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PORTLIFE 11: WELCOME TO 2015 AFTER ANOTHER ACTION PACKED YEAR IN THE PORT



Rodney Lunn –
Chief Executive

A full report on 2014 will be included in our Annual Report however it was another very busy year for the Port, with all cargoes moving very well.

With the local economy picking up construction materials of aggregate, steel and timber have been in high demand and with the better harvest coming through, exports from the grain silos have improved.

Shoreham oil terminal is now up and running and we expect to see more ship arrivals in 2015. The export of woodchip continues to increase, as power stations come on line and require them.

The Port continues to invest in new equipment. During 2014 the new pilot boat arrived and during 2015 a new Sennebogen 880 crane will be delivered, to ensure a continued high level of service is provided.

During 2015 we will be taking on a number of apprentices in our Engineering team to

help the local youngsters get on the career ladder and gain some vital skills.

Talking of Engineering, the team had an exciting end to 2014 with the movement of the spare lock gates from the Outer Layby terminal to the Pump House Compound, ably assisted by the Marine team expertly towing them through the east arm.

The operation was well planned and went very smoothly, enabling us to use the extra space where the lock gates were being renovated to store further cargo, and to ensure they are in the right place now for any emergencies.

The Port has bid farewell to two long serving Board Members – Jim May and Fiona Morris who completed nine year's service and also to Rachael Henderson who completed three years at the end of December. We thank them all for their outstanding contribution.

We welcome four new Board Members – Carolyn Dwyer, Amber Foster, Jo Newell and Trevor Giddings who joined on the 1st January.

We hope you enjoy the newsletter and as always if you have any comments or suggestions regarding the content of

our newsletters, please do let us know by contacting Katie Orchin on 01273 598100 or email korchin@shoreham-port.co.uk.



NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED!

Shoreham Port has an engaging and cutting edge new website for 2015. The website uses the latest graphics and online technology to deliver key updates on what's happening at the Port, information on latest vacancies, shipping and tide times and a wealth of information regarding future development plans at the Port. Visit www.shoreham-port.co.uk to find out more.

PICK, PACK AND TRACK - EFFICIENCY GAINS THROUGH INVESTMENT



Alan Motterham
Commercial/Operations
Director

Recently we have reported on the many new and diverse types of cargo entering Shoreham Port. To accommodate this wide variety of cargo we rely on using equipment that is efficient, reliable and versatile. Our fleet of Sennebogen cranes are exactly this and we will be expanding our fleet with the addition of one new crane in the spring.

We are also expecting a delivery of five new forklifts at the end of January, bringing our current fleet to a total of 35. Similarly to the other cargoes, our imports of timber are



Track-A-Pack scanning timber packs



also on the rise. The five new forklifts and crane will enable our team to continue to unload vessels quickly and safely, ensuring that cargoes are kept in the best condition when being transferred from sea to land.

Our state-of-the-art stock control system 'Track-A-Pack' has received a number of enhancements to improve its efficiency whilst handling timber on the Port. The Track-A-Pack system now allows users to see the identification number of each pack of timber on the scanners screen. This saves valuable time because the team

no longer has to return to the office to check paper work to track the progress of an order.

The scanners also feature an order index for priority picking and loading, as well as producing reports for review at the end of a job. Our internal servers have also received a 'technical refresh' to increase back up capacity and replace older units. We are always looking for ways to improve the efficiency of the Port and through working with local contractors we successfully ensure that the Port is using the most up-to-date technology to deliver an exceptional service to our customers.



Trawlers moored up along the Power Station Quay



Tony Parker
Director of Engineering

DRY DOCK LAUNCHES COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Shoreham Port has agreed a cooperation arrangement with the UK's largest independent ship repair company to boost business for our Adur Dry Dock.



