



**SOLENT FORUM RECREATION SUBGROUP MEETING  
Royal Yachting Association  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010  
Meeting Minutes**

Please see paper 1 for those invited

### ***Outstanding items from last minutes***

*Action: KA to send KM Solent Access Study results*

### ***Need for a new chairman***

With regret and good wishes Paul Rivington has stood down as chair and can no longer be part of the Recreation Group. The Portsmouth Outdoor Centre has been privatised and thus Paul's priorities have had to change.

There is a need for a new chairman. Jenny Anderson Vice Chair stepped in temporarily and has agreed to chair this and the next meeting. A new chairman will be agreed upon at the next meeting. Interest expressed from David Evans (RHHA) and Allison Thorpe (EA).

*Action: Group to agree new chairman*

### ***Green Blue Presentation***

Jane Swan from Green Blue presented the initiative to the group. A Copy of presentation is uploaded to the Solent Forum website.

GR requested that Jane come to one of the BMF Southern Committee or evening meetings to present the initiative.

### ***Accounts***

KM presented the Recreation Group accounts, see paper 2. The group will have £1.040.60 left at the end of the financial year to carry forward into 2010/11.

KM asked the group if it would like to continue funding the group on 2010/11.

There was overall interest in continuing the group, although it was recognised that financial pressures are increasing and in future there may be a need for the Group to be subsumed under the Core Solent Forum.

Confirmation of was given from HCC, RHHA, RYA, FBC, NFNPA, SPS, Balanced Seas and Vectis Boating and fishing club. It is unlikely that the EA can fund this year. These contributions total £1850, and added to the reserve provides a total of £2890.60. A minimum of £3000 is required to run the group and KM will therefore a/ seek funding from other parties including other Harbour Authorities (Solent and South Coast Harbour Masters Assoc, meets in June and Nigel Jardine chairs), , BMF South or b/ Introduce a levy of £30 on the current subscriptions.

*Action: KM to seek further funding to run the group*

Further funding is required should the group wish to run projects, such as an update of the Solent Forum Strategic Guidance chapter on Recreation and Tourism. This is discussed later in the minutes.

## **Work Programme**

KM presented the work programme which was agreed, as shown in paper 3.

## **Enjoying Water – Environment Agency Project**

The above strategy commissioned by the EA is being conducted by Brighton University. This work has agreed a set of priorities for improving opportunities to take part on water based recreation, and has set these priorities using series of workshops around the country. There will be an on-line consultation on the strategic priorities detailed in the study. As soon as the study is completed in draft, it will be presented to the Recreation Group.

*Action: KM obtain draft report and organise a presentation to the group*

## **Updating the Solent Forum Strategic Guidance Chapter on Recreation and Tourism (SG on R&T)**

KM presented this proposed new project to the group, by taking them through a draft Project Brief (see paper 4).

The objective of the update is to help guide sustainable marine planning (in advance of a marine plan which will include the Solent) and guide facility provision. The review will also show the importance and value of water based recreation by activity on the Solent. More specifically the review will develop a position statement for the Solent as well as policies and actions required.

It is anticipated that the project may be worth up to £10,000. It was recognised by the group that this amount of money would not buy much time and therefore the following ideas were discussed:

- The project would be qualitative rather than quantitative
- Run at strategic overview level using key stakeholders, and asking them to consult with their members/key stakeholders
- Run in phases
- Consider priorities

Natural England and HCC have supported the project brief, and comments have been received from the EA. The EA are concerned that the project does not spend too much time on the literature review and sets the context only, that it links with other work in existence such as the “Enjoying Water” Project and SoMaP, and that the workshops are conducted with strategic organisations only.

Specific comments were made on the brief and KM will collate all of these and produce a second draft.

To date the following organisations have discussed the following contributions.

SPS	maybe
HCC	£2000
BMF South	maybe (more interested in updating marine consents)
RHHA	maybe
RYA	£500 maybe
FBC	£250
NFNPA	maybe

SEEDA?

MSE?

Finally JA summed up the discussion, by saying that the project will be run in three phases and overseen by a Steering Group consisting of members of the Recreation Group and others (important that this group has the right make-up). The 3 phases are:

1. Review - The need for the work and its objectives, what has changed since the last SG on R&T in 1997, the effectiveness of the SG on R&T
2. Position statement , policies and actions – to obtain this using a few high level workshops (organised with the assistance of the Solent Forum) and other qualitative phone or face- to face interviews and using Recreation Group members to represent/canvas their own stakeholders (ie: RYA, BMF South)
3. Provide a series of Information Sheets over a range of water based activities

In general there was support for the project and agreement that there may be enough money to run the first phase. Further money could then be sourced for further phases. KM was tasked with refining the brief and circulating it to Group members for comment, asking for buy-in and for project money contributions. KM will then ask

for volunteers for a small Project Board to help her run the project. The brief will then be sent to three consultants for tender. Alan Inder and Kate Moore have both expressed an interest in tendering and of potentially working together.

