

# MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## ZOOM MEETING – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
<b>1.1 Welcome</b>	1.1 The Chairman (Dr N.Bristow) welcomed everyone to this 'Zoom' MAC meeting this morning.	
<b>2.1 Present - 'Zoom'</b>	2.1 Those present then identified themselves and the organisation whom they represent: N.Bristow – Port Dinorwic Sailing Club I.Huws – Ynys Mon Council T.Jones – MSFOMA C.Jones –VDBHA T.Edge – RWYC D.O'Neill – Caernarfon Harbour Trust I.Thomas - Caernarfon Harbour Trust	
<b>2.2 Apologies</b>	2.2 Apologies : K.Fitzpatrick K.Griffiths - Natural Resources Wales R.Prytherch – Caernarfon Sailing Club S.Morgan G.Tyrer – Port Dinorwic Marina J.Johnston – Plas Menai	
<b>2.3 Resignations</b>	T.Bailey – RNLI - Resigned	
<b>3. MAC Minutes Review</b>	3.1 The Minutes from the previous MAC meeting that was held on 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 were agreed by all those present. 3.2 The Chairman of the MAC apologised that at the last meeting the 'Zoom' link had not gone to the representatives of the CHT and so they had not been able to attend this meeting. 3.3 The MAC members agreed that they should now find someone to replace T.Bailey.	
<b>4. Season Review</b>	4.1 The MAC members proceeded to review the season and how busy it has been so far. The Harbour Master informed the meeting that when Trinity House undertook their annual audit of the Trust's navigation marks that they had reported no significant problems. However, work is still progressing on placing an additional navigation mark at the wreck of the "Grampian Castle". To date two surveys have been conducted to try and find a preferred location and that a further survey is now being arranged. The Harbour Master gave his assurances to the MAC that the work would be undertaken, if not this year, then next. The Harbour Master then referred to the interactive map that has now been installed on the CHT website highlighting the speed limits on the Menai Strait. To date 78 PWC's and 13 jet skiers have registered with the CHT. Although a large number have come from outside our jurisdiction, the Harbour Master said that his main concern was that they obey the rules and regulations of not only the Trust; but also, Ynys Mon and Gwynedd Councils. The Harbour Master then highlighted that approximately half the jet skiers who have registered are from Colwyn Bay because they do not accept the Conwy registration system. During August 2021 the CHT at weekends deployed two vessels at both ends of the Strait due to there being more vessels afloat than last year. On the weekend of the 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 a powerboat race is to occur off the R.Seiont and the V.Dock. The Harbour Master also reported that he has submitted a grant from the Small Scheme Infrastructure for a support waste facility at the R.Seiont, along with a half tide concrete grid that will enable boatowners scrub off their hulls.  For Ynys Mon Council, I.Huws, informed the meeting that the Aids to Navigation from Bangor to Puffin Island were inspected by Trinity House and were found to be in good order. With regard to their registrations system that they are now in their thousands for this year (i.e., due to the incentive of paying a reduced fee if the person has obtained an RYA certificate). He added that 30 keys have been sold for users at Moel Y Don in order for them to legally launch their vessels (by removing the bollard), which has been greatly appreciated by the local fishermen. In conclusion, he remarked upon the announcement that was made yesterday as to the closure of the loophole that will now prevent jet skiers no longer being exempt from liability if involved in any future collisions.	