The Port and Burgess Marine Ltd aim to work together to exploit this unique facility adjacent to the Port's locks at Southwick, which has operated as a dry dock for vessels of up to 50 metres in length since the 1930s. The dry dock is ideally located between Burgess Marine's

facilities at Dover and Portsmouth to take advantage of local and passing trade, including repairs and servicing to the burgeoning local fishing fleets and the large numbers of survey and support vessels expected to work on the forthcoming Rampion Offshore Wind Farm.



Julian Seaman
Harbour Master/Director of Marine Operations

SOLUTION FOUND FOR NIGHT FISHING BLUES

Working in association with the Angling Trust and Angling Trades Association a tricky issue was combatted at the end of last year regarding the use of head torches and lamps by fishermen on the harbour breakwaters.

The concerns related to the safety of navigation by having bright lights shone into the wheelhouses of vessels entering and departing the harbour, causing night blindness and near miss incidents.

The safety of our port users is paramount and we are always eager to resolve all issues as soon as possible. If the safety of port

users was being compromised by fisherman's lights we would have had to consider placing a ban on night fishing but fortunately after meeting with the Angling Trust we were able to devise a workable solution.

It was agreed that the use of blue bulbs, or torches with blue filters, would be an effective solution to the problem. The blue light reduces

the intensity of the beam at longer distances and because the colour blue is not used as a navigational signal within Shoreham Port, it will prevent confusion to vessels transiting in and out of the harbour.

We do our very best to accommodate the needs of all of our port users and it is fantastic news that this problem can be resolved at little cost to the fishermen. We are in regular contact with the Angling Trust and have a mutual goal to continue to support the fishing industry in any way we can.

Reg Philips, representing the Angling Trust's Sussex Marine region commented "In Shoreham we are fortunate to have a harbour authority that understands the importance of working with the community to maintain a safe working and leisure environment. I am very pleased that our local fishermen will be able to continue using the harbour at night."

COAST PROTECTION BOOST



The Port has been given a very timely boost by the Government in the form of a multi-million pound allocation from funds for the repair of coast protection works damaged in the severe storms of last winter. The Port is

working in cooperation with the Environment Agency, Adur District Council and Brighton & Hove City Council to renew coast protection structures along the entire port frontage.

Already, Kingston Beach has a much more secure rock revetment to the west of the RNLI Station and newly repaired groynes and beach replenishment to the east, so the A259 is safe again! At the east end of the Port, two large rock groynes have been completely rebuilt along with the rock armour protection to either side, providing much enhanced protection to Portslade and in the middle, at Southwick, preparatory works are underway to build eight replacement groynes opposite Carats Café and the Waste Water Treatment Works.



DAY IN THE LIFE OF MARK HAYES



Paul Johnson
Safety and HR Director

Readers may recall Mark Hayes being featured in one of our weekly news stories last September when he donated bone marrow to a patient in need of a bone marrow transport.

Mark continues to raise awareness of the Anthony Nolan Trust and dedicates much of his time outside of work to supporting the charity.

At work Mark is a Pilot Boat Coxswain/Assistant Lockmaster. Prior to joining the Port he was a Fisheries and Conservation Officer for Sussex Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority (Sussex IFCA). With this experience behind him Mark was an excellent addition to Shoreham Port and joined the Marine team in July 2013.

Mark works on a tidal based roster, working in day and night shifts transferring pilots on and off of ships that come in and out of the Port. The pilot boat has to be manned by two coxswains; one coxswain drives the boat and the other acts as a deck hand, assisting the pilot on and off the ships to ensure he remains safe. When not on the pilot boat Mark assists during the commercial tide times with lock operations.

Piloting runs in Mark's family, his father was also a Pilot Boat Coxswain at Shoreham Port many years ago. Mark commented "I had a pretty good idea of what the actual job entailed with my father having been a coxswain in the past and knowing all of the current coxswains at the Port, but what I didn't expect was how easy it would be to settle in, everyone made me feel really welcome and there is a real sense of team spirit here."

Outside of work Mark is also a member of the Shoreham Harbour lifeboat crew where he is Deputy 2nd Coxswain for the All Weather Lifeboat and Senior Helmsman for the Inshore Lifeboat.



