

## YHAC CONFIRMED MINUTES

**Yarmouth (Isle of Wight) Harbour Commissioners**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of**  
**The Yarmouth Harbour Advisory Committee**  
**held at the Harbour Office**  
**on 12 July 2017 at 0900 hours**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Geoff Witt Nick Measor David Fox – Chair Phil Keen Ginny McKee Bill Attree Derek Graham Gill Kennett	Yarmouth Sailing Club Royal Solent Yacht Club Royal Yachting Association Commercial Operators Representative Yarmouth Harbour Staff Representative Commercial Fishermen’s Association Wightlink Freshwater Parish Council
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Tim Adams Belinda Walters Sarah Judd Jeremy Butcher	Chief Executive/Harbour Master Commissioner Admin Assistant Deputy Harbour Master
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Jamie Allen Stuart Hutchinson Jenny Jackson Sue Hawley Mike Wheeler Jamie Sheldon	British Marine Federation Isle of Wight Council Yarmouth Town Council Estuaries Officer Yarmouth Business Association Country Landowners Association

The Chairman welcomed Belinda Walters, Commissioner to the meeting.

### 1. **Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of 17 May 2017 were approved.

### A. **OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

#### 1. **Matters Arising from 17 May 2017**

- Some Greenheart wood for use on the pier restoration project has now arrived and is being stored in the Dinghy Park.
- There was an Oil Spill Exercise on 19 May 2017 which involved a crane lifting a boat out of the water and into a bunded area on the quayside. Prior to lifting out, booms and a skimmer were deployed within 30 mins. The exercise went very smoothly and will be repeated in October.

## 2. Boat Numbers

Year to date	Overnight Visitors	Long Term Visitors	Sailing Schools	Short Stays	Total
%+/-	+7%	+51%	-14%	5%	+25%

## 3. Wightlink

Wightlink ran a night service on the Yarmouth-Lymington route during several nights in April and in early July whilst works continue at the Portsmouth and Fishbourne terminals.

Repair works to the passenger walkway and link span are scheduled to take place during the next couple of weeks – these works are a temporary measure prior to the major maintenance works which are scheduled in for the winter months.

100% of Wightlink sailings left within 5 mins of their scheduled departure time on the Yarmouth-Lymington route during May 2017. This figure was 93.7% for June. These figures are lower for the Portsmouth-Fishbourne route – often the ferry has problems departing on time due to circumstances beyond Wightlink's control – i.e. movement of naval vessels within Portsmouth Harbour. A member of the Committee commented that there seems to be a lack of consistency in terms of communications that are sent out by Wightlink regarding late departures/delays. There was a feeling that this could be improved upon with increased updates for Wightlink staff and improved consistency of the message being given.

A member also asked the Wightlink Rep to forewarn his Captain's that the Taittinger Regatta would involve some 174 boats on the weekend of 14-16 July 2017 so the Harbour and surrounding waters would be busy.

## 4. Port Marine Safety Code

There was nothing to report.

## B. ADVISORY ISSUES

### 1. Matters Arising from 17 May 2017

- Slipways – the CE/HM showed the Committee a presentation on Slipways and their associated maintenance costs. The suggestion of introducing a charge for use of the slipways for launch/recovery was discussed as YHC are keen to consult with stakeholders on this issue. There is a suggested charge of £10 for vessels which are powered by under 100hp and £20 for those which are over 100hp. There will be no charge for emergency usage or for any Annual Mooring holder who wishes to use the quay wall to dry out. The consultation is on-going.

There was a suggestion that the introduction of some sort of 'season ticket' or weekly/monthly/six monthly permits for slipway use and perhaps the need to look at different rates for commercial users.

The CE/HM said that the subject would be discussed further at the next meeting of YHAC in September.

### 2. Events

- Taittinger Regatta – 14-16 July 2017. So far 116 boats are scheduled to be in the harbour and 174 in total are racing.

### **3. Any Other Business**

- Freshwater Parish Council are looking at renovating the seating area that looks out over Harold Hayles and the bridge. This may involve putting a noticeboard of some kind there – the FPC said that she would liaise with YHC regarding ideas for this.
- Isle of Wight Day 22 -24 September 2017 – YSC and RSYC will be racing on this day and are happy to fly flags and put up bunting.

### **4. Date of next meetings**

13 September 2017, 15 November 2017, 17 January 2018.

The meeting finished at 0950.