



## Winter Newsletter 2014/15

Welcome to the winter 2014 edition of the Littlehampton Harbour newsletter! I hope that you find it both informative and interesting.

Billy Johnson  
Harbour Master

### DREDGING AND SURVEYS

A recent survey of the bar shows it to be currently 0.9m above chart datum. This figure should be taken off the readings shown on the tide boards around the harbour to find the depth at the harbour entrance.

In conjunction with Lafarge Tarmac and the Environment Agency the shoal bank dredging was undertaken in December and again successfully removed 2000 tons of shingle from the bed of the river which reduces the sediment build up on the bar. Dredging of the LHB moorings was carried out in November using the bed levelling tug 'Adurni' from Shoreham Port.

### TIDE TABLES AND ANNUAL REPORT

This year's tide tables and the annual report from last financial year are available now!



### USE OF VHF RADIOS

All mariners are requested to maintain a listening watch on the radio of VHF CH 71 whilst in, approaching or exiting the harbour. Most radios have a dual watch function that should be used at all times. The Arun Yacht Club run periodic RYA VHF courses at reasonable prices.

### NO WASH - 6 ½ KNOTS

Speed limit in the harbour is 6 ½ knots. In consideration of other river users we also ask that once you have cleared the narrows you respect the NO WASH request.

### EAST BANK FLOOD DEFENCE SCHEME

Flood defence works are nearing their final stages in all reaches. The Multiuse vessel 'Avon' remains in port for the duration of the works around Britannia Quay. The Jack up barge and support barge has now left on completion of the piling works. Pier Road is due to open in February and Arun parade in March upon completion of the landscaping works. For more details see the EAs website: <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods/114650.aspx>.



### INSTALLATION OF CCTV

A new CCTV system has been installed by LHB of which can be viewed live from any windows, android or apple device. To view the cameras use the following link, first time viewers will be instructed to download plug-in or free app.

<http://www.littlehampton.org.uk/live-cctv/>

### AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Three new channel marker lights have been installed in the narrows (to compliment the green light at the base of the East Pier). Chart updates can be found at the following address using chart number 1991.

<http://www.ukho.gov.uk/nmwebsearch/NMsByChartNumber.aspx?filter=1>



### BE PART OF THE RIVER COMMUNITY

We want to hear about your experience in the harbour! Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, Instagram and all the other types of Social Networking websites. If you wish to receive the most up to date information and local notice to mariners let us have your email address or visit our website [www.littlehampton.org.uk](http://www.littlehampton.org.uk).



### SAFETY STAKEHOLDER GROUP

The safety group meets twice a year with businesses, clubs and other organisations represented. The meeting is a great opportunity to meet face to face and to discuss safety issues on the river. If you have any ideas or questions for the next meeting in October please contact the Harbour Office.

### WATERFRONT FESTIVAL

This year's Waterfront Festival is scheduled for **Sunday 2<sup>ND</sup> August**. Last year's event was a real success so look out for confirmation of events and visiting vessels nearer the time.



### REPLACEMENT PILOT BOAT

The current pilot boat 'Jumna' is due to retire in October 2016 after more than 30 years of active service within the port. The harbour board will be looking to replace her with a new multipurpose vessel capable of performing all pilot boat duties and plough dredging. The vessel will also have onboard equipment such as a small Hiab lifting arm, winch system and large open working deck. The vessel is due to arrive in the port April/May 2015.

### PLANS FOR FISHING HUB

Working closely alongside Arun District Council a funding bid was submitted in October 2014 with plans to install a new section of pontoon and landing area for the local fisherman. It is hoped that this will provide a safe and secure area for the fisherman to land their catches and store gear in one dedicated area.

### HARBOUR REVISION ORDER UPDATE

The Harbour Revision Order (HRO) to obtain powers of General Direction is in its final stages and should be in place for the summer season. General Directions (GDs) will supersede the current outdated Bylaws and enable a more robust and flexible approach to managing activity in the harbour.

### MARINE CONSENTS

If you are considering any marine works within the limits of the harbour call into the harbour office to discuss the licensing requirements and consents or visit the website for guidance.



### CRANE LIFTS

A number of boats were crane lifted in November into our storage compound ready for their winter maintenance. If you are interested in sharing the costs of a lift with other boat owners and would like to take advantage of the LHB facilities please contact the Harbour Office to discuss the options available.

### GO PAPERLESS

Receive future correspondence and invoices by email. If you haven't already supplied us with an email address send your Owner Reference Number and email details to [accounts@littlehampton.org.uk](mailto:accounts@littlehampton.org.uk)