

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SALCOMBE HARBOUR BOARD
HELD IN THE LIBRARY, CLIFF HOUSE, SALCOMBE ON
TUESDAY, 27 JANUARY 2004**

MEMBERS

* Cllr J S Beer - Chairman

* Mr R Wheeler - Vice-Chairman

∅ Cllr H D Bastone

* Cllr J Brazil

∅ Cllr R J Carter

∅ Cllr P H Cook

∅ Cllr C M Pannell

* Cllr S L Rankin

* Cllr G Rothwell

* Cllr D W S Thorning

∅ Cllr A R Vale

* Mr T Bass

* Mr G Foale

* Mrs J Furness

∅ Mr R Gilbert

∅ Ms L Heape

* Mr E Johnson

* Mr Frank Smith

* Denotes attendance

∅ Denotes apology for absence

SH.16/03 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 2 December 2003 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

SH.17/03 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman introduced and welcomed to the meeting the Chief Environment and Development Officer, Alan Robinson, who would be providing support for the Board following the retirement of the Chief Customer Operations Officer.

SH.18/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Senior Member Support Officer again reminded the Members that, given that the harbour charges, including moorings, were to be set by the meeting, such an interest was personal and prejudicial and that Members with such an interest were therefore advised to leave the meeting during the debate and the voting (minute SH.12/03 refers).

Members were then invited to declare any interests in the items of business to be considered during the course of the meeting. These were recorded as follows:-

Messrs Bass Smith and Wheeler for Item 8 'Review of Charges' (minute SH.21/03 refers) because they had moorings within the jurisdiction of the Harbour Authority and left the meeting during the discussion and vote.

Mr Foale declared an interest in item 8 'Review of Charges' (minute SH.21/03 refers) by virtue of also having a mooring within the jurisdiction of the Harbour Authority. Mr Foale, however, stated that because he was representing the interests of others he would remain for the discussion but abstain from the vote.

SH.19/03 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

RESOLVED

"That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business as the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act is involved".

SH.20/03 **COUNCIL MANAGEMENT RESTRUCTURING**

An exempt report was considered which informed the Board of the implications of the recently agreed service management arrangements for the wider Council and the financial consequences for the Board.

RESOLVED

That the implications of the Council's decision on the service management arrangements within the harbour be noted.

SH.21/03 **RE-ADMITTANCE OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

RESOLVED

That the public and press be re-admitted.

SH.21/03 **REVIEW OF CHARGES**

Consideration was given to a report which had been prepared to enable Members to set the Harbour charges for 2004/2005.

In the report, mention was made of:-

- (a) the Board's consideration of the revenue budget for 2004/2005 at the December meeting, which provided the framework for the Harbour Master to undertake the review on the basis of an average increase in charges of 2.8%(minute SH.14/03 refers);
- (b) that the revised charges would generate additional income of £14,800 and so absorb budget pressures;
- (c) that whilst the overall average increase was 2.8%, where necessary, certain over the counter charges had been rounded to the nearest 5p or 10p for ease of administration and cash collection;
- (d) the policy allowing for a 5% discount on accounts paid by noon on Wednesday 30 April 2004 and the proposal that the threshold was raised from £1,570 in line with the average increase in charges to £1,610;
- (e) the fact that the proposed fees took account of the charging arrangements for commercial vessels working in the harbour;
- (f) the variables that needed to be monitored to ensure that the budget remained on target. These included:-
 - the level of inflation;
 - the level of harbour use;
 - weather patterns;
 - holiday trends.

In discussion, particular reference was made to:-

- (a) the 'break-even' basis upon which the harbour's budget was prepared. A Member questioned whether it would be possible to approach the services provided by the harbour in the same way as other Council services such as car parks and thereby secure additional revenue for the district as a whole.

In response, a Member said that the 'break-even' basis of the budget was the result of Council policy that had been fully supported by the Board in the past:

- (b) the suggestion that, at some future date, the Board might wish to consider the continuing relevance of the current policy to allow a 5% discount on accounts over a certain amount and paid within a specified period;
- (c) confirmation that, in line with the current policy to review the water taxi fees triennially, the fees would be considered during next year's charges review.

