

# Ports News Bulletin

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## Welcome

Welcome to our first periodic newsletter, which will be issued regularly to give you information on some of the work going on within the Ports Division of the Department of Infrastructure and within our harbours.

We will bring you updates on work being undertaken by our staff (and our colleagues in Highway Services and Estates Shared Services, as well as contractors) to improve harbour facilities and services, as well as details of other items we hope you will find interesting.

If you have any comments on any of the items featured, please send them to Richard Cranmer, Ports Business Manager at the Sea Terminal, or email to [richard.cranmer@gov.im](mailto:richard.cranmer@gov.im)

### **Douglas Linkspan rams replaced**

In conjunction with Highway Services the two main rams supporting the Linkspan at berth No. 5 (where the Ben My-Chree docks) have recently been replaced. These new rams will ensure the reliable operation of the Linkspan for the long term future and we would like to thank the Steam Packet Company for their co-operation in facilitating the replacement.

The opportunity has also been taken to resurface the roadway and paint the entire structure, this work being completed at the end of October.

### **RNLI Station to be rebuilt**

The RNLI Lifeboat Station in Douglas is being vacated very soon, and the lifeboat will operate temporarily from the cruise pontoon in the harbour. The Lifeboat Station will be refurbished to accommodate the next generation of Shannon Class Lifeboat due in 2017-18.

### **Training News**

Irish Coastguard rescue helicopters recently visited the island on a number of occasions to help with training of Isle of Man Coastguard staff. All 5 Coastguard teams took part in the various exercises which involved use of the helipad at Nobles Hospital, Ronaldsway and Jurby Airfield.

### **Safe Bathing and No Wake Areas**

A new booklet showing the safe bathing and no wake areas in the island's harbours has recently been produced. It can be obtained from any harbour office, as well as on the government website. ([www.gov.im/harbours](http://www.gov.im/harbours))

The information has been fully updated and will be displayed for the use of bathers as well as pleasure craft users.

# Works Update

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A comment often received by the Ports Division is 'I didn't realise you were doing that!' It is often very hard to keep everyone apprised of all the work being undertaken or being planned. Clearly we inform those immediately affected by any works, but it's not always possible to tell everyone about everything.

Quite often our plans change due to renewed priorities, such as emergency works requiring staff and/or resources being pulled off routine or planned maintenance, or due to adverse weather conditions. Even the availability of specialist equipment will have an effect on the timing of some plans.

So, in trying to give people more notice and more information on what works are planned or already in progress in our harbours, please see the following pages.

We will aim to issue new bulletins every 6 to 8 weeks, showing the latest position of our work. What we post will be the situation or plan at the time of publication.

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## Port St Mary Moorings

Work will soon begin to remove the old mooring blocks and ground chains in Port St Mary for renewal. This work will be complete before the start of the 2017 season. The equipment for the new moorings is on the island, and changes to the layout should increase the available berths once work has been completed.

## Coastguard News

There were over 50 incidents reported to the Marine Operations Centre during the course of September and October. Of these, 18 required action from our on-call team of Coastguard Officers, one of the most serious involving a group of missing walkers in the west of the island. They were found safe and well, having deviated from their intended route.



## Meet The Team!!

In the first of a series of profiles we are going to present to you the 'faces behind the voices'. First up is James Walker, one of the Senior Watch Officers in the Marine Operations Centre. James has worked for Ports for 11 years, starting as a Harbour Keeper, but has been in the MOC for 6 years now, the last 4 of which he has been a SWO. Outside work he keeps his yacht, Reprob8, in Port St Mary, and has five year old twins, Ella and Jake.