DIARY OF EVENTS

22nd February 2015
Brighton Half Marathon

12th April 2015
Brighton Marathon

23rd April 2015
Local Authority Liaison Committee

23rd April 2015
Port Users Group

07 July 2015
Shoreham Port's Annual Public & Stakeholders Meeting

Please see our website for the latest details and venue information at www.shoreham-port.co.uk and follow us on Twitter for regular event updates @shoreham_port

COMMUNITY FOCUS FOR THE FUTURE



Sara Bassett
Finance Director & Deputy Chief Executive

We have received many enquiries asking if we will be holding a Shoreham Port Open Day in 2015

There have been a long series of discussions throughout the year, but it has been agreed that the Port will not hold another open day for the foreseeable future. This decision has not been taken lightly as previous events have been such a huge success. However, because the Port is busier than ever, with cargo throughput increasing year on year, the logistics have become unworkable as we do not have sufficient space to accommodate the thousands of visitors that we attract on the day.

Although many will be disappointed to hear this news, the fact that there is little space to host the event is a sign of just how well the Port is performing. As you drive along the A259 you will notice that each quay is loaded with some form of cargo and this is of course great news for the future of Shoreham Port and the growth of the local economy.

Instead of providing an open day we will be increasing our direct involvement within the local community. One way we



Photography exhibition opposite the Prince George

PORT FACT

Regular surveys show that

16,000
CUBIC METRES

of beach shingle pass along the port frontage every year due to the process of littoral drift.

intend to achieve this is through offering more port tours to schools and community groups. Our staff are always pleased to show people around and in particular, Tony Parker our Director of Engineering has gained quite a reputation for providing 'unmissable' port tours! Fondly nicknamed 'Tony's Tours' by staff at the Port, Tony dedicates many afternoons each year to showing members of the public around Shoreham Port. If you are a school or community group and you would like to arrange a visit during 2015 please contact us via email info@shoreham-port.co.uk.

Another great reason to visit the Port is to see the photography exhibition which is currently on display along the railings opposite the Prince George lock. This fascinating exhibition has been organised by One Planet Living and the artist illustrates the comparative energy efficiency of modified buildings in the Brighton and Hove area using thermal imaging. The exhibition will be on display until August this year. For more details about the project please visit www.fotodocument.org/oneplanetcity.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MATTERS



Peter Davies
Development Director

2015 is going to be another busy year with several exciting developments planned. Two major development sites will be put on the market for sale.

The first is Free Wharf on Brighton Road in Shoreham. Savills and Oakleys have been appointed as joint agents for this site. The 6.5 acre site is one of the largest sites in Shoreham and a key area for the regeneration of this part of the Harbour.

The second is Southwick Waterfront next to Lady Bee Marina where we want to attract commercial development to provide new business space. Also, we will see two new cargo handling facilities created, one adjacent to Shoreham Power Station, the other at the east end of the Brighton Terminal. These

will significantly increase our capacity for handling a greater range of cargo and help towards meeting our growth target of 25%.

We continue to be committed to significantly reducing our carbon footprint. As well as installing solar panels on several of our buildings, in partnership with Brighton Energy Co-op, we are getting closer to having two wind turbines erected to supply power to our pump house. Working with Norvento and Fine Energy a proposal was communicated at a public consultation back in the autumn with a favourable response from most people

who attended. Subject to planning permission we hope to see these machines operating by the end of the summer.

The Port is becoming a base for green businesses, the latest tenant being Organic Roofs Ltd. They design, install and maintain green roofs,



which increase biodiversity and improve stormwater management. It is fantastic to have eco-friendly firms such as Organic Roofing at the Port, working towards similar environmental aims as ourselves.

We have also been successful, along with the local authorities, in being awarded a Government grant to look into the feasibility of building a district heating network using surplus heat from the proposed Edgeley Green energy plant and possibly the existing Shoreham Power Station. This could potentially provide low cost heat for hundreds of homes and businesses.

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