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Meeting	Oban Bay Management Group
Meeting Purpose	Safety including recent incidents and related collaboration
Venue	MS Teams
Date	26 th September 2024

Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Phil Day	NLB Chair
Ramsay Muirhead	CMAL
David McHardie	CMAL
John Simm	CFL
Scott Reid	A&BC
Jim Smith	A&BC
Phil Hamerton	OCHDA
Frank Roberts	OCC
Shona McMillan	CFL

Apologies:

Name	Organisation
Vicki McKenzie	A&BC
Ross Wilson	OCHDA

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1	Actions Outstanding			
	<p>Leisure Guide JS confirmed that the printed guides are now in the Oban Office and ready for distribution in the new season.</p> <p>Web Link The link was shared with the group. An update is imminent, although the link will remain the same, SR will share again when the update is complete.</p>	<p>FW</p> <p>SR</p>		
2	Safety			
	<p>JS presented to the group the incidents reported since the last meeting on 01/05/2024. There were 0 accidents, 3 near misses and 0 environmental issues raised.</p> <p>Near misses: 1 infringement by tall ship under engine. 2 instances of a Yacht impeding Isle of Mull in the North Channel.</p> <p>PH asked for the circumstances relating to the tall ship however the event description was not sufficiently detailed to give a clear understanding.</p> <p>SR advised that the recent large scale joint oil spill exercise, hosted by A&BC and attended by Deputy SOSREP, received positive feedback and A&BC thanked all who participated.</p>			
3	Clipper Race			
	<p>It was reported that the event was successful with very positive responses. JS thanked all stakeholders</p>			

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	and advised that A&BC intend to bid for the next Clipper event in 2026.			
4	HRO			
	<p>SR advised A&BC have now responded to each of the representations directly and collated any clarifications in the draft Order.</p> <p>It is not anticipated that any modifications will materially alter the character of the Order but instead help to clarify the intent of the specific sections affected.</p> <p>A&BC have received confirmation that Scottish Ministers have decided that the remaining objections to this Order can be dealt with by way of written representations, as provided for within the Harbours Act 1964, through Transport Scotland and this process is underway with objectors having until 8/10/24 for responses.</p> <p>During the remainder of this process, there is no new or redrafted Order, instead we have been advised that the original draft Order is reviewed by Ministers and Transport Scotland with tracked changes having regard to the objections and representations received. As required by Transport Scotland, Officers have now provided the information in support of the Order and will continue liaising with them to ensure they have all the relevant information in relation to the consultation and highlighting the points of clarification.</p> <p>This process is largely out of the Council's hands regarding a timeline.</p> <p>An update to the web page will be completed shortly. PH raised a concern regarding the A&BC website where it states OBMG gives its full support to the Municipal Harbour proposal, as this is not reflective of all group members. PD reflected that without quoting OBMG minutes that the concept of the municipal</p>	SR	Review website statement regarding OBMG support.	

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	<p>harbour had been supported by all, and that the subsequent split in views within OBMG is as PD understands in respect of the detail of the HRO and wider governance matters. SR agreed to look at this.</p> <p>RM confirmed that following proposed changes to the HRO, CMAL's earlier objection has now been lifted.</p> <p>PD, RM & JS advised they had recently been contacted by an A&BC Councillor. PD confirmed NLB's position and advised that he had conveyed the NLB and personal view which supportive of the Harbour to improve safety. RM intends to meet with the Councillor next week and will also confirm support of the HRO. JS has not arranged a meeting as yet.</p>			
5	Members updates			
	<p>NLB- PH New ship due in July 2025 with Pole Star to be retired in April 2025. Shore power is expected to be installed FY 2025/26. Pier continues to be busy.</p> <p>CMAL – RM The Harbour Revision Consolidation order is progressing with Phase 1&2 of the consultations complete. Q&As are being pulled together along with any updates to the draft HRO. Feedback has been mainly positive. It is expected that the updated draft will be sent to TS by end of October with the formal consultation following early next year.</p> <p>OCHDA – PH advised that OCHDA continue to share the views of their members with TS and hopes that an acceptable way forward can be found for all parties.</p>			
6	AOB			

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	No AOB.			
7	Next Meeting			
	January or earlier if HRO is expected to come in to force prior.	PD	Circulate dates.	