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11 February 2016

QHM 532/7

**NOTES OF THE PORT OF PLYMOUTH MARINE LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
 THURSDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2016
 CHARTER ROOM, GUILDHALL**

Present	Representing	User Group
Mr C Necker	Queen's Harbour Master	Harbour Authority
Mr N Trathen	Deputy Queen's Harbour Master	Harbour Authority
Mrs K Curry	Natural Infrastructure Officer / TECF	Plymouth City Council
Mr A Jones	MOD (QHM)	Harbour Authority
Capt T Charlesworth	Cattewater Harbour Master	Marine Commerce
Inspector G Peters	MOD Police Marine Unit	Crime Abatement
Ms J Wytcherley	Natural Infrastructure Officer	Plymouth City Council
Mr J Sabel	Natural Infrastructure Officer	Plymouth City Council
Cllr M Benson	Bere Ferrers Borough Council	Parish Councils
Mr S Hannaford	RNLI	Navigation and Rescue
Mr J Millidge	RNLI	Navigation and Rescue
Mr N Webb	Sander Stevens	
Mr C Turner	Tamar Protection Society	Landscape Conservation
Mr M Brown	Plymouth University	
Mr J Roe	Recreational Sea Anglers	
Ms A Lumley	Mayflower 400 Destination Plymouth	
Mr K Banks	Millbrook Moorings Association	Moorings
Mr P Holt	Ships Project	
Mr C Bush	Mayflower Marina	Marine Commerce
Ms N White	PCC Deputy Piermaster	Moorings
Mr M Goble	Plymouth City Council Piermaster	Moorings
Mr D Curno	RYA	
Mr J Wilton	Maker with Rame Parish Council	Parish Councils
Mr M Woods	RYA	
Mr B Grose	PPSA	
Capt B Evans	Capt Port Ops	Observer
Ms J Simpson	QHM Office Manager/Minute Secretary	MOD

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1. Introduction	QHM thanked everyone for their attendance and briefly outlined one of the primary governing principals of the Dockyard Port of Plymouth and explained that Capt Bill Evans was there to observe and audit QHM in order to comply with the Port Marine Safety Code.	
2. Apologies	Apologies for absence were received from Mr E Bruins (NMA), Mr C Matthews (DofC), Mr P Wiseman (Mount Edgcumbe Estate), Mr J Lowther (PCC), Ms S Gibson (PWP), Mr A Stanger (NE) and Mr S Whitting (PPSA).	

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3. Notes of the previous meeting	The notes of the previous meeting held on 8 October 15 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.	
4. Matters arising	<p>4.4.4.6 Mr Goble convened a risk assessment regarding safety at the Mount Batten Slipway in 2015. It is intended to delineate two lanes and add appropriate signage to improve deconfliction. QHM asked for an update on this work, along with an anticipated timescale for completion.</p> <p>4.5 Action on NIO to update TECF website with latest Devon & Severn IFCA net fishing regulations. Most appropriate method to achieve this was determined to be the signposting of a link direct to IFCA's own website. <u>Action Complete</u></p> <p>8b. The 2016 update of the Recreational Water Users Guide will be distributed before Easter to all jetski companies, marinas, boatyards, chandlers, sailing clubs, Harbour Offices and the MDP. If anyone else would like a copy, they are to contact NIO.</p> <p>10b. Following a QHM investigation into a lone diving incident it was determined that the provision of safety advice at air charging points in Dive Shops would assist in preventing future incidents. DQHM undertook this action which is complete.</p>	<p>Mr Goble</p> <p>All</p>
5. Presentations	<p>a. Mr Matt Brown (PU Marine Station) gave a presentation on diving activity in Plymouth to generate greater awareness of diving activities amongst port users. It was suggested that "Diving" could feature as an activity listed on the Visit Plymouth website providing links to safety (RNLI), legislation (QHM) and environmental (TECF) information. NIO agreed to discuss this further with Mr Brown.</p> <p>b. Ms Amanda Lumley Chief Executive from Destination Plymouth gave a presentation on the initial planning work for the Mayflower 400 event to be held in 2020. This event will unite people from America, Holland and Plymouth.</p>	NIO/Mr Brown
6. RNLI Water Safety	<p>The Draft Terms of Reference (TORs) for a Water Safety Plymouth group were circulated prior to the meeting and QHM requested endorsement. Discussion followed and it was agreed that only the titles of the members should be included rather than individual names and the wording of paragraph 2.2 should read as follows:</p> <p><i>'To act as consultees and engage with stakeholders to develop a consistent approach to the prevention of drowning, water related deaths, port safety, regulative issues, and unintentional injuries in and around water.'</i></p> <p>The TORs are attached at Annex A. Mr Millidge agreed to arrange the initial meeting in mid April.</p>	Mr Millidge

