

Ports News Bulletin

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Welcome

The New Year is here and the winter months are generally quieter for our harbours, which provides an opportunity to carry out maintenance. In this bulletin there is again news from our projects and works, along with interesting information on other subjects.

If you have any comments on any of the items featured, please send them to Laurie Royston, Assistant Ports Manager at the Sea Terminal, or email to laurie.royston@gov.im

We wish you all a happy and prosperous 2018.

Staff Training

In an aim to keep officers practised and current in their skills, several training courses have been attended by various staff. Some Ports employees recently gained a recognised Oil Spill Response qualification. Other courses which have been participated include:

- RAF post-crash seminar
- Decision Making Course

Further training in 2018 begins with Emergencies on Trial Seminar. Feedback received indicate that these sessions have been both informative and enjoyable.

Insurance

Harbours users will be aware of the Harbour (Pleasure Craft Insurance) Bye-laws 2017 which came into operation on 1st March 2017 (SD No.2017/0019). This legislation requires all boat owners to have a contract of insurance for each vessel used or stored within any harbour area. This has been a popular introduction as the regulations are now fair to all should an incident occur. Whilst many have obliged, could we please remind all owners who have not produced evidence of insurance to ensure they do so as soon as possible. Whilst allowances have been made for the introductory period, there will shortly be a review and action may be taken against those failing to comply.



IMO III Code

This code provides criteria to determine how Member States give full and complete effect to the provisions of several International Maritime Conventions to which they are Contracting Parties, such as Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) and Prevention Of Pollution Of Ships (MARPOL). Ports Division and Ship Registry are working extensively with other Divisions to achieve this multi-Departmental objective. Compliance will be determined in the form of an audit which assesses how a member states meets their obligations and responsibilities in areas such as strategy, legislation and resources. The United Kingdom is programmed for audit in 2020, which may include a visit from the inspectors to Isle of Man.




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Works Update

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Security Improvements

Whilst for obvious reason this is an area we cannot get into too much detail, it is suffice to say that lots of work has taken place in various areas and locations recently. Upgrades and improvements which have been invested in include:

- An enhanced x-ray facility at the sea terminal.
- Renovations and alterations at the tanker security hut in Douglas to improve processing of personnel into a secure area when a tanker is alongside.
- A new upgraded gate to the Victoria pier with revised opening times.

Dredging Douglas Marina

Douglas marina has been dredged using traditional "tried and tested" methods by a sub contractor. The amount of work which could take place was governed by the licence, environmental considerations, tides and weather conditions, but in an operations which spanned from March to September, almost 3000 tons of mud and silt were successfully removed. It is anticipated dredging should begin again in early 2018.

Fog Horn

Following failure earlier in the year, Douglas fog horn has been replaced. It is understood to be the last remaining navigation aid of it's type in the UK and certainly within the jurisdiction of the Northern Lighthouse Board who are the General Lighthouse Authority for Scotland and Isle of Man. They are responsible for the operation and maintenance of primary lights such as Douglas Head and Point of Ayre. The signal's characteristics remain the same - whis(2) 40s as per A771 Admiralty List of Light and Fog Signals.



Meet The Team!!

This month's employee focus is Tracy Lane. Tracy's job title is "Personal Secretary to the Director of Ports" but she also provides invaluable administration support to management teams at both the Airport and Harbours. A long serving employee, Tracy started working for the Isle of Man Government when she was 18 and has see many changes over her 27 years service. Chances are if you've ever had cause to ring the Airport or the Harbour, your call was answered by her!

She is married to an airport fireman and has two grown up children. Her pets include 2 dogs (we believe there are several more!) with whom she spends a lot of her leisure time on long walks.

What's going on in your harbour?

Area	Item	Description of Works	Start Date	Estd finish Date	Latest Update (January 2018)
Douglas	Port Entrance	Redesign of port entrance area to make it more user friendly, and less cluttered	Aug 2016	TBC	Revised plans completed
	CCTV	Review and replacement as required of operational CCTV cameras	Ongoing	Oct 2018	Plans drawn up and funds available April 2018.
	Flapgate Cylinders	Routine maintenance had identified that cylinders were close to life expiry, replacement required	Sep 2016	Jan 2018	1st cylinder changed June 2017 and 2nd planned 3rd Jan 2018.
	Stop Logs	Works required to improve time available for gate maintenance, coffer dams to be created	Sep 2016	Jan 2018	Some additional modification to be completed.
	Linkspan Piles	Routine maintenance has identified issues with the steel pilings	Aug 2016	April 2018	Works planned for March 2018
	Berth No 5 Fender	Reinstatement of fender, plus repair of damage to walkway after accident Feb 2017	Sep 2016	April 2018	Work to be carried out in conjunction with linkspan piles
	Harbour Lamp posts	Routine maintenance of lamp posts, replacement where necessary	July 2017	Dec 2017	Survey complete. Requirements known and being actioned.
	Dredging	Removal of silt from marina area.	Nov 2016	Oct 2017	Complete until early 2018. Almost 3000t of silt removed.
	No1. Buoy	Swapped Nov 2017, but subsequently damaged and to be replaced again asap.	May 2017	Jan 2018	Awaiting refurbishment of 1st buoy
	MOC ICCS	Installation of new hardware and data recorder	April 2017	Jan 2018	Work complete except snagging list. Technician due to return Jan 2018
Port St Mary	Flood Defences	Flood defence system and walls to be constructed.	2017	Aug 2018	At design phase and soon to go to tender. Initial preparations being made.
	Alfred Pier	New slab along length of pier following settlement, reinstallation of fuel tank washed away in previous years	Jul 2016	May 2018	Fuel tank in situ awaiting connection, pump head and dispenser
	Alfred Pier	New day mark to be installed to replace the former light house	2018	2018	Planning stages
Castletown	Bridge	Bridge to be lifted off for maintenance and replacement of main bearing and deck	Oct 2017	March 2018	Bridge in unit undergoing repairs. Work at bridge site almost complete.
	Breakwater	Large section of concrete coating has broken away	June 2017	April 2018	Awaiting contractors to carry out work.

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Port Erin	Raglan Pier	Ongoing inspection and maintenance of pier structure, routine inspection identified cracking	Jan 2017	Ongoing	Continual observation being maintained on condition, and repairs undertaken as required
Peel	Dredging	Considerations for dredging taking place, in conjunction with DEFA and silt material being tested.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Discussions with DEFA on going ref inner harbour.
	Silt Trap	Installation of trap to catch silt before it reaches harbour	Jan 2017	2018	Project board has been set up and has held three meetings
	Stop Logs	Works required to improve time available for gate maintenance, coffer dams to be created	Aug 2016	March 2018	Major works complete. Some additional modification to be carried out after Douglas complete.
Ramsey	Talk of the Town Site	Clearance of site to create an additional boat park area in Ramsey with tarmac and power/ water pedestals	Jan 2017	July 2017	Work deferred to 2018
	Power Pedestals	Re-connection of power to pedestals on quayside after Dec 2015 flooding	Summer 2016	Jan 2018	Final stages.
	Ramsey Shipyard	Re-establishment as a working shipyard operated by the Department.	2017	March 2018	Final formalities being completed.
	Mooragh Bank Moorings	Points of wear have been found on the ground chain	June 2017	March 2018	Temporary repairs carried out and costings for new chain to be obtained.