

Chairman's Report 2019 AGM

HARBOUR WORKS

Repair to Harbour Walls: £5,700 in 2010, £7,800 in 2011, £6,500 in 2012, £5,820 in 2013, £5,000 in 2014, £4,850 in 2015, £5,768 in 2016, £5,029 in 2017, £4,200 in 2018 and £3,750 in 2019 (£54,447) of which £4,500 has been received as grants from the Parish Council and DCC. The defined schedule of works which are to be completed to a cost of no more than £5,000 each year will continue until both walls are fully renovated by 2025. Other works included dredging of the brook, an experimental racking system for canoes and dinghies, acquiring and installing a replacement dedication plaque at the south head of the western wall and re-wiring the power distribution point

FISHERIES

Graham Wills, our Fisheries Officer, has maintained control of the issue of Board licenses to all of the Peeler crab farmers. Details of this operation been reported to the Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority. The Board will shortly issue Ingham Fisheries with a lease to farm shellfish (oysters) on a patch of fundus off Sowden End.

PRESSURE ON HARBOUR

We continue to have waiting lists for all facilities except moorings. The management challenge takes most of our time. We now administer 127 owners with a combined licensed vessel LOA of 938 metres (837m last year). The Board introduced a new license for Homebased Portable Craft (HPC) under which a member is permitted to launch such a vessel from the harbour for an annual fee of £10. Members may own more than one HPC and can launch any one of them for the same fee at any one time provided the HPC license disc is either carried by the member or temporarily attached to the vessel. Members are again encouraged to consult the website and contact the Board before acting unilaterally.

SOWDEN END RAMP

The bollard has proved to be an effective deterrent to vehicles parking on the foreshore but we do need to replace the "Vehicles Prohibited" sign which some frustrated individual vandalised.

EXE ESTUARY MANAGEMENT - THE CURRENT SITUATION

The Two small Voluntary Exclusion Zones at Dawlish and between Courtlands Cross and Exmouth are operating and new voluntary codes of conduct covering water-borne and land based estuarine activities have been published – there are no new statutory powers of bye laws to enforce them.

CRANING OPERATIONS

Successful this year. Vessel owners are asked to plan ahead as last-minute appeals for bespoke treatment may not be accommodated – the default obligation is that owners will be present for craning

FUTURE PLANS

Maintenance of the walls will continue but at a slower pace this year as our stone mason is recovering from a cerebral event. We will need to remove the debris from two recent cliff falls and dredge the brook outfall. This will be accomplished by a digger, dumpers and a work party on the 11th of April.

THANKS TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Statistics:

<i>Chairman's Statistics</i>	2020 Feb	2017 June	notes
Total loa @ harbour	938	837	all canoes assumed 2.5m loa
LOA less canoes	821	794	
Mooring licences	69	74	
All licences	235	224	incl canoes
All dry-berth licences	159	141	
Wet Licences moorings & wet-H	76	83	
Wet-harbour Licences S+W	29	23	
Winter dry-berth (of S-moored fleet)	28	28	
Tenders	55	61	
Dinghy licences	56	63	
Canoe Licences	30	17	
winter berthed canoes/kayaks	7	3	
# of HPC licenses (# members)	18 (12)	0	
Total £ less craning	12,821	13,255	
Owners	127	127	