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7. TECF matters	<p>NIO's report is attached at Annex B.</p> <p>a) QHM highlighted the importance of Plymouth being singled out as the national pilot scheme to achieve a more systematic approach to marine management. This is due to TECF/PPMLC's excellent track record in collaborative working and good relationship with DEFRA, primarily through NE.</p> <p>d) Recreational Water Users Guide. The guide has now been completed and will be circulated before Easter. QHM asked for volunteers to place these in prominent positions around Plymouth. It was suggested that they could be handed out at the Water Users Group, the PPSA, CHC and Cllr Benson agreed to circulate them in his area.</p> <p>f) Slipway Audit. NIO agreed to circulate this by 29 Feb 16.</p> <p>g) Recreation Study. The MBA are looking for volunteers to help with the surveys and anyone interested should contact Charly Griffiths (chgr@MBA.ac.uk)</p>	<p>NIO</p> <p>All</p>
8. SAC matters	NE report is at Annex C.	
9. QHM matters	<p>a. There have been several incidents throughout the Autumn/Winter which are worthy of note:</p> <p>(i) Diving incident which occurred just outside the boundary of the Dockyard Port. A warship transiting along the main track was unable to raise a diving safety boat on VHF and believed she was passing at a safe distance from the boat and divers. However, the Diving Safety Boat was 800 yds from the actual position of the divers.</p> <p>The investigation highlighted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requirement for Dive Boats to maintain an effective listening watch on VHF. 2. That Dive Boats, displaying the correct signal (as in this case) are actually marking the position of the divers in the water. <p>(ii) Yachts encroaching into a prohibited area during Power Boat racing:</p> <p>The investigation highlighted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requirement to understand the need for collaborative use of the Dockyard Port and awareness of event management publicised through the Water Events Diary. 2. Adherence to Directions – including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. checking for Local Notice to Mariners before proceeding on the water and ii. maintaining a listening watch on VHF for verbal 	

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	<p>directions once on the water.</p> <p>b. Dredging. An application for maintenance dredging has been submitted to the MMO; if successful dredging will take place soon. Corporation Wharf and CHC have also applied for dredging licences.</p>	
10. Water events	<p>The 2016 Water Events Diary can be found on the QHM website. This already includes regular sailing events and large events such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRANSAT 2 May • Armed Forces Weekend 25-26 Jun • Fireworks Championships 16-17 Aug • Powerboat Racing Oct <p>All were requested to inform QHM of any additional events and these would be added to the diary. A full checklist is available on-line. www.qhm.mod.uk/plymouth/</p>	All
11. Any other business	<p>a. Mr Goble reported that the PCC are consulting for Harbour Directions.</p> <p>b. North Cornwall pontoon is now in place and will be official opening soon.</p> <p>c. Mr Goble mentioned that discarded fishing wire has killed a seagull.</p> <p>b. Cllr Benson asked if Bridge No. 2 Beacon had been replaced. QHM explained that the repairs had not yet been completed due to bad weather.</p> <p>d. Cllr Benson reported that there is a campaign to get rid of the fishing lines at Weir Quay and that they are seeing a large amount of debris at the moment, mainly trees washing down the river. PCO agreed to take a look at the problem once the weather improves.</p> <p>e. Capt Charlesworth mentioned that Mount Batten Tower is to open for a few days each year and will be open 18 Feb for a week if anyone would like to have a look inside.</p> <p>f. Sutton Harbour lock is going to be refurbished from 15 Feb for approximately 4 weeks. During this time the Cattewater has been asked to supply berths. PLNTM 20/16 gives more details.</p> <p>g. The navigation light on Fisher's Nose was reported as unserviceable. Mr Goble agreed to look into getting this fixed.</p> <p>h. Mayflower Marina is hosting a workshop on marine invasives on 25 Feb.</p> <p>i. Miss Simpson mentioned that a Relay for Life is being held in Plymouth on 30/31 July. This is a volunteer led team</p>	<p>PCO</p> <p>Mr Goble</p>

