

**Salcombe Harbour Board - 16 March 2004****TOPICAL HARBOUR ISSUES****Report by the Chief Environment and Development Officer**

**Statutory Powers:** The Pier and Harbour Order (Salcombe) Confirmation Act 1954.

**Financial Implications:** None

**Purpose**

1. This report advises the Board of any current topical issues.

**Recommendation**

**That the Board notes the report.**

**Waste Management Plan**

2. The MCA have approved the Salcombe Harbour Authority waste management plan. The MCA commented that the revised plan is an example of good practice.

**Mooring Policy Working Group**

3. Arrangements are in hand for the group to meet at the end of March depending on Member availability.

**Safety Management System: Slipways – Launching and Recovery of Vessels**

4. It has been pointed out that the Board's Safety Management System document omits any reference to the launching and recovery of vessels from the harbour slipways. As Members of the Board are aware, the slipways become very congested, particularly during the summer months and whilst their day to day management is the responsibility of the Harbour Master, the issue of safety generally is believed to lie with the Board.

It has therefore been suggested that a survey should be undertaken of the use of the slipways during the busiest periods of the summer, in order to assess the situation and address the omission in the document.

**Environmental Issues**

5. A production meeting of interested parties to discuss the story line for the proposed underwater film of the estuary generated a high level of interest and support.
6. The Salcombe Kingsbridge Environmental Management Plan final draft is now with the South Hams District Council drawing office awaiting publication.

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