



# **Sovereign Harbour Berth-holders' Association**

-run for berth holders by berth holders



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## **A New Rep for the North Harbour...**

A new volunteer stepped forward after the AGM to represent berth holders in the North Harbour.



We welcome Mason Pendrey who owns a yacht called Moody B. He berths on NF 06 and will be keeping an eye out on the pontoons and facilities etc. You should contact him if you wish to alert him to any problems you are experiencing in that area. (All reps can be contacted via the website.)

Although a relatively new member, over the winter months he has been accompanying his enthusiastic daughter and other family members on several of the course we have run.

The committee from last year were again elected by those present and are looking forward to setting up some new ideas to keep the programme fresh for 2016/17.

After the official business Peter Pring, Marina Manager gave us updates on a variety of points raised by those at the meeting.

Further information will be emailed to you following our regular meetings with him.

## **What's been going on?**

There is always something to attend to and sometimes priorities change to make best possible use of time and money whilst also taking into account health and safety issues. A brief summary of what we have been talking about follows:

- The lack of full lighting in the Boardwalk car park
- The plans for the annual survey and dredging of the channel after the removal of the build-up of shingle around and on the south arm
- Maintenance on the locks which is now complete. We are also pleased to report that arrangements have been put in place to split the power pack controlling these essential facilities so that they should not need to be both closed at the same time once the work is complete
- The sending of inaccurate texts regarding insurance certificates
- The next phase of the boat yard project when block pavement (phase one) will start to be laid
- Providing cycle rings in the west to allow bikes to be chained in an out of the way area

The following items are now resolved:

- The crushed fuel line so all pumps are now working
- A good clean of the central facilities floors has taken place and the door realigned to keep the heat in
- Some armoured cable has been replaced under J pontoon and the cable to the bin area in the North has been safely but temporarily removed from the water
- The annual pontoon washing programme has been completed. If you have a particular problem do get in touch with the office to organise an interim clean using the new 'scrubber'. A bird deterrent kite trial is taking place on F pontoon
- The problem where the North bridge kept 'blowing' the circuitry. This resulted in manual operation to allow movement of boats. This was very time consuming

We are still constructively talking to the Marina Management about:

- the lack of wifi in the west

- the difficulty in locating ladders once you are accidentally in the water (yes it does happen!). We are particularly looking at ways of being able to see clearly from a distance where the best way out is.



We are also aware of at least two issues in the South harbour. The responsibility for these lies with the current Management Company who seem somewhat tardy in dealing with the problems.

Part of the Chairman's role is to attend the **Harbour users group**. This consists of a wide range of representatives who discuss life around the marina and how we can work together to improve things.

At the last meeting the subject of graffiti was raised. Though not an enormous problem at the moment there are several things you can do if you come across some on the walkways near your boat.

Use the online form to report graffiti on Eastbourne streets. (The council only have authority to clean up graffiti on public spaces and property such as adopted walkways, and street furniture)

<http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk/residents/streets-parking-and-travel/report-a-problem/graffiti/>

Otherwise you can contact them by



Telephone: 01323 410000

Or you can download their **Report It App** to your phone. It is available for a variety of platforms via the usual app stores. The new app is called **Report it - Eastbourne**. It allows you to take a picture of a problem, such as fly tipping or graffiti, add some information to help them deal with it, and then it uses the GPS feature on your phone to send the report to them complete with the location.



Throughout the winter we have successfully run courses. 'Crew Radio' was particularly popular.

Presented by lifeboat Coxswain, Mark Sawyer and volunteer crewman, Guy Emery, two sessions had to be organised, the first being oversubscribed due to its popularity.



The sessions gave boaters basic knowledge on how to operate their radio equipment for routine traffic and also what they should do in the event of an emergency at sea, all in a private and stress free environment.

From this came the request to organise an RYA certificated course. This too was successful with all participants passing out qualified. Three further courses are in the process of being organised to meet the demand.



## **Splish!**

A group of 20 members of Sovereign Harbour Berth Holders Association met at Motcombe Pool on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February to find out what it would be like if they had to abandon their boats and take to the life raft.





The RNLI Sea Safety Team were there to make sure that lifejackets were correctly fitted and to give advice. SeaGo Yachting kindly provided a life raft to practice with and spares to rearm our lifejackets after the event. We were even joined by some of the members of the Eastbourne RNLI lifeboat crew who provided advice and joined in the fun in the water.

