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PORTLIFE 9: WEATHERING THE STORMS FOR A POSITIVE 2014



Rodney Lunn – Chief Executive

A very warm welcome to another year and hopefully by the time you are reading this, some respite from the wet and windy conditions that saw out 2013 and welcomed in 2014.

Despite the weather we remained open throughout, and whilst our beaches and harbour arms took a pounding, we have come through it relatively unscathed.

Some warehouses lost a few panels, the shingle beach rapidly depleted in places with much of it landing on the road or outside Carats Café, and the high tides forced the lock gates open a number of times.

Once again our staff were excellent in responding to the extreme and unprecedented conditions, not only keeping the ships moving, but also turning them around efficiently with a quick discharge or loading, using highly efficient and modern cranes.

Trading wise, 2013 ended very strongly for the Port, and we are hoping that this will continue throughout 2014. There appears to be a growing confidence within the UK that we may be turning the corner, with new building and construction projects being announced.

Materials for these projects, such as timber, steel, and aggregates are an important part of our throughput, thus the upturn locally, will have a very positive impact. Equally we have diversified our cargo base, and the recycled cargoes of woodchip and glass are starting to increase. We are delighted to welcome Local Fuels to the Port community, who have now taken over the old Texaco/Valero oil tanks. They are just in the early stages of starting up, and more details will follow in due course.

Many exciting projects are in the pipeline for 2014 as we continue to expand our renewable energy credentials with solar and wind, as well as explore new cargoes and additional space for existing tenants. In addition we have invested in a new pilot boat, and this should be on station towards mid-year, ensuring a reliable and speedy boarding for the pilots.

Our range of properties continues to generate great interest from the market, and we welcome many new faces who

have recently filled vacant units. Once again we will be working very closely with our local community who overlook the Port to ensure we remain a good neighbour, and that we mitigate or overcome any noise or air pollution that may arise from time to time.

We would like to take the opportunity to wish all our stakeholders a positive 2014, and to thank them for their continued support and contribution to this thriving local port.

NEW YEAR NEW FORMAT

To celebrate the fourth year of PORTLife, we've decided to produce it in a new eco-friendly format, using 33% less paper than standard A4. The sleek and compact design is still crammed full of interesting stories from around the Port. We hope you like it. Send us your thoughts and feedback, we'd love to hear from you: info@shoreham-port.co.uk



Julian Seaman
Harbour Master/Director
of Marine Operations

ACCOMMODATING CUSTOMER NEEDS

In the autumn we received a call from the shipping agency, Lacy & Middlemiss, regarding the possibility of berthing survey vessels within Shoreham Port. This seemed like an excellent opportunity to diversify quay usage and introduce a new business stream to the Port. Given the minimal requirement for shore side space, we considered it would coexist effectively alongside our other shipped commodities and terminal developments.



On the first weekend three survey vessels arrived - the Atlantic Surveyor, the Markab and the Fugro Commander - along with a couple of smaller work boats. With a combined crew of over one hundred people and a number of vehicles visiting each vessel, it proved to be a very busy weekend on the Inner Layby Terminal. The large drilling tower on the Markab started an initial rumour amongst staff that the vessel might be part of a maritime fracking operation! In fact the vessels are working on quite the opposite. The vessels are employed by a specialist company called Fugro who are providing geotechnical site investigation at hundreds of locations for the Rampion Offshore Wind Farm. The collected data will enable the wind farm developer to select the optimal installation techniques to use if the construction of the wind farm goes ahead.

The Port worked together with shipping agents to provide a range of facilities and services to the vessels, such as accessible berths, flexibility with arrival and sailing times, forklift services, fresh water supplies, crew and equipment transfers at sea, gate security and waste disposal services. This is a package that we would be pleased to make available to craft in the future.



Alan Motterham
Commercial/Operations
Director

RECORD BREAKING CARGO IMPORTS

After a steady start in 2013 the second half of the year picked up well and ended up being our third best year since 2003, with total timber imports reaching 327,000 cubic meters.

The majority of timber was delivered from Sweden, Finland, Latvia and Estonia. Steel imports finished the year at a total of 82,500 tonne, making 2013 our best ever year for steel. Total bulk cargoes handled, import and export, finished at 145,717 tonne and include MOT Type 1, peat, road stone,

furnace ash, sand, road salt, recycled glass and woodchip.