*Action: KM to refine the brief within 3 weeks and circulate it to the group for comment within a further 2 weeks*

*Action: KM to seek further project contributions*

*Action: KM to recruit a Project Board*

*Action: KM to put out the brief to tender*

**Next Meeting agreed for 15<sup>th</sup> July 2010, hosted by Solent Southampton University. The meeting will feature the Solent Forum SoMaP Project as well as a workshop session for the SG on R&T Project.**

## Paper 1 - Membership

<b>Recreation Group Paying Members in bold</b>	
<b>Andrew Bateman (HCC Tourism)</b>	
<b>David Evans (RHHA)</b>	y
<b>Allison Thorpe (EA)</b>	y
<b>Danny Lee</b>	
<b>Viv Rance (FBC)</b>	y
<b>Saira Sheldrake (NFNPA)</b>	
<b>Alan Inder (SPS)</b>	y
<b>Kate Mills (Balanced Seas)</b>	y
<b>Andrew Eggett (Balanced Sea)</b>	y
<b>Tony Williams (Angling Trust/Vectis Boating and Fishing Club)</b>	y
<b>Kate Moore (RYA HQ)</b>	y
Bob Russell (RYA Southern)	y
Roger Davies (QHM)	
Jenny Anderson (SSU)	y
Rob Burton (SSU)	
Nicky Horter (CHC)	y
Tim Goodhead (UoP)	
Kieran McEwan (UoP)	
Graham Horton (NE)	
Brian Clark (BMF HO)	
Debbie Burns (MDL/BMF South)	
Graham Rabbitts (BMF South)	y
Sue Simmonite (ABP)	
Kathryn Hampson (W Sussex Council)	
Alison Hamer (HWTMA)	

Karen McHugh (Solent Forum) y

## Paper 2 – Recreation Group Accounts

### SOLENT FORUM ACCOUNT 2008/09 Recreation Group

Opening balance           **0.00**

DATE	Amount	Detail	
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Nov-08	-3,000.00	admin fee to SF core	
<b>Income</b>			
<u>Project Contributions</u>			
Oct-08	100.00	Mr A H Williams (VBFC) contribution to project	
Oct-08	4,000.00	HCC contribution to project work only	
<u>Main subscriptions</u>			
Oct-08	250.00	NFNPA	
Oct-08	250.00	Portsmouth Outdoor centre	
Oct-08	250.00	RHHA	
Oct-08	250.00	Recreation and Heritage	
Oct-08	2,000.00	EA - Rob Waring	
Dec-08	250.00	RYA subscription for 2009/10	
Oct-08	250.00	RYA	
Oct-08	250.00	FBC	
Oct-08	1,000.00	EA - Alison Thorpe	
13-Jan-09	250.00	SPS	
Mar-09	250.00	Portsmouth Outdoor centre for 2009/10	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,350.00</b>	<b>reconciled to 31 March 2009</b>	
	<b>Note - Much of this income came in 2007/08 financial year</b>		<b>4,500.00</b>

**SOLENT FORUM ACCOUNT  
2009/10  
Recreation Group**

**Opening balance 6,350.00**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Sf reference</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Apr-09	-2,750.00	Solent Uni Rec Audit phase 1	
8-Oct-09	-3,000.00	Solent Forum Admin fee	
	-59.40	Catering	
<b>Income</b>			
Main subscriptions			
Apr-09	250.00	FBC	
Jun-09	250.00	NFNPA	
Jun-09	2,000.00	Environment Agency	SLA mentioned £2500
Jun-09	250.00	River Hamble	
Aug-09	250.00	HCC Rec dept	
		Solent Protection	
Oct-09	250.00	Society	
		RYA	paid last year for 2 years
		PCC	paid last year for 2 years
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,790.60</b>	<b>reconciled to end of Jan 2010</b>	

**Commitments**

Solent Uni -2,750.00 Phase 1 Recreation Audit Expenditure

**Balance 1,040.60**

## SOLENT FORUM ACCOUNT FORECAST 2010/11

### 2010/11 - Subscriptions requested

	£
Balance 2009/10	1,040.60
Environment Agency (AThorpe)	0
Hampshire CC Tourism	250.00
River Hamble Harbour Authority	250.00
RYA Headquarters	250.00
FBC	250.00
Solent Protection Society	250.00
NFNPA	250.00
Balanced Sea	250.00
Vectis Boating and Fishing Club	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,890.60</b>

### 2010/11 - Expected Expenditure

Solent Forum Admin fee	3,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>

**Balance** **-109.40**

Review of Strategic Guidance Project (Income and expenditure)	10,000.00
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### Paper 3 – Current Work Programme (Tracking)

