

Ports News Bulletin

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Welcome

TT, which is the busiest time of year for Ports Division staff, has now been and gone. As usual we had a large number of visitors to the Island's harbours during the festival helped by the settled weather. We are now well into cruise ship season, with almost 10,000 passengers due to visit this year. The majority of vessels will berth at Douglas, however Hebridean Princess is booked to call in at Peel on two occasions. We wish you all a safe, and enjoyable summer

Insurance

As mentioned in the previous bulletin, a more proactive approach is to be taken in respect of enforcing the Harbour (Pleasure Craft Insurance) Byelaws this year. The consequences for not having the proper insurance are the potential to have a vessel detained or removed from the harbour, as well as prosecution which could lead to a fine of up to £5,000. A minimum of third party insurance with £2 million cover is not only a legal requirement, but is also fair to those harbour users who do have insurance in place.

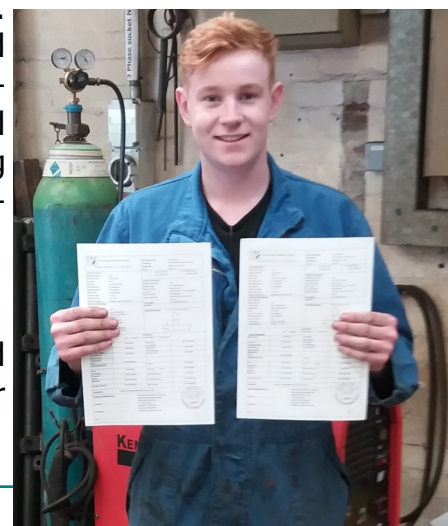


Staff Development

Marine Operations Centre Senior Watch Officers Tony Thompson and James Walker have recently attained distinctions overall in the Lloyds Maritime Academy Diploma in Harbour Masters. This correspondence course included modules covering Environmental Conservancy, Emergency Planning and Vessel Traffic Services.

One of Ports Division's youngest members of staff, Apprentice Blacksmith Lucas Quilliam, is now qualified in City & Guilds 3268 level 2 in welding skills. Lucas, pictured with his certificates, attended the Engineering College in Birkenhead.

Well done to Tony, James and Lucas on their achievements.



Meet the Team

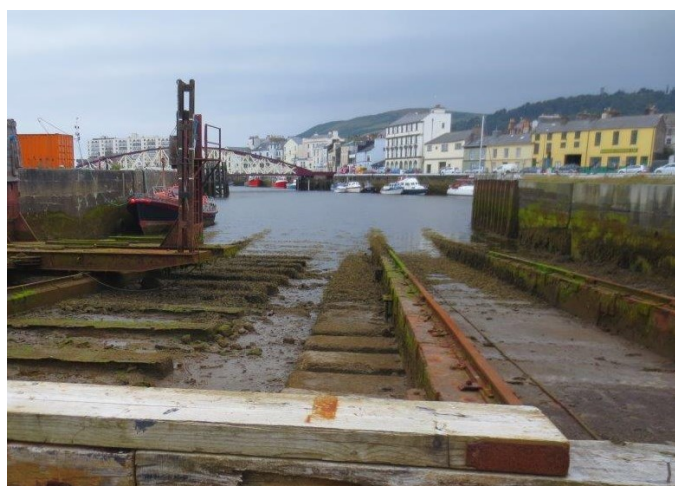
Our newest Harbour Keeper, Lavinia Washington, started in April. Lavinia, who lives in Douglas, is rotating between the harbours in Peel, Laxey, Ramsey and Douglas to gain a thorough working knowledge how each operates. Being outdoors is the ideal job for Lavinia, who is also a volunteer for Ramsey and Douglas RNLI crew. In the rest of her spare time, Lavinia plays football and is a team member for Douglas Royals. She also helps out at the Venture Centre and enjoys pursuits such as gorge walking and coastering with her friends. Welcome, and the best of luck to Lavinia on the start of her career with Ports Division.