We also saw a number of unusual shipments enter the Port. Many local people may recall seeing the large electric blue piping sitting on the quayside by the power station as



they drove past the Port along the A259 last year. After four shipments were carefully unloaded the pipes were then transported to a site in Reigate where they were used to build a new water main from Reigate to Croydon over a distance of 26km.

We are continuing to develop our cargo handling portfolio. New cargoes such as housing units were successfully dispatched in the latter part of 2013, using specialist lifting equipment and we are expecting deliveries of approximately 3,000 tonne of pulp from North Sweden over the following months. Deliveries of glass will also continue.

We look forward to a busy 2014, welcoming new customers to the Port and continuing to deliver a first class service to our existing customers.

DAY IN THE LIFE OF TERRY BUDD



Terry Budd is a man of many talents and has a busy work schedule juggling his skills between workshop fitting & I.T.

Terry started at the Port in February 2000 as a Workshop Fitter, based at our Operations Division. Terry then moved into I.T. and has recently started to work as an I.T. Generalist/Workshop Fitter, working very closely with outside contractors on many varied projects, whilst still handling his workshop fitter duties.

Terry's typical day starts with checking the Port's network. If there is a breakdown an email is received to alert Terry of the issue. If this does happen then speed is essential, as a small fault can turn into a very big problem, in a short space of time. Where possible we invest

in our staff to reduce reliance on external support. Through additional training Terry has expanded his skills set and now, in addition to his other duties, logs and reports any faults with our new handheld scanners, whilst updating and servicing the operating system. The scanners are part of our state of the art stock control system called Track-A-Pack, which tracks all timber movements throughout the 2.5km length of the Port.

The Track-A-Pack system utilises bar code and radio frequency technology which allows users to view "real time" information about their stock via our website www.shoreham-port.co.uk. Terry plays a key part in the running of the Track-A-Pack system by maintaining the wireless network and access points around the Port.

Terry commented "I like to see the variations in the weather during the changing of the seasons. I like the opportunity of working outside and I am very proud to be working on perhaps one of the largest wireless networks around the South Coast, which we have developed with the help of our IT partner Computer & Network Consultants Ltd." Terry has many interests outside of work, in particular local history and walking. Terry enjoys visiting National Trust sites and makes regular trips to the theatre. Terry is also a keen listener of classical music.



Paul Johnson
Safety and HR Director



DIARY OF EVENTS

16 February 2014
Brighton Half Marathon

6 April 2014
Brighton Marathon

24 April 2014
**Local Authority Liaison
Committee 1100**

24 April 2014
Port Users Group 1400

1 July 2014
**Shoreham Port's Annual
Public & Stakeholders
Meeting**

6 November 2014
**Local Authority Liaison
Committee 1100**

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www.shoreham-port.co.uk



lock, pedestrian and sluice gates are opened or closed. Having clear displays of everything that's going on in the Harbour Radio control room allows the Lockmasters to concentrate on keeping everyone safe whilst the shipping and pedestrian traffic moves to and fro.

We made a huge leap forward in 2004 when modern, efficient hydraulic power packs were installed on the Prince Philip Lock, together with fully automatic controls, to operate the sluices and lock gates at either end. This gives the reassurance of reliability and greatly reduces the potential for error in this key operational and safety critical area of the Port. More recently, the installation of a newly developed radar level sensor in the Prince Philip Lock last year has not only improved the level of protection for the heavy hydraulic plant that operates the gates, but also increased the speed of passage through the lock and the range of tide levels at which it can safely operate.

To maintain and "future-proof" the lock instrumentation, control and automation equipment, we work closely with a small team of trusted specialist, expert suppliers, constantly updating and improving the computer programmes and controls to take advantage of the very latest technical expertise and high quality components. The continuous teamwork has dramatically improved reliability and efficiency and made a strong contribution to the overall smooth running of the Port.

Port Fact

On average the Prince George lock operates over 7000 times a year, which is why we close it down twice a year for servicing.

SAILING INTO THE FUTURE

Shoreham Port has been around for centuries and most of the basic infrastructure, like the locks and quay walls, dates from the mid-20th century.



Tony Parker
Director of Engineering

The way we operate, though, is very 21st century. Getting a ship, a yacht or fishing boat through one of our locks isn't just a case of opening and shutting the lock gates. Oh no! On the big ship lock – the Prince Philip – for instance, to get a ship into the Canal, giant pipes called sluices are opened to equalise the water level in the lock with the level outside.