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	event raising money for Cancer Research, the teams start funding raising now and then come together for a 24 hour walk in July to celebrate, remember and fight back. This is a family event and everyone is welcome to take part.									
12. Dates of next meetings	<p>Dates of the forthcoming PPMLC and TECF meetings were published as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="427 450 1214 607"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="427 450 826 481"><u>PPMLC</u></th> <th data-bbox="826 450 1214 481"><u>TECF</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 517 826 548">1400 on 9 June 2016</td> <td data-bbox="826 517 1214 548">1015 on 10 March 2016</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 548 826 580">1400 on 13 October 2016</td> <td data-bbox="826 548 1214 580">1015 on 14 July 2016</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 580 826 611">1400 on 9 Feb 2017</td> <td data-bbox="826 580 1214 611">1015 on 10 November 2016</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>PPMLC</u>	<u>TECF</u>	1400 on 9 June 2016	1015 on 10 March 2016	1400 on 13 October 2016	1015 on 14 July 2016	1400 on 9 Feb 2017	1015 on 10 November 2016	
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Distribution:

NBC, All Committee members

WATER SAFETY PLYMOUTH

TERMS of REFERENCE

1. Preamble

- 1.1. For the Water Safety Plymouth Group relating to water safety around Plymouth.
- 1.2. These Terms of Reference are dated xxxxx (date of PPMLC approval to be inserted).

2. Purpose of group.

- 2.1. To consider and understand the key water related risks with the Plymouth area
- 2.2. To act as consultees and engage with stakeholders to develop a consistent approach to the prevention of drowning, water related deaths, port safety and security, and unintentional injuries in and around water.

3. Terms of Reference

- 3.1. Membership is drawn from the Port of Plymouth Marine Liaison Committee (PPMLC) and comprises representatives of activities taking place in the harbour. Requests to join from persons representing bodies which are not represented by the membership of the PPMLC will be considered by the secretariat.

3.2. Members:

- Brown, Matt - Plymouth University Marine Station
- Curno, Dave - R.Y.A. / P.P.S.A.
- Goble, Mick - Plymouth City Council
- King, Alex - Mount Batten Centre
- Micallef, Antony - MoD Marine Police
- Millidge, James - R.N.L.I.
- Squire, Ben - Commercial Harbour Tour Craft
- Trathen, Neil - DQHM (MoD interests)
- Webb, Nick - Commercial Ships Agents
- Whitting, Steve - Port of Plymouth Sailing Association
- Wood, Gerry - Maritime and Coastguard Agency
- Bush, Charles - Yacht Marina Operators
- Roe, Jason - Plymouth Federation of Sea Angling Clubs & Independent Sea Anglers

3.3. Advisors:

- Queens Harbour Master - Port of Plymouth Marine Liaison Committee
- Plymouth City Council - Port of Plymouth Marine Liaison Committee
- RNLI - Port of Plymouth Marine Liaison Committee
- MoD Marine Police - Port of Plymouth Marine Liaison Committee

- 3.4. Chair and Secretary shall be elected from within the group.

- 3.5. The agenda will be developed by the secretariat to address the matters in hand.

- 3.6. Meeting will be held after the PPMLC meetings, or whenever a request is made by two or more members of the group.

- 3.7. Contribute to WAID database to build up information on water related accidents and incidents in Plymouth.

- 3.8. Support the delivery of drowning prevention messages in and around Plymouth through water safety strategies and campaigns
- 3.9. Provide consistent and uniform water safety messages across Plymouth.
- 3.10. Work in partnership with local authorities, the rescue services, Plymouth City Council and relevant third sector organisations across Plymouth to prevent drowning and reduce water related accidents.
- 3.11. Formal meetings will be kept to a maximum of four per year.
- 3.12. The agenda will be formed from; Items submitted by member organisations, Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting and correspondence received
- 3.13. The Group will have a Chair and Vice Chair who will be elected by the group every 12 months (It would be proposed that the group is chaired by the RNLI for the first 12 months, however any other representative may propose a change of chair in advance of a meeting of the group, in which case, the matter will be decided by majority vote of the representatives present).
- 3.14. Minutes of each meeting will be circulated electronically by the Secretariat. Minutes will also be available through the TECF website.

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***7. TECF Matters:
Report of TECF Matters
by Natural Infrastructure Officer***

1. a) National Marine Management and Marine Conservation Zones

The **National Steering Group** for Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) met in October to report on their progress towards a more systematic approach to marine management.