Works Update

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Douglas Marina laundry

Washing machines and tumble dryers are now available for marina users. The laundry is located next to the inner harbour office on the Tongue, please contact the Douglas Harbour Keepers for access. The room was previously the harbour office but used recently as a storage area, repurposing it for the benefit of local marina users and visitors alike will hopefully be welcomed.



Ramsey Shipyard

Ports Division has recently taken over operational responsibility for the slipways which are currently being refurbished as part of a phased program to return them to full working order. A new tenant, Ramsey Shipping Services, has occupied the main building, it is hoped that this will mark the beginning of a revival for the marine engineering industry in the area. The Ports Divisions Marine Section has also relocated to an adjoining area within the Shipyard.

Castletown Bridge

Following works to replace bearings, bushes and rollers the Major Cain Memorial Bridge was recently lifted back into place. The much-needed structural work is complemented by replacement navigational lighting and new, decorative lighting which was installed on behalf of Castletown Commissioners.



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What's going on in your harbour?

Area	Item	Description of Works	Start Date	Estd finish Date	Latest Update (June 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 2019	Plans drawn up , central Government project also affecting other Departments
	Stop Logs	Works required to improve time available for gate maintenance, coffer dams to be created	Sep 2016	Apr 2018	Work completed
	Linkspan Piles	Routine maintenance has identified issues with the steel pilings and areas of seabed erosion	Aug 2016	Autumn 2018	Bam Nuttall engaged as contractor. Work expected to commence imminently
	Berth No 5 Fender	Reinstatement of seaward fender, damaged and removed following a collision	Sep 2016	Autumn 2018	Bam Nuttall engaged as contractor. Work expected to commence during summer 2018
	Dredging	Removal of silt from marina area	Jan 2018	Oct 2018	Temporarily halted for operational reasons
	No1. Buoy	Swapped Nov 2017, but subsequently damaged and to be replaced again asap.	May 2017	Sept 2018	1st buoy refurbished, awaiting changeover during summer 2018
Port St Mary	Flood Defences	Flood defence system and walls to be constructed	2017	Aug 2018	Work underway, ahead of schedule. Due to be completed mid-summer
	Alfred Pier	Reinstallation of fuel tank which will allow vessels to fuel locally without the need for road tankers	Jul 2016	Summer 2018	Fuel oil hopefully available by end of summer 2018
	Alfred Pier	New day mark to be installed to replace the former light house	2018	2018	Construction due to commence summer 2018
Castletown	Bridge	Bridge lifted off for maintenance and replacement of main bearing and deck	Oct 2017	April 2018	Bridge now lifted back on and in working order. Work completed
	Breakwater	Large section of concrete spray coating has broken away	June 2017	August 2018	Concrete sprayworks to take place as part of all-Island programme

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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
	Cosy Nook Lighthouse	Painting	Summer 2018	Autumn 2018	To be scaffolded and painted as part of the programmed works this summer
Peel	Dredging	Considerations for dredging taking place, in conjunction with DEFA and silt material being tested.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Project expected to commence dredging in January 2019, with a view to removing 20,000 tons of heavy metal contaminated silt from inner harbour
	Silt Trap	Installation of trap to catch silt before it reaches harbour	Jan 2017	2018	Project board has been set up and is exploring further and future options for control of material coming downriver
	Replacement road bridge	Highways are proposing to replace Peel Harbour road bridge. The current bridge dates from 1938, the proposed new bridge will include improvements to the approaches and increase the load carrying capacity	Sept 2018	Feb 2019	Pending planning approval. While the new bridge is constructed, a temporary bridge will span the River Neb slightly downstream with access via the boat park
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 October 2018
	Ramsey Shipyard	Re-establishment as a working shipyard operated by the Department.	2017	March 2018	Tenant occupies building and further works taking place to refurbish slipways
	Mooragh Bank Moorings	Points of wear have been found on the ground chain	June 2017		Temporary repairs carried out and costings for new chain to be obtained
Laxey	Flood defence works	Plans are currently being drawn up to improve the capability of Laxey harbour and promenade to deal with floods and overtopping	Ongoing	Ongoing	In the planning stages