a super evening
- I thought the Meet went very well, look forward to the next one.

So on that note, put this date in your diaries: Saturday 29 April 2017 Bank Holiday Brighton Weekend and the possibility of looking to move onto Littlehampton for the Sunday night for the more adventuresome. Keep a check on the website, posters around the Marina and Facebook for further information and how to book!

## **Know Your Diesel Engine Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

It was a full house at the RNLi boathouse for the Know Your Diesel Engine evening. This very informative course was led by volunteer crew member and lifeboat mechanic Guy Emery as part of the RNLi's

Community Lifesaving Campaign. The evening covered the problems most likely to occur with these being

\*Electrical failure

\*Overheating

\*Fuel problems



Each area was considered and possible solutions discussed. The discussion was not all theory with several of the offending boat parts being passed around those present to demonstrate the thing to look for.

One area of concern regarding fuel problems was diesel bug. The jar of fuel, complete with diesel bug, which was passed around, thankfully was tightly sealed. The item though reignited the debate about what was the best way to avoid the issue and the part that additives played in helping prevent the problem.

Following up the query from the course I found the following information which has been copied from the Premier Eastbourne website.

*'The marine gas oil sold at all Premier Marinas – except Falmouth Marina – is Advanced Marine Diesel 10. This fuel is sourced from Esso's refinery in Fawley, Hampshire and supplied by WP Marine, part of the WP Group of companies*

About advanced marine diesel 10

WP Marine's Advanced Marine Diesel 10 is a low sulphur fuel containing 10ppm (parts per million) sulphur. This high quality fuel is recognised as FAME FREE and is guaranteed by Esso to contain less than 1% bio element.



Advanced Marine Diesel 10 also contains Soltron®. Specifically developed to work with marine diesel at a dilution rate 10,000:1, Soltron® contains a blend of 20

*naturally occurring enzymes which combine inside the fuel tank to optimise the combustion process and enhance fuel efficiency. Soltron® also provides lubrication in low sulphur marine fuel oil and neutralises bacterial growth from contaminants.*

Back in June 2011 the change in fuel type caused a lot of discussion between the Association and the then manager. Here is a brief summary of it.

It confirmed that Soltran could be used with other biocides, water dispersants and additives over riding the information initially given stating that other additives should not be used with the higher grade fuel now being supplied by Premier marinas.

At that time it was agreed that there were pros and cons for the different types of additives **and that it was for individuals to make their own decisions and choices.**

It was also noted that the change of fuel type had other implications, particularly the need for fuel filters to be checked more regularly.

**You may want to do deeper research on the net and a starting point may be:**

[http://www.marine16.co.uk/acatalog/Premier\\_Marinas\\_letter\\_to\\_berth\\_holders.pdf](http://www.marine16.co.uk/acatalog/Premier_Marinas_letter_to_berth_holders.pdf)



### **Coffee Morning and 'Hamper' Presentation Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

This was a good opportunity to meet likeminded people and catch up on the harbour news.

Members of the crew, residents and berth holders all dropped in to support the event. Additionally Terry Colbran the RNLi's Community Safety Officer was on hand with free advice and

some novel key rings. This year we were very lucky to have member Christine Richmond- Walker bake us home-made muffins and mince pies. These were very popular as they were just so yummy. It was difficult to decide which was best.....the spice ones or the lemon surprise ones! The morning went with a swing and raised £110 for the local Eastbourne Lifeboat team.



It also offered the ideal opportunity to hand over the goodies that we present annually to the lifeboat crew. Full of high energy treats along with coffee, tea, hot chocolate, crisps and cup-a-soups the Christmas bags had everything for helping the crew keep going whilst out on, or returning from, shouts. Their

help and support throughout the year are much appreciated by us all.

### **SHBHA Annual General Meeting**

Sovereign Harbour Berth-Holders' AGM will be held at the **Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club** on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017** beginning at **2.30pm**.



