

Adjacent Waters
Report by Head of Ranger Services

Summary: This report summarises the current position in respect of the Adjacent Waters Survey. Work is still progressing on the subsequent inputting of data and resulting enforcement action. Members will be updated on the latest survey figures at the meeting along with latest income projections.

1 Background

- 1.1 As members will be aware the Broads Authority Act 2009 extended the requirement for registration of craft into Adjacent Waters, the definition for which is set out in Section 2 of the Act. As part of the process of advising land and boat owners of the new requirements the Authority agreed to complete a survey of the affected areas, and ensure notification. The purpose of this report is to advise members of progress which has been made to date. The original survey commenced in 2009 and was undertaken by the dedicated Waterway Strategy Officer. Unfortunately the survey was delayed by staff sickness but was restarted with the assistance of the Rangers.
- 1.2 The initial targeted areas for the “Adjacent Waters” survey identified were those in the potentially “high risk areas”, where the potential of fire and explosion could impact significantly on a third party. For the purpose of the survey each river has been divided into sections. As can be seen the scale of the survey is huge and each vessel that comes under the legislation must be identified, mapped and inputted into the survey data base. This often involves more than one site visit to large marinas one of which contains 500 vessels. Enquiries also have to be made with landowners and paperwork completed to deadline as stipulated in the Act.

2 Adjacent Waters Survey Update

- 2.1 Training was given to the Navigation Rangers in order that the surveying could be accelerated. Further training was given to the new Ranger Service Team and it was hoped that the survey would continue during the summer of 2011. Due to training and the time required for “the day job” little progress was made although complaints of untolled vessels in adjacent waters were pursued under the enforcement process that had begun on 1 April 2010.
- 2.2 The survey by the Rangers began in earnest in November and it was quickly discovered that many vessels have moved from original positions and yards and that in some areas a major resurvey was required because up to date

information was required for enforcement, this involved the rangers in a survey of over 3,000 vessels.

- 2.3 At the time of writing there is one small yard on the River Yare and one small marina on the River Ant that are proving difficult to survey and which may have to be completed by using the powers in the Act. It was and still is envisaged that the survey will be completed by March 2012.
- 2.4 The actual survey visits, data collection and transfer to computer took until Christmas. The two surveys have been combined and updated by the Broads Control room operator which has so far taken a month and should be concluded by the committee meeting when members will be updated verbally. The total number of vessels surveyed within adjacent waters is expected to be in the region of 5,000. The tolls department and Head of IT and Collector of Tolls and his team are dealing with the supporting enforcement paperwork and postal enquiries. Appendix 1 sets out the current statistics for the areas surveyed
- 2.5 The original survey showed that 8% of boats were not registered with the Broads Authority and the ranger survey has shown 7%.The general feeling from the rangers was that with some vessels being taken off the system or scrapped that the final figure will be about 5%.

3 Enforcement Action

- 3.1 The Head of IT and Collector of Tolls will undertake a position statement and analysis and will update committee on his income projections. Registration, Boat Safety Scheme and Insurance offences are also being pursued and figures will be updated at committee.

Background papers: None

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Appendices: APPENDIX 1 – Summary of 2011 Adjacent Waters Survey

2011

SURVEY SUMMARY - 2011 SURVEY

	RIVER ANT				RIVER BURE						RIVER CHET		RIVER THURNE				RIVER WAVENEY				RIVER YARE				R WENSUM		TOTAL			
	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	1	TOTAL	1	2	3	TOTAL	1	2	3	TOTAL	1	2	3	4		TOTAL	1	TOTAL
River Sections																														
Boats Surveyed	7	198		84	289		139	148	443	392	51	1173	103	103			90	90	289	182	163	634	97	594	6	28	725		0	3,014
Boats Registered	6	187		76	269		59	146	414	324	51	994	100	100				0	252	173	142	567	96	562	6	28	692		0	2,622
Boats not registered	1	11		8	20			2	24	68		94	3	3				0	32	7	20	59	1	44			45		0	221
Private Boats	5	189		67	261		140	142	433	313	50	1078	83	83			68	68	278	159	154	591	78	513	6	27	624		0	2,705
Hire Boats	1	7		15	23				6	68	1	75	14	14			17	17	12	6	7	25	17	61		1	79		0	233
Workboats		2		1	3			6	1	5		12	5	5				0	1			1		8			8		0	29
Timeshare Boats					0					1		1		0				0				0		1			1		0	2
Current Tolls	4	186		72	262		136	140	181	295	46	798	87	87			81	81	247	165	141	553	82	499	12		581		0	2,362
No Tolls	3	12		12	27		3	8	31	97	5	144	16	16			9	9	40	17	22	79	14	95	13		109		0	384
Current Boat Safety	3	151		69	223		57	132	368	239	46	842	88	88			65	65	214	135	137	486	87	484	3		574		0	2,278
No BSS	1	17		4	22			8	38	38	5	89	15	15			8	8	32	10	24	66	9	89	3		101		0	301
Exempt BSS	3	30		3	36		2	7	17	108		134		0			16	16	27	23	1	51	1	8			9		0	246

NOTE - THE ABOVE FIGURES COUNT ONLY AREAS SURVEYED IN 2011 - OTHER AREAS PREVIOUSLY DONE IN 2009/10 NOT INCLUDED

River Ant	Section 1	Ludham Bridge - Irstead	River Bure	Section 1	Remaining Area
	Section 2	Barton Turf - Irstead		Section 2	Acle - St Benets Abbey
	Section 3	Sutton - Stalham		Section 3	St Benets - Horning Hall
	Section 4	Stalham - Dilham		Section 4	Horning - Horning Hall
				Section 5	Horning Hall - Wroxham
				Section 6	Wroxham - Horstead
River Thurne	Section 1	Thurne Mouth - Repps	River Waveney	Section 1	Oulton Brd/Short Dam/Burgh St Peter
	Section 2	Repps - Martham		Section 2	Somerleyton - Fritton
	Section 3	Remaining area		Section 3	Short Dam/Beccles/Geldeston
River Yare	Section 1	Norwich - Postwick			
	Section 2	Surlingham - Brundall	River Wensum		
	Section 3	Rockland - Hardley			
	Section 4	Reedham - Berney Arms	River Chet		