Progress is still on-going with their drive to getting all marine sites onto Natural England's single reporting system for the **Sites of Special Scientific Interest**. When completed, the on-line system will include information on threats, actions and existing management measures. Plymouth Sound and the Tamar Estuaries will be the national pilot for this and we are working with the MMO on this.

The national group has also identified recreation as being a key sector which needs more careful consideration by the National Steering Group because most marine sites are exposed to pressures from recreational activities and because the evidence and information associated with scale of activities and the degree of pressure / risk is not well understood. With this in mind DEFRA have recently let a contract to the Marine Biological Association to investigate and again, they are using the work that we have been piloting with them regarding our recreational impacts work.

The Government has also announced the next tranche of **Marine Conservation Zones**. However DEFRA's announcement of the second tranche of Marine Conservation Zones does not impact on Plymouth. For our area, two MCZs are relevant to Plymouth, namely (1) Tamar Estuaries and (2) Whitsand & Looe Bays but both of these were designated in the first tranche of MCZs in 2013. So there is nothing in this most recent announcement that impacts on us. The Government has indicated that their next stage will be to identify whether any additional features need to be added to existing MCZs.

Marine Plans: The Marine Management Organisation is responsible for producing the marine plans for all England's waters. To date plans have been produced for the East area and are in progress for the South area. The MMO will shortly commence plan production for all of the remainder areas. NIO will be involved in this and will keep PPMLC and TECF members fully informed.

b) Plymouth Plan, Waterfront Visioning and Local Greenspace Designations.

The Plymouth Plan process is continuing and the next phase now is to assess the comments from the Neighbourhood Toolkit consultations to identify what the community would like to see in their local areas. Many of the coastal ones have identified the need to make more of the

links to the waterfront for recreational reasons as well as a wish to drive marine related employment.

One of the key areas for Plymouth is an area defined as the Plymouth Waterfront, and the Council has appointed some consultants to come up with a vision for this important part of the city. Workshops will be used to seek everyones views and will be used to come up with a single view of what this area should look like in twenty years time.

As part of the Plymouth Plan process, the Natural Infrastructure Team has been seeking nominations from the public for a new designation called 'Local Greenspace Designation', which will afford protection similar to designated 'green belt'.

To date 172 site nominations have been received for 112 different sites. Of these, some are coastal and include Drake's Island, Devil's Point, Kinterbury Creek, Mount Wise, Hoe, Jennycliff and Mount Batten.

These sites will now be reviewed and will assessed against the criteria which include issues such as beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity and richness of wildlife

Other sites will also be considered including all the city's parks and gardens and other greenspace sites.

The final nominations will be consulted on this summer.

c) Devon and Severn IFCA Fisheries Management

Netting Byelaws: The Devon and Severn IFCA have undertaken a pre-consultation call for evidence in late 2015 into netting within estuaries and netting at sea with a view to creating a new permit netting byelaw, separating estuaries and sea areas for netting activity using existing and/or new boundaries; to only issue permits for seine nets targeting sand eels within the estuaries, to maintain the current restrictions for fixed nets as per the current byelaws and to consider extending the current restrictions for nets.

The Devon and Severn IFCA are keen to collect data through their online questionnaire which is available on their website:

http://www.devonandsevernifca.gov.uk/Progress_to_Date_and_Questionnaires

There is one for estuarine and a separate one for coastal waters.

Sea Bass Restrictions: A new bass bag limit of **three fish per person per day** is now in place for all recreational fishermen, fishing from the shore and from boats. The bag limit forms part of a set of measures being implemented by the EU following a decline in the numbers of bass due to poor recruitment of juveniles and increasing fishing mortality. The new restrictions are in place until the new 2016 regulation is published which will say that for recreational fishing:

- From 1 Jan – 30 June 2016 catch and release only will be permitted;
- From 1 July – 31 Dec 2016 only one bass per fisherman per day.

NB the minimum size for a bass is 42 cm.

The restrictions will be enforced by both IFCA staff and MMO staff.

d) Recreational Water Users Guide - update

The draft artwork is finally complete and the final checks are being carried out. The leaflet will be printed and circulated before Easter. There will also be flat unfolded copies suitable for display on information boards.

e) TECF Panels

The work to produce the TECF panels is waiting for the map artwork to be completed.