RECOMMENDED

That Council be **RECOMMENDED** that:-

1. The proposed charges as set out in the attached Appendix be approved for implementation from 1 April 2004;
2. Accounts above £1,610 that are paid by noon on Wednesday 30 April qualify for a 5% discount.

SH.22/03 WHY HAVE AN ESTUARY MANAGEMENT PLAN?

The Board received a presentation from the Marine Conservation Officer on the marine life of the Salcombe/Kingsbridge estuary and the environmental pressure that it faces. The purpose of the presentation was to highlight, through an exploration of the beauty of the estuary, the importance of the management plan and the essential role of the community in implementing it.

(Meeting commenced at 2.30 pm and concluded at 4.00 pm).

Chairman

SALCOMBE HARBOUR BOARD CHARGES 2004/05

**The Salcombe Harbour Order 1954
The Harbour Act 1964**

HARBOUR RATES - SALCOMBE HARBOUR
(which includes the Kingsbridge Estuary and all the creeks adjoining)

(ALL CHARGES SUBJECT TO V.A.T.)

Charges from 1st April 2003

SECTION A

For all craft except those charged under B, C, D, E and F

<u>Part 1</u> - Harbour dues payable by all vessels moored/launched within the Estuary and registered at the Harbour Office	<u>Per Annum</u>
Up to and including 4.5 metres in length	£17.59
Over 4.5 metres	£17.59 plus £13.34 per metre over 4.5m.
High powered craft under 9 metres with engine or engines of 40 shaft horse power and over with planing or semi-planing hulls - <u>ONE AND A HALF TIMES THE DUES</u>	
Up to and including 4.5 metres in length	£26.38
Over 4.5 metres	£26.38 plus £20.02 per metre over 4.5m.
<u>Part 2</u> - Dues payable by small vessels up to 4.5m <u>LAUNCHED</u> into the estuary/harbour for any period up to <u>24 HOURS</u>	£1.15 per metre
Dues payable by visiting boats <u>LAUNCHED</u> into the estuary/Harbour for any period up to <u>24 HOURS</u> excluding July and August	£1.70 per metre
Dues payable by small vessels <u>LAUNCHED</u> into the estuary/harbour for any period up to <u>ONE MONTH</u> from the first day of launching	
Visiting Sailboards, Canoes and dinghies up to 3.5 metres in length without engine <u>HALF THE DUES</u>	£ 7.32 per month
Up to and including 4.5 metres in length	£14.64 per month
Over 4.5 and under 6 metres in length	£24.68 per month
High powered craft under 9 metres with engine or engines of 40 shaft horse power and over with planing or semi-planing hulls - <u>ONE AND A HALF TIMES THE DUES</u>	
Up to and including 4.5 metres in length	£21.96 per month
Over 4.5 metres	£37.02 per month
<u>Part 3</u> - <u>FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT MONTH</u>	
Sailboards, canoes and dinghies etc. under 3.5 m in length	£ 3.66 per month
Up to and including 4.5 metres in length	£ 7.32 per month
Over 4.5 and under 6 metres in length	£12.34 per month
High powered craft up to and including 4.5 m in length	£10.98 per month
High powered craft over 4.5 metres in length	£18.51 per month

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Part 4 - For yachts, motor cruisers and other visiting vessels**ENTERING the harbour**

Daily dues only (per day or part thereof)	£0.64 per metre
Daily mooring and dues (per day or part thereof)	£1.28 per metre
Weekly dues only	£3.49 per metre
Weekly mooring and dues	£6.98 per metre

N.B. Weekly rates are compounded at five and a half times the daily rate

All charges apply to the overall length of the vessel (excluding bowsprit)

The charges for visiting multi-hulled vessels will be increased by 100% if such a vessel requires the single occupancy of a visitors berth

All charges payable under Section A Parts 2, 3 and 4 are reduced by 50% from 1st October 2003 until 31st March 2004

SECTION B

For commercial passenger vessels

For every ship or vessel which shall enter the harbour

Per metre or part thereof £0.57

Additionally, per passenger landed £0.36

SECTION C

For Merchant Vessels

For every ship or vessel which shall enter the harbour

Under 100 tonnes £0.32 per tonne N.R.T.