If you have any item/s that you would like placed on the agenda for the meeting then written notice must be given to the SHBHA Secretary, Mr David Baird, Flat 3, 18 Magdalen Road, St Leonards on Sea TN 37 6EP ***NO LATER THAN 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016***

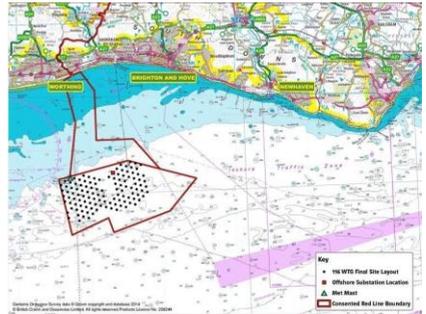
The meeting agenda and information on the accounts will be sent to all members in February 2017.

There will be complimentary coffee/tea and cakes available at the meeting.

The Yacht Club will close at 18.00h

## Can You Go Through a Windfarm?

Whilst passage planning you will see these on your decided course. Other information may be available by way of Notice to Mariners, Navtex, Coastguard warnings, Chart updates etc. to help you decide if traversing the area is a wise thing.



Whilst windfarms are under construction there is usually a guard vessel on station to keep an eye out for boats straying too close. They will be quick to contact you if you are likely to stray into danger. You should be listening in on channel 16 anyway.

Once completed, because of seabed obstructions it is forbidden to anchor in the windfarm and likewise you shouldn't moor to (or access) a tower.

As the towers are usually spaced about 500m apart you should also be able to keep clear of each one.

There is an agreed minimum clearance distance between the sea and the tip of the turbines' blade. This is 22m at highest astronomical tide so most yachts should be well clear.

Do not underestimate the effect of the airflow created and watch out for the lee effect where there will be a drop in the wind behind each tower.

It is easy to become a bit disorientated in a large windfarm as you go through the grey and yellow structures which all look the same so keep an eye on your course! **Safe passage!!**

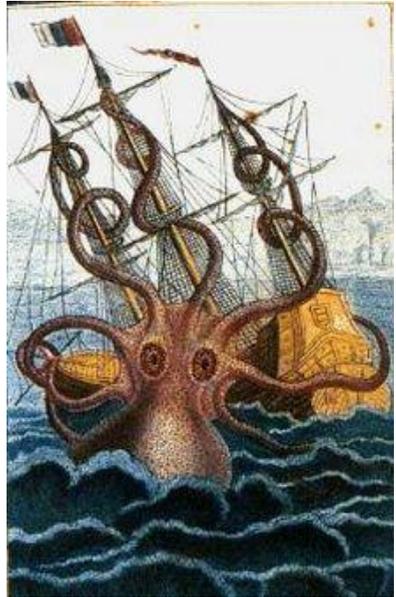
You may like to find out all about the Rampion Windfarm. Come to the talk on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April. There will be more details on the poster.

## Fact or Fiction? .....Kracken

The Kraken is perhaps the largest monster ever imagined by mankind. In Nordic folklore, it was said to haunt the seas from Norway through Iceland and all the way to Greenland.

The Kraken had a knack for harassing ships and many reports said it would attack vessels with its strong arms. If this strategy failed, the beast would start swimming in circles around the ship, creating a fierce maelstrom to drag the vessel down!

Of course, to be worth its salt, a monster needs to have a taste for human flesh. Legends say that the Kraken could devour a ship's entire crew at once.



In spite of its fearsome reputation, the monster could also bring benefits: it swam accompanied by huge schools of fish that cascaded down its back when it emerged from the water. Brave fishermen could thus risk going near the beast to secure a bounteous catch.

The history of the Kraken goes back to an account written in 1180 by King Sverre of Norway. As with many legends, the Kraken started with something real, based on sightings of a real animal, the giant squid. For the ancient navigators, the sea was treacherous and dangerous, hiding a horde of monsters in its inconceivable depths. Any encounter with an unknown animal could gain a mythological edge from sailors' stories. After all, the tale grows in the telling.