Letters will be going out to raise sponsorship over the winter.

f) Slipway Audit

The Slipway Audit is still to be published and circulated.

g) Recreation Study

Marine Biological Association will be undertaking the Recreation surveys over the winter with further repeat surveys to be undertaken in spring, summer and autumn. The MBA are looking for volunteers to help with the surveys and anyone interested should contact Charly Griffiths (chgr@MBA.ac.uk)

1. a) Developments

PLYMOUTH

14/00001/FUL Drakes Island. Hotel development including conversion of Grade II listed Island House, Scheduled Ancient Monument, battery and landscaping, refurbishment of jetty and infrastructure works. Application submitted 2 January 2015. In November the Committee deferred the decision, delegating it to the Asst Director in consultation with the Joint Chairs, to liaise with the Secretary of State, to investigate the options available for consideration and determination of the planning application.

14/01448/OUT Millbay Plots

Outline mixed use development comprising up to 600 dwellings (Class C3), up to 8,600sqm Class A1, A2, A3, A4, A5 and D1, up to 12,500sqm office use (Class B1), hotel (Class C1), multi-storey car park for up to 600 cars, with associated engineering works, highway improvements, public realm and landscaping including Clyde Quay and Trinity Wharf. Decision Approved. Conditions include the requirement to submit detailed plans for the provision of a water taxi to operate from Clyde Quay.

15/01211/FUL MAYFLOWER STEPS, PLYMOUTH

Proposed installation of additional lighting for Mayflower Steps
Approved

15/01271/FUL KINTERBURY POINT, HMAID BULLPOINT

Proposed helipad and forward operating base to service the Fleet Helicopter Support Unit, comprising construction of helicopter landing site, demolition of three existing buildings, modification of part of an existing building, relocation of security fencing, construction of a new building to replace those demolished, and construction of a fuel bowser park. Approved.

I5/02371/FUL DEVONPORT DOCKYARD, SALTASH ROAD, KEYHAM, PLYMOUTH

Demolition of office building(10/11 storey) and construction of replacement office building (5/6 storey) and associated outbuildings, parking and landscaping. Consultation still open.

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Natural England Update- PPMLC Meeting 11th February 2016

Natural England's Conservation Advice on Marine Protected Areas

We are working towards finalising the Tamar Estuaries Complex Special Protection Area (SPA) advice package for publication in Spring/Summer 2016. The published site information and supplementary advice should be available on the interactive web-based system.

We have received the final comments regarding the advice packages for Plymouth Sound and Estuaries Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Tamar Estuaries Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ), and will be working through comments received shortly before publishing later this year.

Condition Sound and Assessment – Plymouth Estuaries SAC

Under the Habitats Directive the UK is obliged to report on the Favourable Conservation Status of Annex I and Annex II features to the EU every 6 years (Article 17 and Article 12). Natural England is currently in the process of revising how we assess and report on the condition of our marine protected areas including SACs, SPAs and MCZs. Plymouth Sound and Estuaries was selected as a pilot site for this new methodology so we are in the process of testing the revised methodology. Publication for this site is planned for March 2016.

Plymouth EMS and Tamar Estuary Sites MCZ Monitoring

Fish monitoring – Allis shad (*Alosa alosa*) and smelt (*Osmerus eperlanus*) surveys are being undertaken by the Marine Biological Association (MBA) and the Environment Agency (EA). Surveys that have taken place, or are planned to take place over the next month, include smelt egg surveys to close to Gunnislake weir to determine spawning times, fyke netting also close to Gunnislake for juvenile fish, and light otter and beam trawls in various locations throughout the Tamar for both allis shad and smelt.

Sediment monitoring – We have received the data for the Whitsand and Plymouth sediment samples we commissioned the EA to collect alongside their WFD sampling. We are now looking towards the analysis and reporting of this data.

Consultations responded to/in process of responding to:

- MLA/2015/00372 Flood Defence Works Mill Cottage, Antony Passage
- MLA/2013/00180/3 Corporation Wharf licence variation
- MLA/2015/00489 Greenery Plymouth Tank Farm, Cattedown Sea Wall, Maintenance and Repairs.

- MLA/2015/00508 Berberis Quay, Newton Ferrers, Construction of new works, maintenance of existing works.
- MLA/2015/00336 Maintenance dredging at HMNB Devonport
- MLA/2015/00391 Cattewater maintenance dredge
- MLA/2015/00215 Thanckes oil fuel depot

Many thanks,

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