## What's going on in your harbour?

Area	Item	Description of Works	Start Date	Estd finish Date	Latest Update
Douglas	Port Entrance	Redesign of port entrance area to make it more user friendly, and less cluttered	Aug 2016	Report by start 2017	Highway Services design done
	Leading Lights	Replacement of lights to guide commercial vessels into harbour and re-painting of masts	Jun 2016	Nov 2016	Final checks being undertaken
	Office Berth	Casting of new slab to address structural issues	Aug 2016	Oct 2016	Complete
	South Quay Railings	Refurbishment of stanchions and replacement of corroded handrail	Dec 2015	Mar 2017	Ongoing work
	Fort Anne Jetty	Repair of structure and new fendering to make good for continued use	Oct 2015	Sept 2016	Close to completion
	Boat Park Gates	Repair of closing sensors and motors to reduce unauthorised parking and prevent unintentional leaving of gates open	Apr 2016	Sept 2016	Complete
	Pontoons	Condition to be reviewed and remedial work identified	Aug 2016	Dec 2016	Harbours staff arranging inspection.
	Double Corner	New power pedestals to be fitted	Sep 2016	Dec 2016	Parts delivered, work to begin November
	Boat Park Drainage	Plan to assist drainage and reduce flooding incidents.	Aug 2016	Oct 2016	Complete
	Battery Pier Gate	Review of security of premises after concerns over youths congregating in the area	Sep 2016	Nov 2016	Extra signage to be erected
	Flapgate Cylinders	Routine maintenance had identified that cylinders were close to life expiry, replacement required	Sep 2016	Feb 2017	Cylinder on island, awaiting Stop Log completion
	Stop Logs	Works required to improve time available for gate maintenance, coffer dams to be created	Sep 2016	Dec 2016	Works ongoing to provide further stop logs and channels
	Linkspan Piles	Routine Maintenance has identified issues with the steel pilings	Aug 2016	Sept 2017	Design work proceeding
	Peveril Jetty	Repairs to jetty and promenade steps to assure safe access to the beach in Douglas	Jun 2016	Oct 2016	Complete
	Berth No 5 Fender	Reinstatement of fender	Sep 2016	Sept 2017	Planning options being explored
	Port Signals	Alternatives required to replace old port signals in Douglas	Apr 2016	Jan 2017	Base being prepared for pole to be installed
	Harbour Lamp posts	Routine Maintenance of lamp posts, replacement where necessary	Mar 2016	Dec 2016	Inspection by MUA Oct 2016

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Port Erin	Raglan Pier	Resurfacing of boatpark to improve area together with power and water pedestals	Apr 2016	Sep 2016	Complete
Port St Mary	Moorings	Removal of old moorings, siting of new ones, slight redesign of layout to maximise occupancy, survey and levelling of harbour bed	Summer 2015	By start of 2017 season	All parts ordered, and works ready to commence
	Alfred Pier	New slab along length of pier following settlement, reinstallation of fuel tank washed away in previous years	Jul 2016	Dec 2016	Ongoing complete in early 2017
Castletown	Bridge	Bridge to be lifted off for maintenance and replacement of main bearing and deck	Jul 2016	Dec 2016	New deck arrives late October - due for lift off in mid November
	Penstocks at 'Duckpond'	Sluice gates to be installed to assist maintenance	Nov 2016	Dec 2016	Awaiting contractor to begin work
Peel	Dredging	Preparations for dredging taking place, in conjunction with DEFA	Ongoing	Ongoing	Further discussions with DEFA Nov 2016
	Boat Park Gates	Repair of gates	Jul 2016	Nov 2016	Awaiting final connection of motors and sensors
	Bridge Track	Replacement of life-expired track	Sep 2016	Oct 2016	Complete
	Bridge Latch Cylinders	Routine maintenance showed some parts close to life expiry	Sep 2016	Nov 2016	Parts awaited
	Pontoon	Condition to be reviewed and remedial work identified	Aug 2016	Dec 2016	Harbours staff arranging inspection
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Ramsey	Talk of the Town Site	Clearance of site to create an additional boat park area in Ramsey with tarmac and power/ water pedestals	Spring 2016	By Apr 2017	Planning Permission granted Sep 2016. Work being tendered for progress.
	Pepperpot Lighthouses	Cracks found in both - plan to dismantle for restoration and refinishing	Jul 2016	May 2017	Work to begin November 2016
	Power Pedestals	Re-connection of power to pedestals on quayside after Dec 2015 flooding	Summer 2016	May 2017	MUA works scheduled
	Swing Bridge	Improvements to control system, operating cabin to be repaired	Summer 2016	May 2017	Specification approved, design work proceeding
	Salt Works Boat Park	Clearance and redesign of site to improve functionality	Sep 2016	Not yet known	Design work commenced, DED involved in future options