The legend of the kraken continues to the present day, with numerous references existing in popular culture, including film,

literature, television, video games and other miscellaneous examples (e.g. postage stamps, a rollercoaster ride, and a rum product).

In 1830 Alfred Tennyson published the irregular sonnet ***The Kraken***, which described a massive creature that dwells at the bottom of the sea:

Below the thunders of the upper deep;  
Far far beneath in the abysmal sea,  
His ancient, dreamless, uninvaded sleep  
The Kraken sleepeth: faintest sunlights flee  
About his shadowy sides; above him swell  
Huge sponges of millennial growth and height;  
And far away into the sickly light,  
From many a wondrous grot and secret cell  
Unnumber'd and enormous polypi  
Winnow with giant arms the slumbering green.  
There hath he lain for ages, and will lie  
Battening upon huge seaworms in his sleep,  
Until the latter fire shall heat the deep;  
Then once by man and angels to be seen,  
In roaring he shall rise and on the surface die.

**Project Kraken** is a joint initiative now being delivered by the NCA, Border Force and Police force and aims to increase public reporting and strengthen the general maritime industry's response to the threats. It only needs a fragment of imagination to determine why they settled on the project name.

People living or working on and around the UK's coastline and waterways are being asked to report suspicious or unusual activity as part of a multi-agency law enforcement campaign.

By working together we can help to prevent terrorists and organised criminals posing a threat to your neighbours, your pastimes, your businesses and your livelihoods. They will exploit any opening they find.

## How you can help.....

Report any unusual or suspicious activity near the coastline and in maritime environments. This could include, among others:

- Boats with names or identification numbers painted out, altered or erased.
- People or packages landed or disembarked from boats in unusual locations and transferred into waiting vehicles. Why are they suspicious? Note times, locations, descriptions of vessels, persons, including boat names, sail numbers, hull colours or other distinctive markings. If vehicles are seen note make, registration, colour and nationality.
- Boats moving late at night or early in the morning in suspicious circumstances, showing little or no navigational lighting or signalling to persons or vehicles ashore.
- Boats which may be overloaded, appear low in the water, contain people who do not appear to be able to handle the vessel or are inadequately dressed for the prevailing weather conditions.
- Boats containing people who appear to be engaged in unusual boat handling techniques such as recovering swimmers or divers from the water.
- Rigid inflatable boats moving at unusual times or seen in unusual locations and fitted with extra fuel tanks.
- Suspicious persons who ask questions about security procedures or who are observed filming/taking photographs/making notes or drawing diagrams of: military/police/security facilities, vulnerable public areas such as bridges, tourist attractions, shopping, restaurant or passenger processing, embarkation/disembarkation routes at cruise ship, ferry terminals or docking facilities.
- Suspicious persons seen to abandon who leave a vehicle in an unusual position in areas of high volume public or passenger access.



- Suspicious vessels observed entering maritime restricted areas or seen in close proximity to large cargo or passenger vessels whilst underway or at anchor and also suspicious persons seeking unusual instruction on the water such as diving, hiring powerboats, inflatable RIBs or yachts. Who are they and where are they from? Obtain as much information as possible.
- Crew who show signs of nervousness or a lack of awareness of maritime protocols and customs.
- Vessels showing signs of unusual modification or minor damage.
- Increased activity at isolated coastal locations or at unusual times of the day.
- Any attempts to signal to vessels offshore or guide them into an unusual landfall.



### What should you do?

If you see unusual or suspicious activity, report it to your local police on 101, or anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 and quote 'Kraken'.

Record as much information as you can - the smallest detail could be significant. **Do not take direct action against any individuals or groups. If it is an emergency, call 999.**



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## Gourmet Galley -15 minute Creamy Pasta Primavera

This would be great for cooking on a boating holiday. The following recipe is quick, easy and minimal fuss, leaving you with less washing up and more time to relax on board!

