

Navigation Committee

05 September 2019

Agenda item number 7

Chief Executive's report and current issues

Report by Chief Executive

Purpose

To brief the Committee on significant matters relating to the maintenance and management of the waterways and give members the opportunity to raise any such issues.

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1. Accessibility

- 1.1. Our committee reports have been redesigned to comply with the accessibility regulations for public sector websites that came into effect in September 2018. The aim is to make sure content uploaded to the website is accessible to all users, especially those with disabilities. The new format will be used for all committees and members' feedback is welcomed.

2. Broads Authority 26 July 2019

- 2.1. At the Authority's annual general meeting on 26 July 2019, members adopted the Broads Integrated Access Strategy and the Safety Management System, both of which had been reviewed by the Navigation Committee on 13 June 2019. The Authority also adopted the Broads Biodiversity and Water Strategy 2019-2024.
- 2.2. The Broads Authority approved the Navigation Committee's recommendations on the strategic approach for specific mooring locations and noted the discussion at the 13 June 2019 meeting in regards to the launch replacement programme. Further investigation and follow up action are underway.

3. Navigation patrolling and performance targets

- 3.1. The report of the significant use of powers by the rangers is displayed in Appendix 1 and reflects the busy period. Appendix 2 shows the average navigation/countryside splits for three months are higher on the navigation side as would be expected during the summer when patrolling is a priority.

4. Sunken and abandoned vessel update

- 4.1. The sunken and abandoned update is contained in Appendix 3. A significant number of vessels have been recovered over this period due to the availability of our works equipment to assist with this. There has also been a rise in the number of abandoned vessels which is due to the Rangers investigations into the non-payment of tolls and display of registration marks bringing these vessels to our attention.

5. Planning enforcement update

- 5.1. There are no further enforcement matters with navigation implications to report.

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Appendix 1 – Rangers exercise of powers analysis

Appendix 2 – Ranger duties total time allocated and actual days

Appendix 3 – Sunken and abandoned vessels current position as at 21 August 2019

Appendix 4 – Prosecutions dealt with in court for non-payment of tolls March 2019 to August 2019

Appendix 1

Rangers exercise of powers analysis

Table 1

Verbal warnings	Wroxham launch Wroxham and upper Bure	Irstead launch Ant	Ludham launch Hickling, Potter Heigham, upper Thurne	Ludham launch 2 lower Thurne and lower Bure	Norwich launch Norwich and upper Yare	Hardley Launch Reedham, Chet and middle Yare	Burgh St Peter launch Oulton Broad and upper/middle Waveney	Breydon launch Breydon water, lower Waveney and Yare
Care and caution	20	7	3	0	2	0	0	2
Speed	859	258	240	39	18	17	52	20
Other	18	19	25	0	10	2	0	1

Table 2

Written warnings	Wroxham launch	Irstead launch	Ludham launch	Ludham launch 2	Norwich launch	Hardley Launch	Burgh St Peter launch	Breydon launch
Care and caution	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Speed	14	5	13	5	1	0	0	3
Other	6	6	2	0	2	10	0	0
Special directions	21	0	0	1	0	0	38	3

Table 3

Launch patrols	Wroxham launch	Irstead launch	Ludham launch	Ludham launch 2	Norwich launch	Hardley Launch	Burgh St Peter launch	Breydon launch
Launch staffed by ranger	56	44	58	25	43	39	41	55
Volunteer patrols	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
IRIS reports	12	5	6	7	19	11	7	16

Table 4

Broads Control total calls

Contact method	Number of calls
Telephone	6,573
VHF	1,542
Total	8,115

Appendix 2

Ranger duties total time allocated and actual days

Table 1

Broads Authority corporate duties

Work area	Annual allocation (days)	Actual days to date
Training	134	47.94
Broads Control	362	142.67
Team meetings, work planning	377	122.68
Partnership working	76	24.36
Assisting other sections	76	26.22
Billets and boatsheds	25	1.93
Launch – general	0	7.06
Trailers - general	0	0.41
Vehicle maintenance	0	1.35
Other equipment repair	0	4.46
Total	1050	379.07