**This programme is a selection agreed from Paper 3 of Solent Forum Recreation Sub-group Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> October 2007, and subsequently amended on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010.**

	<b>Projected Costs £</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<p><b>Recreation Audit Project</b></p> <p>This research is required to build on previous research. Need to agree the approach to craft count. This will show trends in the Solent</p>	<p>Phase 1 - £5500</p> <p>Phase 2 - Cancelled</p>	Final Report	<p>Project start-up meeting held October 2008.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress Meeting held 7/09</li> <li>• Final presentation due 30/9/09</li> <li>• Workshop due 30/9/09</li> </ul> <p>Phase 1 completion Winter 2009.</p> <p>Draft report and presentation received March 09</p> <p><b>Key contact: Paul Rivington</b></p>
<p><b>Update Recreation Chapter in Solent Forum Strategic Guidance</b></p> <p>RYA were involved in original chapter</p>	£10,000	2010	<p>Draft brief submitted in January 2010.</p> <p>See discussion in minutes. Group have agreed to take this forward. KM to produce a second draft brief for approval by the end of April 10.</p> <p><b>Key contact: Solent Forum</b></p>
<p><b>Mapping/Profiling Users</b></p> <p>Including locals and visitors. In order to prepare for tourism markets, understanding economic impact.</p>	N/A	<p>March 2009</p> <p><b>COMPLETE</b></p>	<p>Andrew Bateman to sent brochure to show how HCC promotes sustainable tourism, whilst understanding different types of tourism. Tourism essential for local economy. Impacts of different types of tourism understood and managed; if applicable some tourism not encouraged.</p> <p><b>Key contact: Andrew Bateman</b></p>
<p><b>Recreation Disturbance Project</b></p> <p>To describe the nature of shore-side recreational disturbance to designated habitats in the Solent. To evaluate significance and plan mitigation if necessary</p>	<p><b>Phase 1 – Desk research</b></p> <p>22,000</p> <p><b>Phase 2 – Primary Research</b></p> <p><b>Phase 3 - Evaluation</b></p>	<p>Oct 08 Complete</p> <p>2010</p> <p>2010</p>	<p>Project being managed by SF Nature Conservation Group. Phase 1 is complete.</p> <p>Phase 2 has commenced. Bird surveys are complete.</p> <p><b>Key contact: Rhian Edwards</b></p>



**Chairman: Professor Mike Clark, Director, Geodata.Institute**

**Vice-chairman: QHM, Portsmouth**

## Strategic Guidance Review 2010

- Recreation and Tourism –

Project Brief

Ist Draft January 10

### Background

The Solent Forum Recreation Group have an interest in updating the Recreation and Tourism chapter which was written as part of the Solent Forum Strategic Guidance in 1997 (Review of Strategic Guidance on Recreation and Tourism).

The Recreation Group have recently commissioned a Recreation Audit of water based recreation in the Solent. The desk research Phase 1 of this study was completed by Southampton Solent University in Draft in December 2009; this study gathered together information in the Solent on water based recreation and presented the results in a report and a GIS, and provided a methodology and costings for primary research to completely audit water based recreation in the Solent. On receiving this work the Recreation Group felt it should take a step back from the Recreation Audit as it could not clarify the reasons for conducting the research and could not generate the funds necessary to continue. The Group felt that it would be better providing resource to Review the Solent Forum's Strategic Guidance Chapter on Recreation and Tourism last written in 1997; it was felt that this would set help guide sustainable marine planning and facility provision in the Solent, as well as set out the current and required evidence base to support it.

The Review of Strategic Guidance on Recreation and Tourism (The Review) would focus on water based recreation, although it would make reference to coastal based recreation and tourism. It would commence with a detailed literature review listing related studies from 1990 onwards, summarising their purpose and relevance to strategic guidance; this would provide lessons learnt and show what evidence over time can be used/repeated. The State of the Solent Indicators 2004 are currently being reviewed and the results of this will be used to frame the review. The core of the review will be to obtain agreement from key stakeholders on a position statement and a set of policies and actions required over the next 10 years, to help organisations plan for the future and guide the provision of facilities to support the sector.

A number of products will arise from the Review as well as the main update of the Strategic Guidance chapter on Recreation and Tourism, including: A series of factsheets on each water based activity (see appendix A), which will become part of a single pack, Update of the State of the Solent Indicators on Recreation and Tourism; A Literature Review of all Recreation and Tourism Studies in the Solent; and Recommendations on the Evidence Base Required for Marine Planning. The outputs of the Review will in turn be used to inform the Solent Forum Towards Solent Marine Planning Project (SoMaP), which will finish in September 2010.

## **Objectives of the Review**

Provide up to date Strategic Guidance for Recreation and Tourism in the Solent to guide sustainable marine planning and facility provision in the Solent, as well as set out the current and required evidence base to support it.