Worryingly of the 20 lifejackets used 3 failed to inflate correctly and the Sea Safety team had to come to the rescue. If that had been in the sea the outcome could have been very different. Hopefully by 'playing' in the pool we may have helped save someone at sea. We received several thank you emails and all that took part said we had a very worthwhile exercise that was fun.

**The boat jumble** was very quiet due to the horrendous weather forecast the night before. However, the day dawned bright and sunny albeit with a cold wind. The 'booters' who turned out were very pleased with their sales. Teas, coffees and sweet treats, which kept us warm, raised £40.42 for the lifeboat team. Donations for the lifejacket checks that took place also raised £50.14.



39 jackets were checked at the Lifejacket Clinic. Many had the usual minor faults of no crutch straps, no spray hoods or expired dated accessories, but 3 were condemned as completely useless and one in particular not only had a rusty bottle and rust abraded bladder through the same, but the manual

firing mechanism had become completely detached and was just hanging inside, there is no doubt this would not have worked and could have proved fatal in an actual going overboard situation. Some berth holders signed up for a free safety advice on board and others

took the time to discuss particular concerns with the team on the day. Their presence and support is always appreciated by us all.

Twenty eight tours of the lock control area took place and were thoroughly enjoyed by those taking part. The understanding of the wide variety of tasks expected of the lock keepers was deepened and one old sea dog was heard to say "I will never be impatient again. I didn't realise just what they were juggling at the same time as the lights!" If you didn't manage to get there we will try and organise this opportunity again after the summer season.



### **Nautical Ideas.....**

Throughout the years many nautical phrases have made it into everyday language. Just for fun we have here together a few of the common expressions that originated from nautical phrases and commands with their nautical and more general meanings.

#### **All hands on deck**

Nautical: an order for all crew members to assemble in an emergency

General: a call for everyone available to be available to assist with an activity or event

#### **As the crow flies**

Nautical: when lost ships would release a caged crow. The crow would fly straight towards the nearest land, thus giving the vessel a navigational fix

General: The most direct route



#### **At Loggerheads**

Nautical: a loggerhead was an iron ball attached to a long handle which, when heated, was used to seal the pitch in deck seams – also a useful weapon for quarrelling crewmen

General: in conflict with someone having reached an impasse

**contributed by Suze Hart from Flexisail**

Following on from the battery saga in the last edition it set me thinking about the fire risk we had been under and about fire on boats in general especially after the incident off Eastbourne a few weeks ago. Luckily we have a friend and fellow Hardy Owner who has just retired from the London Fire Brigade. He has generously contributed the following article for us.

## **You are the Fire Brigade!**

Having just returned from a fire this week that had sadly claimed someone's life I couldn't help but feel that this distressing event was a preventable death. All too often we read an article about getting a smoke detector or a fire extinguisher and think "Oh, that's a good idea, I must get around to buying one of those!" then we are momentarily distracted by something else and another Christmas passes us by.

The smoke detector (fiend of toast burners everywhere) is still hanging limply from the ceiling with the entrails of wires hanging out where once the pulsing heartbeat of a 9V battery once resided. Whether this is in your home or on your boat you are more vulnerable without a viable method of detection. Most fire fatalities occur when we are sleeping between 22:00-05:00h, so something loud and automatic is required to alert you from your slumber. Fire occurrences are most likely in fuel/engine compartments, galleys, in electrical equipment and around the poor management of gas. These are exacerbated by overindulgence of alcohol and of course smoking on board; it's a lethal cocktail.

A friend of mine and fellow Cruising Association Member uses an expression "*You are the Fire Brigade*" and I like this mindset. Mostly because we know as Skippers and Crew we have to be **self**

**sufficient**, after all that's half the appeal of boating isn't it?

What he means is that we have to take responsibility for our own fire safety as we do (or should do) to prevent a MoB situation.

(Photo by permission of London Fire Brigade)



The easiest and cheapest way is of course **prevention**.

Simply by removing hazards and good housekeeping practice such as minimising the storage of flares, clearing up fuel and oil spills and reducing extra gas bottles (yes they still explode when empty!) can help. We can also remove thinners, paints and other aerosols therefore reducing risk. We must also bear in mind our own hazardous behaviour, smoking when refuelling or checking the gas line and especially mid bar-b-que while the vino is flowing. Come to think of it when did having a Bar-b-que on board seem like a good idea? I always thought that smoke issuing from a boat was a distress signal!