Table 2

Navigation duties

Work area	Annual allocation (days)	Actual days to date
Patrolling	1299	724.97
Escorts	51	31.18
Prosecution files	0	25.10
Bankside tree management	66	5.27
Obstruction removal	28	8.38
Channel markers and buoys	41	2.91
Signs and boards maintenance	70	9.86
Adjacent waters	107	42.97
Reactive mooring maintenance	121	11.45
Total	1783	862.09

Table 3

Conservation, recreation, countryside maintenance duties

Work area	Annual allocation (days)	Actual days to date
Fen management	140	28.72
Lake, riverbank restoration	90	7.30
Invasive species control	20	3.11
Other conservation work	217	16.15
Pollution response	0	0.41
Visitor site maintenance	214	76.04
Whitlingham Country Park	282	99.56
Public footpath work	14	4.53
Education work	28	10.20
Total	1005	246.01

Team total up to 10 Aug 2019

Percentage Navigation: 78%

Percentage National Park: 22%

Appendix 3

Sunken and abandoned vessels current position as at 21 August 2019

Description	Location found	Action	Notice affixed	Result
Motor Cruiser	River Yare Old River Thorpe.	Vessel sunk at owners moorings	No	Not affecting the navigation
Motor Cruiser	Deal Ground, Yare	Vessel sunk	No	Liaising with owner
Motor Cruiser	Oulton Broad	Harbour Master unable to trace owner	No	To be lifted September 2019 when equipment is in the area
Yacht	Geldeston	BA to raise in liaison with owner	No	Removed
Motor cruiser	Geldeston	As above	No	Removed
Yacht	Rockland	BA to raise and remove June 2019	Yes	Removed
Motor Cruiser	Sutton/Stalham cut	Liaising with owner, not in the navigation	No	Ongoing
Aux Yacht	Potter Heigham	Abandoned Vessel	Yes	Currently for sale
Motor Cruiser	Ludham Bridge	Abandoned Vessel	Yes	Currently for sale
Rowing dinghy	Wroxham	Abandoned Vessel	Yes	Expires 22/08/19
Rowing dinghy	Potter Heigham	Abandoned Vessel	Yes	Expires 22/08/19
Motor Cruiser	Pyes Mill	Abandoned Vessel	Yes	Expires 05/09/19
Motor Cruiser	Oulton Broad	Abandoned Vessel	Yes	Expires 27/08/19

Appendix 4

Prosecutions dealt with in court for non-payment of tolls March 2019 to August 2019

Type of vessel	Vessel name	Fined	Costs awarded	Victim surcharge	Compensation
Houseboat	Silver Dawn 535F	£220.00	£150.00	£30.00	£79.65
Unpowered vessel	Noeleen H198	£220.00	£150.00	£564.80	£150.00
Houseboat	The Haven 21395	£220.00	£150.00	£30.00	£148.68
Aux Yacht	Starbeam	£150.00	£220.00	£30.00	£70.29
Motor Boat	Micmol Q772	£250.00	£150.00	£30.00	£291.28
Houseboat	Tiramisu 930R	£40.00	£75.00	£30.00	£100.89
Motor boat	Swallow 354Y	£300.00	-	£30.00	£516.36
Unregistered Sports Boat	-	£660.00	£150.00	£44.00	£66.20
Motor Boat	Rosina 487D	£80.00	£75.00	£30.00	£127.52
Motor Boat	Barbarella 1469Y	£440.00	£150.00	£44.00	£158.88
Motor Boat	Lovely Jubbly 836R	£440.00	£150.00	£30.00	£198.60
Aux Yacht	Fogster X459	-	£230.00	-	-
Motor boat	Commodore 293W	£440.00	£150.00	£30.00	£516.36
House boat	Bodge 41 1111Y	£100.00	£150.00	-	£33.84