

MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING – 12th February 2020

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1.1 Welcome	1.1 The Chairman (N.Bristow) welcomed everyone to this MAC meeting this morning.	
2.1 Present	2.1 Those present then identified themselves and the organisation whom they represent: N.Bristow – Port Dinorwic Sailing Club K.Griffiths - Natural Resources Wales I.Huws – Ynys Mon Council J.Judge – Royal Welch Club T.Jones – MSFORMA G.Tyrer – Port Dinorwic Marina D.O'Neill – Caernarfon Harbour Trust S.Morgan – Plas Menai E.Williams – VDBHA C.Jones – RWYC I.Thomas - Caernarfon Harbour Trust	
2.2 Apologies	2.2 Apologies : E.W.Jones – Pilot T.Bailey – RNLI	
3. MAC Minutes Review	3.1 The Minutes from the previous MAC meeting that was held on 9 th October 2019 were agreed by all those present; but with the following actions/adjustments, namely: i) For an email to be now sent to K.Griffiths (NRW) concerning speed restrictions on the Menai Strait as per Section 5.4. ii) The operators on the Menai Strait have in fact approximately 25 charter boats in operation and 14 commercial ribs. iii) Mr D.O'Neill (CHT) informed the meeting that Bangor University (i.e. as per Section 6.1) have undertaken the survey as requested and once he has received the report, it will then be shared with everyone via the CHT website.	
4. Update Speed Restrictions within CHT limits	4.1 The Harbour Master informed the meeting that he is awaiting the template from a signage company for the Registration stickers in respect of day vessels within the waters of the CHT. However, in the time frame of checking the proofs, etc. he could not guarantee that they would be ready for this season. The area from PD through to the Menai Suspension Bridge will be monitored more actively this season. 4.2 The Chairman (N.Bristow), in an answer to E.Williams (VDBHA) said that the CHT 5 knot limit was situated at Port Dinorwic, Waterloo Port foreshore, also in front of the V.Dock and the anchorage at Abermenai. However, there was a need to show on signs, the websites, etc. all the locations that the speed limits will be enforced throughout the Menai Strait to aid speed awareness. During a discussion regarding signs and the speed limits, it was mentioned that the main problem was that of wash displacement caused by vessels not only exceeding the speed limits but large vessels navigating a low speeds causing considerable displacement . The need for the commercial operators to assist in educating water users in order to improve individual behaviour in these waters. It was highlighted from past experience that a person, after registering their jet ski, is probably more likely to behave badly on their first day on the water because no sticker would have yet been issued (or allowed to glue properly) and so there would be no visible identification on their craft. 4.3 The Harbour Master informed the meeting that he would prefer if both Councils and the Trust used the same template in respect of the Registration sticker. For the CHT Registration system, the owner would register online if they intended to use their craft on the CHT waters. Mr I.Huws YMC) informed the meeting that in the first year the cost for a jet skier would be £160 (including the £20 Registration fee). If the owner possessed an appropriate RYA level 2 qualified certificate, then the price would then be £105 instead. The CHT would look to charge a £20 Registration fee; with no charges for launch fees, which they would have to pay if launching from Ynys Mon and Gwynedd Council sites.	

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	<p>4.4 The meeting then proceeded to discuss the need to better inform boatowners concerning the various speed limits on the Menai Strait. Mr I.Huws (YMC) reported to the meeting that last week a grant of £40,000 was obtained from FLAG. This money is to be spent on signage, leaflets, a warden, etc. as part of an information/education package. This should comprise maps containing information as to where you can and cannot launch a vessel around the island. The Chairman remarked at the amazing progress that has been made since our last meeting in October 2019; but also for both Councils to protect their maritime budgets, especially those relating to the Menai Strait. It was also remarked upon how much better it would be if the RYA Cymru and Plas Menai were involved in training jet skiers, etc. For example; Plas Menai could offer a Power Launch level II course, but for the boatowner to bring their own craft for the practical session. Thus reducing the cost to Plas Menai by not having to provide vessels for such a training courses.</p>	
<p>5. Any Other Business</p>	<p>5.1 Mr E.Williams (VDBHA) expressed his concern that the Chandlery at the V.Dock may no longer be there. Mr D.O'Neill (CHT) responded by stating that there isn't sufficient information at present to confirm that there will not be a chandlery at the site. However CHT clearly wish to support the future marine use of the site.</p>	<p>CHT</p>
<p>6. Items to be referred/ recommended to the CHT</p>	<p>6.1 The Chairman identified the following items from this MAC meeting to be recommended to the CHT, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the CHT to support I.Huws (YMC) on what he is currently doing with the grant from FLAG on the Menai Strait. • For CHT to consider altering its speed limit to 8k ts to unify the speed limits throughout the Strait. 	<p>CHT</p>
<p>7. Date of Next meeting</p>	<p>7.1 <u>The MAC members agreed that the date of the next meeting will be on 14th October 2020 at 10.00am at the Harbour Office.</u></p>	<p>Harbour Master</p>