

## **Annual Newsletter from the Harbour Master Truro and Penryn 2017**

### **Dear Mooring Holder/Harbour User**

#### **Email addresses a reminder please**

Many of you will be using email regularly at work and at home. Please can you supply a preferred email address to the administration staff based at Truro to enable us to better communicate with you all? There are several options to provide us with your email address.

- a. ring the office with your mooring or account number and email address.
- b. email the above details to [harbouroffice@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:harbouroffice@cornwall.gov.uk)
- c. or include your email address with your returned 'Statement of Registration' form.

We have a new moorings database which will enable us to better manage our facilities, to ensure we can communicate with you all effectively please check all your contact details on the 'Statement of Registration' form you receive with your annual invoice and amend as necessary.

### **Shipping**

The survey vessel 'Triton' and refrigerated ships 'Hellas Reefer', 'Nederland Reefer' and 'Swedish Reefer' were all laid up during 2017. By the time you read my newsletter all these vessels will have returned to service.

A new class of vessel laid up this summer with the arrival of a very large cargo barge UR3 with an overall length of 90m and a beam of 30m. Norwegian company Uglund have decided to position the barge in a port near the western approaches to the English Channel with a view to the renewable energy and civil engineering sectors. Previously these large barges would be chartered for work in the North Sea engaged in carrying large sections of offshore production platforms. This market reduced with the recent fall in oil prices.

Scrap metal has been our main cargo handled over the last year. We had 13 ships visiting Lighterage Quay with an increase of cargo exported of about 5000 tonnes. The total amount of scrap metal and baled cars exported in 2017 was 16500 tonnes.

#### **Some of the events held in the ports during 2017 include:**

Gul Mirror championships, the Fal River festival, Penryn quayside service with collection for the RNLI, Truro canoe marathon starting from Malpas, various gig rowing events, Penryn River Revels based at Exchequer Quay.

The land lady of the Heron Inn worked with volunteers from the local community to put on a fireworks display at Malpas. A large number of people witnessed the display which was considered a great success. It has been proposed to re-run the event in 2018. Please note that navigation around the river has to be restricted during the display. A Harbour Masters Notice will be issued

with details and safety information prior to the event. These notices can be found on port notice boards and our website [www.portoftruro.co.uk](http://www.portoftruro.co.uk).

### **Falmouth Lifeboat 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraising Appeal**

The Falmouth Lifeboat Station which serves us all throughout the estuary celebrated its 150 years of service in 2017. The appeal was launched in March to raise funds for improvements to Falmouth Lifeboat Station which is scheduled to receive a larger and more capable inshore lifeboat.

I volunteered to help the appeal and was proposed or 'pressed' in naval slang to serve as the chairman of the appeal committee. The small appeal committee worked with members of Falmouth Lifeboat Ladies Guild and members of the Falmouth Lifeboat Branch committee organising the traditional annual events and some new events for the appeal.

A highlight of the year included the launch of a book written by Simon Culliford and David Barnicoat on the history of Falmouth Lifeboat Station. Other events included the shanty festival and parade, lifeboat day and choir concerts. At the end of October the appeal total was £89,047.73 toward the target total of £100,000. A number of events were held in November including a Gala Dinner held at the Falmouth Hotel. This was the venue for a special event to celebrate the arrival of the first Falmouth Lifeboat the 'City of Gloucester' in 1867.

I would like to thank the many individuals, companies and organisations that have been so generous of their time and with donations toward the appeal in this special year for Falmouth Lifeboat Station.

### **News for 2018**

A very exciting announcement for 2018 is the acquisition of Malpas Marine, which has secured direct access to the water for the future of the Port of Truro. The first year of the operation is likely to stay much the same as when Mr and Mrs Pitt operated the business, but we are currently looking at ideas to improve our service to customers. This may include more tender berthing and a connection with our pontoon island for walk ashore berthing for visiting yachts.

In 2018 we will be able to offer more waste recycling from our pontoons on the river with mixed dry recycling and glass in special bins. Please help our staff working on the river by using the appropriate bins. This will further improve the ports waste recycling rates as we increase the various options to recycle waste.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy New Year and safe sailing for 2018.

**Mark Killingback**

**Harbour Master Truro and Penryn**