

‘Solent & Poole Harbour Boating and Water Quality’ Pledges/Actions – Progress updates October 2020

Organisation	Actions	Progress	Updates	Need any help?
Solent Forum	Promote events, initiatives, information on the SF website	Completed	<p>http://www.solentforum.org/services/Current_Projects/Boating/</p> <p>The Clean Solent Shores and Seas (Clean Solent) project is a framework to ‘collate and share’ water quality resources and initiatives, to help improve awareness and influence behaviour in the Solent. Boating is one of the topics.</p> <p>http://www.solentforum.org/services/Member_Services/css/Boating/</p>	
Southern Water	Promote The Green Blue’s work through campaign material	In progress	Updates to our Beauty of the Beach engagement material will be done ready for the start of next year’s bathing season and shared in due course. We will focus on signposting the Green Blue campaign rather than repeating its messaging in full.	
	Provide technical support to businesses for sewage pump out and other facilities.	Ongoing	Support provided to MDL marinas, ABP, River Hamble Harbour Authority for existing and new sewage pump outs, and boat cleaning, facilities.	
The Green Blue	Share communication resources eg infographics, footers, main campaigns to be re-tweeted by group	Ongoing	<p>Please find information and resources on the new website: https://thegreenblue.org.uk/</p> <p>Launched the UK Marine Environmental Facilities Directory - resource for recreational sailors looking for environmental facilities on both inland and coastal waters throughout the UK. Facilities listed on the Directory include recycling facilities, hazardous waste disposal, pump out stations, black water/Elsan disposal, water refill points and filtered/bunded boat wash-downs. See:</p>	

			https://thegreenblue.org.uk/the-green-blue-to-launch-new-environmental-resource-at-boats-2020/ .	
River Hamble Harbour Authority	Share resources, promote best practices, messages across rivers/catchment	In progress	Promoting the re-launched Green Blue website and associated best practice guidance via RHHA annual newsletter. Other means will follow.	
	Fix pump out facilities on Hamble, and consider vouchers/discount for users	In progress	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waiting for mains foul sewer network issue to be fixed. 2. Technical modifications for new system agreed, and quotes obtained. 3. Awaiting installation date 	
	Find out about alternative disposal facilities		<p>Mactra - supplier of the fully certified biological sewage treatment plant for liveaboard yachts & houseboats http://www.mactramarine.co.uk/marine-equipment-enteron-1-introduction.htm</p> <p>Mobile pump out facilities – see boatfolk below</p>	
Environment Agency	Engagement with senior managers from Southern Water to provide accessible and affordable mains drainage for sewerage facilities	Ongoing	Agreed with Southern Water’s Head of Wastewater, a commitment to work with relevant parties to improve the waste water disposal facilities at marinas and public jetties.	
	Work with partners to develop projects, seek	In progress	Information sharing. Promoting good practice and funding opportunities. Networking and growing CoP. Organising stakeholder meetings for different initiatives. Holding events.	

	funding/resources, facilitate the CoP, and support delivery			
Portsmouth Harbour	Include messaging in correspondence	In progress	The new website will include Green Blue messaging will be hosted on this.	
	Promote Green Blue's work	Complete	The Green Blue gave a presentation to the Dockyard Port Forum, which was attended by a range of stakeholders, and opened the conversation with them about how they could consider the use of their facilities. This seeded a conversation about starting a commercial user group for them to coordinate their activities.	
	Investigate partnerships with marinas	Ongoing	See above – <i>has this Commercial user group been established? Have the Forum members taken forward any action/improvements?</i>	
Natural England	Provide funding for awareness raising campaign in Poole Harbour.	In progress	Provided seed funding for the 'Love your Harbour' campaign in Poole, and shared all the material and comms more widely for stakeholders to use. Collaborative project with Poole Harbour Comm. and Litter Free Coast and Sea.	
	Collaborate with different organisations to raise awareness at Boat show events for greater impact.		On hold this year due to Covid-19 pandemic.	
Dorset Coast Forum	Promote info and outcomes		Delivered the 'Love your Harbour' campaign in Poole, and shared all the material and comms more widely for all stakeholders to use. Collaborative project with Poole Harbour Comm., Natural England and Litter Free Coast and Sea.	
British Marine	Share information and			

	promote good practice and boat/ing improvements			
Poole Harbour Commission	Relocate pump out facilities	Completed	New pump out facility installed at a more accessible location.	
	Engage with marina's and operators to promote pump outs and good practice	In progress	<p>Raise awareness through websites, harbour guides, next Poole Boat show and also part of Terms and Conditions of marinas that PHC own.</p> <p>Collaborative partner in the 'Love your Harbour' campaign.</p> <p>Host meetings to publicise good practice to other marinas in Poole harbour. The chair of Poole District Fisheries Association has offered to give a talk about fisheries and importance of maintaining good water quality.</p> <p>Awareness raising and incentivising use of pump out facility. Considering raffle tickets (win a meal at a nearby restaurant).</p>	
HIOW Wildlife Trust	'Secrets of the Solent' project - training 'marine champions' to promote messages and link with Green Blue	Ongoing	<p>Held "Introductory", "Biodiversity" and "Inspiring People" courses for Marine Champions. Green Blue coming provided training course – all for preparing for positive interactions with the boating community.</p> <p>Engagement Officer, speaks to sailing clubs when invited.</p> <p>Project impacted by Covid-19.</p>	
Associated British Ports	Share Green Blue and awareness campaign	Complete	<p>A new website has recently been released for Town Quay marina - environmental information pages updated and includes the RYA Green Blue campaign logo.</p> <p>https://www.townquay.com/marina/environment/</p>	

	Provide pump out facilities at sites		Considering installing pump out facilities at sites.	
boatfolk	Pilot mobile pump out facility at Haslar Marina, Portsmouth Harbour	Complete	<p>Trial complete and a free mobile pump out service is available to customers – a voluntary donation can be made to a ‘Wilder Solent’ HIOW Wildlife Trust campaign. Really good feedback from customers to date. Presentation about this at our next Boating & WQ event. This service is in addition to pump out facilities at their other sites.</p> <p>https://www.boatfolk.co.uk/our-sustainable-future/pump-out-objectives</p>	
	Promoting sustainability	Ongoing	<p>At each site has a dedicated ‘Marina Mascot’, with species such as dolphins, cuttlefish and oysters. Through this initiative they inspire, educate and influence behaviours to make a positive impact on the marine environment. Really inspiring work.</p> <p>https://www.boatfolk.co.uk/our-sustainable-future/marina-mascots</p>	
Chichester Harbour	Repair pump out facility	Complete	Free pump out facility now available.	
MDL Marina	Provide pump out facilities at more sites		Considering installing pump out facilities at sites.	
Bembridge Harbour	Installation of sewage treatment plans in houseboats and new facilities for other boat users.	In progress	<p>Some of the 24 houseboats have sewage treatment works (STW). The older houseboats discharge directly to the Harbour.</p> <p>Exploring options to finance: free of charge the installation of STW’s to remaining houseboats; new facilities complex on the visitors’ pontoon; and a new floating facilities unit at the marina.</p>	
All	Get a snapshot of boating behaviours and		Collect pump out usage data, undertake a survey, etc. <i>Discuss with boating groups?</i>	

	on-board facilities			
	Incentivise good practice		Consider options to reduce fees or rebate in Harbour Dues for boaters, and businesses that have/use facilities. A uniform approach in Solent would be better.	
	Influence manufacturers and buyers to install holding tanks			
	Encourage retrofitting of holding tanks			
	Influence development, business and management plans to invest in better facilities			
	Share information and good practice		Use different communication channels, networks, and resources.	