Of and over 100 tonnes £0.37 per tonne N.R.T.

SECTION D

For houseboats, yachts and motor cruisers used as houseboats

Up to and including 4.5 metres in length per annum £35.18

Over 4.5 metres in length per annum £35.18 plus £26.68 per metre over 4.5

SECTION E

For Tugs which shall enter or use the harbour

Per day or part thereof £16.26

SECTION F

For laying up merchant vessels -

Laying up on foreshore each vessel per year or part £10.47 per metre

Laying up afloat each vessel per month or part thereof £0.65 per tonne N.R.T.

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SECTION G

On goods shipped, unshipped or transhipped within the harbour

Per tonne £0.97

Provided that no rates or charges are payable on shellfish

SECTION H

Moorings

Per annum for each
mooring chain or
connection

Foreshore mooring licences (including running mooring licences)

Charge per metre of vessel

£4.03 per metre

Minimum charge payable

£24.19

Deep water mooring licences (including store box mooring licences)

Charge per metre of vessel

£ 5.60 per metre

Minimum charge payable

£33.60

SECTION I

For laying up private vessels

Laying up on foreshore each vessel or tackle securing vessel

Vessels over 4 metres in length per winter period

£7.03 per metre

SECTION J

Crime Prevention charges

(Additional charges related to permanent mooring categories)

Category 1 All permanent mooring holders

£3.69 as per agreement

PLUS with contractors, to

Category 2 Deep water permanent mooring holders OR £24.24 be increased by rate

Category 3 Foreshore and drying pontoon permanent

mooring holders with powered craft not including of inflation, assumed

inboard engines

£10.27 to be 2.5%

SECTION K

Whitstrand Pontoon Licence (Resident Commercial)

Category A

£ 168.79 per annum

Category A1

£ 337.56 per annum

Category A2

£1,350.24 per annum

Category B

£ 337.56 per annum

Category B1

£ 675.11 per annum

Category B2

£2,700.46 per annum

Category C

£ 675.11 per annum

Category C1

£1,350.24 per annum

SECTION L

Marine advertising boards at Whitstrand

£34.36 per annum
(VAT exempt)

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Mooring Hire Deep Water

Above Tosnos Point	£ 37.00 per metre
Minimum charge payable 7.5 metre vessel	£277.49
All other areas including High Density Pontoon	£ 44.03 per metre
Minimum charge payable 7.5 metre vessel	£330.22

Mooring Hire Foreshore

Visiting craft	£ 6.65 per day £36.58 per week
Resident craft	£ 26.53 per metre
Minimum charge payable 4.5 metre vessel	£119.35

Batson Pontoon Berths

Single category – maximum 2.0 metre wide berth	£137.70 per season
Category 4 – 2.3 metre wide berth	£175.72 per season

Victoria Quay Pontoon Berths

Category 1 - 1.5 metre wide berth	£ 102.77 per season
Category 2 - 1.7 metre wide berth	£118.68 per season
Category 3 - 2.0 metre wide berth	£137.70 per season

Kingsbridge/Shadycombe Pontoon Berths

Category 1 - 1.5 metre wide berth	£ 102.77 per annum
Category 2 - 1.7 metre wide berth	£ 118.68 per annum
Category 3 - 2.0 metre wide berth	£ 137.70 per annum
Category 4 - 2.3 metre wide berth	£ 175.72 per annum
Category 5 - Commercial berth (Shadycombe only)	£ 934.91 per annum
Category 6 - Commercial berth (Shadycombe only)	£ 683.56 per annum

Storebox Mooring Rental

£88.89 per annum

Fish Quay Pontoon - maximum length 5.5 metres

£33.95 per annum

Whitestrand Boat Park

£90.48 per annum

Short Stay

£5.00 per day

Water Taxi Charges

Off Town	£1.00 (one way only)
The Bag	£1.50 (one way only)

Minimum charge outside normal hours £20.00 (one way only) All taxi charges include V.A.T.