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	<p>Mr I.C.Thomas informed the meeting that two nominations were needed from all the clubs, etc. comprising the MAC to serve as Trustees and that they should be submitted to the Harbour Master before the end of September 2021. He also added that his time as Chairman of the CHT officially finishes at the end of October 2021 and how important that MAC was in giving their views to the Trust. However, he was a little bit disappointed that more people were not attending these MAC meetings. The Chairman remarked upon the very warm welcome that he had received when he attended by 'Zoom' a Monthly meeting of the CHT and how the Trustees had listened to what he had to say.</p> <p>Mr I.Huws (YMC) referred to a recent meeting that was held in Menai Bridge in which over 100 people had attended concerning the fatality that occurred there last year. This year, he added, has seen the best behaviour from jet skiers. Following a discussion about the forthcoming report on last year's tragic incident it was considered that both the CHT and the MAC would need to study its recommendations. During a discussion it was mentioned as to how insurers could be more effective in helping to reduce the speed limit as well as the number of vessels in the area through the pricing policy of their premiums as compared to what action is taken by the statutory and municipal ports in the area (e.g., the CHT and Ynys Mon Council).</p> <p>The RWYC reported a lot of activity throughout the year; but that the number of PWC's was phenomenal and that they and the jet skiers had all behaved well at Pilot Cove. The Harbour Master reiterated to the meeting as to the increased number of speed patrols that were undertaken by the CHT on the Menai Strait this summer. In addition, that the "Seiont IV" now has the legend "Harbour Master" on its bridge in order to increase the perception that the Trust are patrolling these waters. Mr I. Huws (YMC) said that as he lives in Y Felinheli that he had noticed a number of vessels slowing down as a result of the CHT speed patrols there. Unfortunately, a shortage of manpower has meant that Ynys Mon Council did not have a presence at Menai Bridge this year. During a further discussion the Harbour Master said that it had been very helpful that Ynys Mon Council had placed a 5-knot speed limit buoy sign at the Moel y Don launch site.</p>	
<b>5.MAC Membership</b>	<p>5.1 The meeting was informed that T.Bailey (Menai Marine/RNLI) has now officially resigned from the MAC. Unfortunately, the MAC has not seen at recent meetings K.Fitzpatrick; R.Prytherch and the representative from the NRW. The MAC at this meeting suggested that the CHT accept B.Davies as the representative from Gwynedd Council and or from another business (e.g., Dinas Boatyard) onto this committee. During a discussion as to who should be appointed onto the MAC it was agreed to undertake the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Apart from finding someone else from the RNLI; to contact RYA Cymru concerning K.Fitzpatrick and his continued membership of the MAC.</li><li>• For N.Bristow to speak to Charlotte as to being the new representative on the MAC for Port Dinorwic Marina.</li><li>• To ensure that all the representatives; in particular that of the Caernarfon SC should attend future MAC meetings and if need be, for them to appoint a new representative.</li><li>• To consider appointing a business representative, for example from Dinas Boatyard.</li></ul>	

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<b>6. Any Other Business</b>	<p>6.1 Dr N.Bristow informed the meeting that it is with deep regret that due to the pressure of work in his current position that unfortunately he will be unable to remain as Chairman of the MAC. The members of the MAC should now submit names as to who should be appointed as the next Chairman before the next meeting.</p> <p>6.2 The meeting discussed the mussel beds with the suggestion that all four corners of the mussel bed be lit. Mr T.Edge is to send all the details to N.Bristow as to what they had sent to the consultation with Ynys Mon Council on this matter.</p> <p>6.3 Dr N.Bristow before concluding this meeting thanked everyone for their time and assistance during his Chairmanship of the MAC.</p>	<b>MAC</b>
<b>7. Items to be referred/ recommended to the CHT</b>	<p>7.1 The MAC agreed to undertake the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For the MAC to contact the Caernarfon SC and the RYA Cymru to appoint a new representative if their existing nomination is unable to attend future MAC meetings.</li><li>• To appoint B.Davies (Gwynedd Council) and a representative from Dinas Boatyard onto the MAC.</li><li>• To also appoint a representative from Ty Calch in which to provide opinions from PWC users and fishermen.</li><li>• To confirm to all representatives that if they were unable to attend a MAC meeting that they can instead arrange to send a deputy and for this to be confirmed in writing.</li><li>• For the Chairman of the MAC to meet the CHT at their next meeting before reporting back to the MAC.</li></ul>	<b>CHT</b>
<b>8. Date of Next meeting</b>	<p><b><u>8.1 The MAC members agreed that the date of the next meeting will be on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 10.00am.</u></b></p>	<b>Harbour Master</b>