'Primavera' means 'spring' in Italian, referring to the dish being full of spring vegetables. So feel free to swap the veg listed for whatever fresh veg you can find locally. With farmers' markets aplenty along our routes, it shouldn't be hard to find fresh crunch veg to throw into this recipe!



### Ingredients

- 200g pasta
- 75g asparagus (~6 spears)
- 50g green beans (~1/2 cup)
- 100g tenderstem broccoli (~6 spears)
- 2tbsp (heaped) cream cheese
- 2tbsp milk
- 75g (~2/3 cup) grated mozzarella cheese or similar
- 1 large tomato, chopped
- Salt
- Black pepper

### Instructions

1. Add the pasta to a large pan of boiling water, and cook for around 10 minutes, until almost cooked. Meanwhile, snap the ends off the asparagus, and top and tail the green beans. When the pasta is almost ready, add the asparagus, green beans and broccoli to the pan for the final few minutes of cooking time (you still want them to keep a bit of crunch).
2. When the pasta is cooked, drain the pan, and turn the heat down very low. Add the remaining ingredients and cook by stirring over the low heat for another couple of minutes until the cheeses have melted. Serve warm. **ENJOY!**

As the mists of Christmas fade away and thoughts turn to anodes, rigging and antifoul here is a little cerebral exercise to prepare you for the coming year. Answers in the next edition. **Editor.**

### **New Year Quiz January 2017**

1. On the Plimsoll line what do the letters TF stand for?
2. What was the hoisting of false flags to confuse enemies called?
3. What style of collar derived its name from a shirt worn by oarsmen?
4. Which US passenger liner was Leroy J. Anderson the last captain of?
5. What struck the coast of Cornwall in November 1755 having travelled 995 miles in four hours?
6. In heraldry what does an anchor represent?
7. What is another name for the America's Cup?
8. How many days did it take the Mayflower II to make an Atlantic crossing?
9. What type of vessel was Captain James Cook's Endeavour?
10. What are honky-donks in nautical slang?
11. Which ocean liner split HMS Curacoa in two in 1942?
12. What are you doing if you 'swallow the anchor'?
13. What was the refitted ferry 'Frederica' used for in 1964?
14. What does the Latin word 'carina' mean?
15. What sort of cat might be 'let out of the bag' on a ship?
16. Is a sea cucumber an animal, vegetable or mineral?
17. The legendary sea monster the 'kracken' is portrayed as what?
18. What is the name of the ship commanded by Captain Ahab?
19. What was remarkable about William Brown who joined the navy in 1804?
20. What was remarkable about the design of French liner 'Empress of France'?
21. What do sailors celebrate at 16 bells time?
22. Who wrote the 'Rime of the Ancient Mariner'?
23. Who immortalised HMS Temeraire on canvas?
24. Which composer wrote, 'Fingal's Cave'?
25. In which Disney film does the sea witch, Ursular appear?
26. Which swashbuckling actor stars in the 1940 film 'The Sea Hawk'?

***Good luck and a Happy and Healthy New Year from us all.***

## **Sovereign Harbour Berth Holders Association Officers and Committee 2016/17**

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**Dates for your diary** .....posters will appear around the harbour and information can be found on web sites nearer each event

### **London Boat Show January 8-17 2017**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 9.30-12.00 2017 AWOL** Help yourself if something goes wrong whilst out at sea (to be held in the lifeboat house)

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017 DSC Mayday calling** (in the lifeboat house)

**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017 2.30pm AGM** (in the Sovereign Suite SHYC) complimentary tea/coffee and cakes

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March Catch and Cook day** A cookery demonstration in the afternoon and a meal with possibly sea shanties in the evening

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April Boat Jumble PLUS**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April A talk on the Rampion Windfarm**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April Cruise and Meet** (Brighton and onwards to Littlehampton for the adventurous and weather permitting)

**We ask you to encourage others to join and keep the Association strong**