**Early detection** to alert you /awake you so that you are able to tackle a fire in the developing stages is essential for once it gets hold you are in big trouble and bigger trouble if on a boat away from shore. **Get a smoke detector and CO detector** on board. Some insurance companies may have it as a condition of insurance so please check your policy small print. Most Fire Brigades will provide and fit these for free for vulnerable people. Yes on a boat as it's easier for them to fit a detector than fight a fire onboard a vessel or even at the dockside.

If you do find yourself in a fire situation you will need a reliable means of fighting the fire so a method of **intervention is a must**.

RYA and insurance companies refer to carrying dry powder extinguishers on board. I do but I also carry other types of extinguisher like CO<sub>2</sub> that won't destroy your electronics in the way that dry powder /water/foam does. In my experience the Fire Brigade would only ever use dry powder extinguishers *with breathing apparatus* as the clouds of powder can temporarily choke and blind you in an enclosed space so please use with caution and with clean air and a safe escape always behind you. CO<sub>2</sub> has its drawbacks too, it's an asphyxiant so beware using it in enclosed spaces.



(Photo by permission of London Fire Brigade)

**A fire blanket** is cheap, easy to use and has triple usage to:

- ✓ Put out a clothes fire
- ✓ Extinguish a cooking fire
- ✓ Act as a fire cloak if you have to escape to a place of safety and move through the fire compartment

### **Risk assessment, planning, training & drills**

Risk assessment and hazard management is so important and most effective in reducing preventable fires.

- Get rid of out of date flares-they are a source of ignition and can become unstable with the years. Make sure new crew/passengers know where the escape hatches are and how to escape **so plan your escape route.**
- Rehearse a fire drill with emergency radio procedures. I have a pre-scripted waterproof card next to the VHF so that anyone can read a Mayday if they have to.
- Have an **in-date insurance policy** with appropriate coverage for your activities. Please comply with their requirements on fire protection on-board your vessel.
- Have an **accessible** life-raft/tender ready (and all the crew to know where it is of course) to go can act as a valuable escape route.

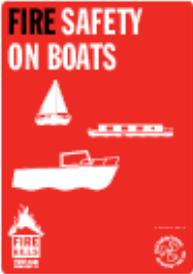
If you are unsure of how to conduct a risk assessment on board contact the RNLI who offer the service for free click

<https://rnli.org/Pages/All%20forms/142-enquiry-sea-check.aspx>

**Keep this in mind and it will assist you in making your boat a safer vessel for you and your crew**



Rarely do things go to plan and one has to adapt training and resources as the incident demands.



As previously mentioned most Fire Brigades offer free smoke detectors to the homes and boats of vulnerable people and free fire risk assessments. For further information about boating fire safety, please contact the Boat Safety Scheme on 01923 201278 or visit <http://www.boatsafetyscheme.org/media/149757/fsg-2013-web.pdf> to download this excellent little leaflet

Wishing you all fair winds and calm seas. AP

Anthony Purnell has been a professional fire-fighter for 25 years and is a member of the Hardy Owners Club.



### **Even though Anthony was a fire fighter he found himself at the centre of a fire drama recently. He emails:**

Please would you make other members aware that if they are considering converting their light bulbs to low energy ones then do not buy cheap ones online. I have just had one tonight catch fire. I thought that I had changed them all as I noticed they were getting hot after just a few hours use. The G4 type came with a CE mark on them\* (see below for some explanation of this) and the packaging looks convincingly authentic but clearly it is fake!

I bought mine from a well-known auction website at a fraction of the price of other suppliers but when I compared the two products I noticed there were components missing from the counterfeit ones. I am no electrician but I do have an eye for detail. I shall be contacting Trading Standards in the morning. Just to prove: fire can happen to anyone! Imagine if I had fallen asleep.

The LED bulb scenario was a very scary one in as much as after a 25 year career in the fire service an innocuous little LED bulb actually caught fire on my boat. Lord knows that if I had gone over to the shower block I'd have come back to a fully developed fire and lost

everything! So please spread the word that members, indeed other sailors should NOT buy cheap LED Bulbs from e-bay.