Once the levels either side of the outer pair of lock gates are the same, the lock gates can be opened at that end and the ship can enter. Then the gates are closed again and the sluices opened at the other end of the lock to equalise the water level in

the lock with the level in the Canal. Once that is achieved, the pedestrian gates on the footpath across the inner end of the lock must be closed and the lock gates can then be opened, allowing the ship to pass through. The lock gates must then be closed again and the pedestrian gates on the footpath opened to allow people to cross to the beach and Carat's Café.

The multiple control tasks required to operate the locks are all electronically controlled and sequenced through HMI's or Human Machine Interfaces. These are touch-screen monitors displaying plans of the locks, water levels and showing whether

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ENTERS ITS THIRD YEAR

At the end of 2013 we concluded our extremely popular Poetry Competition.



Sara Bassett
Finance Director

Shoreham Harbour - by George Mower

When I was just a young boy, maybe eight years old or nine,
I'd go down to a special place, I really felt was mine!
The harbour was my playground then, a wondrous place to see
where I could watch so many things, all put there just for me.
The old gas-works, the timber yards, huge lock gates I could cross;
those boats and yachts at "Lady B," and bits of wood to toss.
Big ships, some moored with cranes at work unloading coal and steel,
I'd watch those big ships come and go, it all seemed so unreal!

The ferry boats that took the workers to the other side,
I watched those boats for many hours, with eyes so big and wide.
One special day, the ferry man asked, "You want to have a ride?"
That trip from one side to the other, just filled me with pride!
I recall too, the boats for hire, and odd trips that we had
when as a family, we'd hire one, and go out with our Dad.

He'd row the boat out, up and down, and so near to those ships;
we sailed as close as we could get, avoiding all the drips!
I could have done that all day long, but soon our hour was through
and Dad would row us back again; he quite enjoyed it too.
Those days were good, I see them now, remember with a smile
How I was King of the Harbour, if only for a while.

After a thorough read through from our team, the following winners were chosen; in 1st place George Mower with his poem titled 'Shoreham Harbour', in 2nd place Jake Howard with his poem 'Our Local Port' and in 3rd place Shoreham Port employee Alex Lowden, with her poem 'Life at the Port'. George Mower, winner of the competition commented "I was delighted to hear the news that I had won the competition. It's just magic, and I am so pleased that my poem, about my favourite place in Sussex, has actually won." George's poem took pride of place on the platform walls at Southwick Station after a successful Poem Launch last month.

The Poetry Competition was held as part of an on-going station enhancement scheme between Shoreham Port and Southern Rail to improve Southwick Station for the benefit of the local community and Southern Rail passengers. We were thrilled to have our 2012 Art Competition recognised with a national award last September. We were awarded 1st place in the Community Art Schemes Renewable and Smaller Art Projects category at the Association of Community Rail Partnerships (ACoRP) Awards. We look forward to announcing our next community project with Southern Rail later in the year.

When I was nine, I built a boat that I could sail myself,
a plank of wood, from Beeves' old yard, no wider than a shelf.
Another piece to make an oar, I set out on my trip;
not once did it occur to me that I might fall, or slip.
I sat astride my little ship, legs dangled in the brine,
just like a Captain of those ships, the whole canal was mine!

When Mum found out she had a fit, I did not sit all day!
But very soon, I heard my harbour call from far away.
I spent so many happy hours around the harbour bounds,
the smells, the sights, the dirt, the coal, the many, many sounds.
I knew each part, I knew each ship, for many hours I'd roam;
and though I never told my folks, it felt somehow like home.

Years roll on by, the harbour changed in oh so many ways;
It's modern now, new things appear there seemingly each day.
The ships are larger, cargoes different, timber, steel and grain,
and I know that we'll never have the old days back again.
But even though its history goes back to Roman times
our Shoreham Harbour always was, and always will be mine!





Peter Davies
Development Director

POSITIVE FUTURE FOR OIL TERMINAL

The Shoreham Oil Terminal, built in the 1960s and most recently operated by Valero (trading as Texaco) closed last year. Since then we have been actively looking for a new operator to take it on.



There was a lot of interest in the site for a variety of uses, but in the end the best offer came from Local Fuels plc who are based in East Sussex. They will be continuing to manage the site as an oil terminal and are busy preparing the depot to be ready to start supplying fuel in February. Local Fuels plc will be importing a range of fuels by ship to supply their own service stations across Sussex as well as other local sites. They are also looking to supply heating oil and commercial fuels to local businesses.

Having the terminal working again is excellent news for Shoreham Port and the local economy. It is also a positive move in support of providing local jobs. We would like to wish Local Fuels plc a successful future at Shoreham Port.

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