

HARBOUR MASTER BRIEFING NOTE TO HARBOUR EXECUTIVE
14 March 2022

1. WHITE AND SHELL FISH

Submitted returns indicate the following figures and percentages:

1.1 Whitby

		2021	2020	2019	
October	Weight	32,130	14,513	47,173	Kilos
	Value	235,223	90,633	295,595	£
	Wharfage	9,409	3,625	11,824	£
November	Weight	12,076	20,375	31,951	Kilos
	Value	64,317	130,453	225,459	£
	Wharfage	2,573	5,218	9,018	£
December	Weight	4,379	14,720	31,790	Kilos
	Value	21,682	75,714	212,870	£
	Wharfage	867	3,029	8,515	£
Total to date	Weight	210,593	49,609	421,377	Kilos
1 April to	Value	1,541,633	296,801	2,231,852	£
31 December	Wharfage	61,665	11,872	89,274	£

- 1.2 October figures show grossing's to be 100% Shell
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1.3 Scarborough

		2021	2020	2019	
October	Weight	88,842	79,706	64,643	Kilos
	Value	459,076	283,974	283,500	£
	Wharfage	18,363	11,359	11,340	£
November	Weight	73,470	51,743	53,184	Kilos
	Value	458,016	205,936	286,176	£
	Wharfage	18,321	8,237	11,384	£
December	Weight	58,193	25,761	29,612	Kilos
	Value	318,336	137,914	222,173	£
	Wharfage	12,733	5,517	8,887	£
Total to date	Weight	667,154	460,657	879,595	Kilos
1 April to	Value	3,275,584	1,961,165	3,479,877	£
31 December	Wharfage	130,348	77,841	131,560	£

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- 1.5 During this period, the fortunes of each port have been dramatically different. The period began with signs of a promising recovery from the impacts of the pandemic but then

diverged following an event to the North of the Borough which saw mass mortality of shellfish species. Scarborough continued its recovery with YTD levels broadly in line with 2019 for wharfage despite having not yet recovered to the same levels by weight. Whitby, however, saw significantly lower levels of landing associated with the shellfish mortality event.

- 1.6 The shellfish mortality event has significantly affected landings into Whitby and to a lesser degree Scarborough. This is seen very starkly in the levels of wharfage received for December 2021. The community as a whole is heavily impacted by this event with many fishers needing to seek alternative employment. A statement from DEFRA has determined that the cause was algal bloom however further investigations are ongoing and this is outcome is heavily disputed by the fishing community. The initial situation has been described as completed however the recovery stage is likely to be prolonged with significant impacts on the harbour community and ancillary industries throughout the Borough.
- 1.7 Early indications for the next period continue to show a heavily impacted landing scene in Whitby with only an additional circa £9,000 of landings seen in Jan. and Feb. combined. Scarborough continues to be impacted as well, but to a lesser degree.

2. DREDGING

2.1 Dredging Campaigns:-

	Oct. to Dec. 2021		Oct. to Dec. 2020	
	Loads	Quantity	Loads	Quantity
Whitby	20	7600	1	390
Scarborough	0	0	26	9845
Total	117	41097	27	10235
Working Days	65		67	
<u>Dredging Days Lost Due:-</u>				
Bad Weather	35		28	
Repairs	4		3	
Sickness	0		0	
Holidays	1		0	
External Charter	11		10	
Total Days Lost at Home Ports	51		41	
TOTAL DAYS DREDGING	14 days for 20 loads @ 1.43 Loads		26 days for 27 loads @ 1.04 Loads	
	543.4 tonnes per day		395.2 tonnes per day	

- 2.2 Scarborough Harbour – No dredging was undertaken nor deemed necessary at Scarborough following the latest quarterly sounding results.
- 2.3 Whitby Harbour – Weather severely restricted the number of available dredging days during this period which is normal for the time of year. During the period the dredger underwent a routine dry dock period and undertook 11 days of external charter which also further reduced the number of home port dredging days. Despite the reduction in days dredging, the winter dredging campaign has continued as planned and remains on schedule for completion prior to the spring.
- 2.4 External Charter – During this period, the Authority's dredger successfully completed a short period of external work for the Port of Blyth.

3. PORT MARINE SAFETY CODE (PMSC)

- 3.1 There has been one incident since the last report involving a collapsed yacht cradle and subsequent ingress of water at Scarborough. The incident was quickly identified and action taken to pump out the vessel and relocate it to safety until the cradle could be repaired by the owner.
- 3.2 A number of safety bulletins have been received from the Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB), which have been distributed to users where appropriate. Similar themes surrounding fishing vessel safety continue to be seen industry wide, often with loss of life. The Authority is now involved with a scheme to establish a local safety forum around fishing vessels which will host its first meeting at the end of March.
- 3.3 The Authority has been involved in the investigation by the MAIB into the capsizing and subsequent foundering of the Scarborough registered fishing vessel NJORD. Whilst the vessel did not routinely operate from the Scarborough, it had visited in the weeks prior to the incident.

4. HARBOUR MAINTENANCE – PROJECTS

4.1 Fish Pier, Whitby

The provisionally accepted repair scheme proposed by the RNLI has now been agreed and accepted pending final signing of formal agreements.

Exact timelines are still awaited from the RNLI's contractor and commencement of works will follow after a Marine License is granted by the MMO.

The previous waiting pontoon facility, which was removed from the Fish Pier when the issues became apparent, will not return to the pier. It will however be reinstated, in the coming weeks, on the West Side of the harbour, close to the fuel facility. This new location will allow easier access to local amenities for waiting vessels.

4.2 Sheet Piling, West Pier, Scarborough

Following the previously provided update, Ground Penetrating Survey investigations will be conducted on West Pier during the week commencing 21st March. Whilst these are primarily to inform the designs for the regeneration works, the results will also be used to scope the sheet piling works along the Fish Quay by indicating water ingress into the pier. These investigations will involve some disruption to car parking although two thirds of the parking will remain open at all times.

4.3 Enhanced Berthing/Passenger Embarkation – Dockend Jetty, Whitby

New pontoons will be installed in the coming weeks alongside Dockend Jetty with the aim of enhancing berthing facilities and relieving pressure on the passenger embarkation facility. The enhanced facilities will mean that crew and passengers can safely embark along the entire length of the wooden jetty without the need to utilise vertical ladders.

4.4 Regeneration Works - West Pier, Scarborough

The Borough Harbour Master and his team continue to represent harbour operational considerations and the views of harbour users on the SH West Pier project team. Recent consultation conducted by the Regeneration Service has allowed valuable feedback to be taken back to consultants working on the scheme.

The project has been made a standing agenda item at the Scarborough Harbour Consultative User Group with a representative for the regeneration team offering updates at each meeting.

The submission of the full business case to central government was made in February following approval by Cabinet and the Scarborough Town Deal Fund Board. It is hoped that confirmation of the funding will be available in June 2022. Subject to approvals, it is intended that construction would commence in January 2023.

5. FILEY COBLE LANDING

- 5.1 Routine inspections are maintained, dialogue continues with users/stakeholders and RNLI, No H&S or other issues have been encountered.
- 5.2 Officers are currently working on plans for a reorganisation of the boat berthing available on the landing and will consult with users in the near future.
- 5.3 Plans have now been submitted to the Council's Planning service regarding the required upgrades to the Lifeboat Station on Coble Landing. A date for consideration by the Planning and Development Committee is still awaited but expected to be in the near future.
- 5.4 The next Filey Coble Landing Consultative User Group will take place on 16th March 2022.

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