The problem was apart from me trying to save a few bob was that the bulb was marked "CE" which I **ASSUMED** to mean *Certification European*, similar to our British Kite Mark, **OH NO!** Apparently this can quite legitimately mean **Chinese Export!!!**

So..... **BUYER BEWARE!**



**Fishing Club for SHBHA?**

**Committee member Peter Crowhurst, from Shim Sham writes.....**

**Would any members be interested in starting a boat fishing club?**

**The aim would be to help new people or existing members with local knowledge of marks, baits and types of fish that may be caught in the area as well as questions like 'Do some marks fish best at for example ebb/neap tides?'**

**There are lots of questions and answers to share through your knowledge. This could be done over a pint or two in the local hostelry maybe once a month.**

**If you are interested please email me [Diver9501@aol.com](mailto:Diver9501@aol.com)  
Cheers!**

**Celebration Party.....**To commemorate the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen, **Premier Marinas is inviting berth holders and friends to join them on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June** at the marina and enjoy an afternoon of celebrations. Sovereign Harbour will be flying the flag and raising a glass to Britain's longest serving monarch at Sovereign Yacht Club between **15.00 and 19.00**. There will be live music, a Pimms Bar, local ales courtesy of Harveys Brewery and a BBQ served at 3.30pm onwards. **A private berth holders' party - look out for tickets on sale at the Marina Reception!**



## The A-Z of Everything - G Global Positioning System

Navigation has been changed considerably by the GPS system. Many scientists worked in development teams to progress it but three men in particular received awards for their work.



Ivan Getting established a land based radio system called Loran (long range radio aid to navigation) which was the basis for what we now use.

Bradford Parker, a USAF colonel and professor of aeronautics and astronautics conceived the present satellite based system.

Roger Easton however is the principal inventor. He co-wrote a proposal for a programme called Project Vanguard. He also invented a tracking system called Minitrack. When Sputnik was launched by the Soviets he extended the system. Subsequently he patented his developments and lead the way to enable the technologies for the United States GPS. During the 1960's and 70's he then developed a time based navigational scheme.

Each GPS satellite transmits data that indicate the location and time. The signals sent move at the speed of light but arrive at the GPS receiver at different times due to some being further away than others. When the receiver has information from at least four satellites it can calculate this position in 3D by triangulation.



Initially only available to the US military it has been available globally since 1994 when President Ronald Reagan decided it was a common good. Not only is this useful to mariners but other civilian uses are made of it to for example: synchronise clocks, locating mobile phones, map making, surveying, robotics, personal and animal tracking, increasing international security and occasionally leading lorry drivers down impassable lanes! A single press of a button can pinpoint a position to a few feet. It provides location and time information in all weathers anywhere on or above the Earth where there is unobstructed line of sight to, as mentioned, at least four satellites.



## MEMBER DISCOUNTS 2016-17

### **Waterfront Restaurants**

Discounts are available on production of a current membership card.

**Pablo's and Gringo's** 10% off food, max 6 persons.

**Simply Italian** 10% off, except special event nights.

**Ganges** 10% of food

### **Sea Training Sussex**

10% off RYA courses

[www.harwellcharters.co.uk/sussex-sea-training.php](http://www.harwellcharters.co.uk/sussex-sea-training.php)

### **Bright Ideas**

10% off all full priced items

<http://www.brightideaseastbourne.com/>

### **Ethos**

Stainless steel fabricators and marine trimmers offer trade rates to members of SHBHA.

01323 764004

07951 739953

### **Rupert Smith Yacht & Powerboat Surveys**

£2 per foot discount

[www.rupertsmithsurveys.com](http://www.rupertsmithsurveys.com)

Phone: 01323 898782

07931 565798

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10% discount on non-promotional items upon production of current membership card

West Quay, Newhaven

Phone: 01273 612612

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## Advice Onboard

The RNLI offers a free, friendly and confidential service that looks at the safety aspects of your boat. Conducted by one of our highly trained volunteers, Advice Onboard is a personal, face-to-face safety advice service that takes place onboard your craft. You set the time and we tailor our visit to your vessel and the type of boating you do. Call Terry Colbran on 01323 724214 for a no obligation chat.

## Answers to the last quiz

Manx Shearwater  
Fulmar  
Arctic Tern

Storm Petrel  
Skua  
Guillemot

Gannet  
Herring Gull  
Razorbill Puffin

Cormorant  
Kittiwake

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

**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> June Premier's Celebration Party with BBQ, and entertainment SHYC 15.00-19.00** **TICKET ONLY-** available soon from the office

**Eastbourne Airborne August 11-14 2016**

**DIY BBQ Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August, West Harbour Terrace**

**Cruise and Meet** (A trip to Brighton with a pre drinks meet and a meal in the YC there) **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September** Use one of your free nights!

**Southampton Boat Show September 16-25 2016**

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

We are still re-arranging the date for the visit to Dover Coastguard.

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