## **Requirements of the Review**

- Clarify the objectives of the review, and who has an interest in it
- Produce a literature review summarising research, and their usefulness since 1990
- Update the State of the Solent Indicators on Recreation and Tourism and incorporate into the Strategic Guidance
- Assess the 1992 Chapter on Recreation and Tourism and its effectiveness; in particular look at the progress of individual policies
- Review the suitability of the policies in the previous guidance for inclusion in the new guidance
- Rewrite the position statement with Solent Stakeholders
- Set policies and actions with stakeholder
- Summarise future plans, actions and constraints
- Assess the current evidence base and make recommendations on its suitability for a range of uses such as a/ strategic planning b/ facilities planning c/ habitats regulation assessment d/ designated new habitats under Balanced Sea e/ development control. Make recommendations on what further research may be required and who may lead it (this will summarise the information from the factsheets below and from State of the Solent Indicators)
- Write a range of factsheets on each activity using best available data, and assessing the worth of that data (see Appendix A for activities) – case studies may be used

## **Methodology**

The project will begin with a thorough literature review and a thorough understanding and experience in Strategic Planning for the coast will be necessary, desirably with good understanding of Water based recreation and associated industry.

The core of the project will require a methodology that taps into the knowledge of key stakeholders. This can be achieved by:

- Questionnaire/interviews – organisations (and individuals); users, regulators, etc
- Workshops with stakeholders, using the Solent Forum Recreation Group to set them up

## **Budget**

Maximum of £10,000

## **Timescale**

Draft Brief to SG	16 <sup>th</sup> March 2010
SG Agree Brief	April 2010.
Outline Funds obtained	April 2010.
Tender process	May 2010.
Commence work	May 2010.
Literature Review	May 2010
Workshop and interviews	June – Aug 2010.
Interim presentation to Recreation Group	early Sept 2010.
Workshop and interview	Sept - Nov 2010.
Final results	December 2010

## **Tender Process**

This brief will be sent out to tender to at least 3 consultants. Collaboration between consultants/stakeholders is encouraged. Consultants are encouraged to cost their work in stages, so that the Recreation group can input into the process and buy into smaller packages if necessary.

## **Information required for factsheets for each activity**

These factsheets are to be written in collaboration with a range of relevant organisations, especially BMF (previously written guidance notes), RYA etc. The first factsheet should be used as a pilot and agreed by the Solent Forum Recreation Group; this can be used as a template for the others. The factsheets should use best available data from the literature review and from workshops/stakeholder interviews.

The following information should be considered for inclusion in the factsheets.

### Overall Information:

- Participation levels
- Participants – main characteristics (age, sex, socio-econ factors)
- Venues/locations
- Facility provision (and any shortfalls)
- Accessibility
- Types of ‘craft’ (if relevant)
- Patterns of use/activity (including seasonal; and weekdays/weekends; events; etc)
- Organisational structure (individuals or organisation based? What type of organisation?)
- Safety
- Education and training (standards; responsible use; etc)
- Sufficiency of current evidence base and recommendations for further research

### SWOT analysis and Driver for Change

- Leisure time
- Disposable income
- Economic recession
- S Hants = growth area
- Regulatory context (e.g. Marine Act, MCZ etc)
- Opportunity for rec, users and industry to debate change

## Sustainable Management and Planning

- Activities (management)
- Physical infrastructure, e.g. facilities (planning)
- By whom and on what basis? (Legislation/regulations/byelaws etc)
- Where? (Areas of jurisdiction)
- When? (e.g. seasonal restrictions)
- Overlaps/duplication, and gaps
- Application/enforcement
- Management arrangements & resources, esp. staffing
- Effectiveness of self-regulation

## Capacity issues (may need to re-word)

- Physical (space)
- Ecological (impacts on wildlife)
- Conflicts (with other forms of recreation, and other uses e.g. shipping)
- Hot spots – areas of peak activity

## Industry aspects

- Productivity
- Value to economy
- Input to strategic planning (e.g. S Hants Strategy)

## Marketing, promotion and information

- Sustainable use initiatives

## Safety

- Organisational arrangements (including HM Coastguard, RNLI)
- Numbers and types of incident, and causes
- Zones (value/effectiveness of existing zones; need for more?)

## Managing Impacts

- Habitats
- Designated sites (new and Old)
- Conflicts with other activities

## Appendix A

### Activities to be Covered

Usage of mooring/anchoring areas

Sea angling from boat

Canoeing

Personal water craft

Powerboating incl. RIBs / day boats

Rowing

Sub-aqua diving

Organised swimming events

Surfing

Water skiing

Yachts cruising

Yachts racing

Motor cruising (with sleeping accommodation)

Dinghy cruising

Dinghy racing

Kite surfing

Windsurfing