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GENERAL NEWS

Welcome to the seventh edition of the Maritime Newsletter produced by the Tourism Department of Weymouth and

Portland Borough Council. In Autumn last year we said a fond farewell to David Stabler, Weymouth Harbour Master. His kindness and

knowledge will be sadly missed but I'm sure you will all join me in wishing him a very long and happy retirement.

NEW HARBOUR MASTER TAKES THE HELM

Weymouth & Portland Borough Council has appointed Commander Bill Chambers as Weymouth's new Harbour Master.

Following a rigorous recruitment process, Commander Chambers took up his post on Monday 14 January. The son of a Cornish fisherman, he recently left the Royal Navy after a long, varied and interesting career that included Command of the

Fishery Protection Squadron, amongst other things. His last tour of duty was 15 months attached to the NATO Mission in Iraq, based in Baghdad.

When asked what attracted him to this new role he said: *'It has everything I could possibly ask for in a challenge; dealing with people on the quayside every day, being part of a vibrant harbour community and hopefully, being able to contribute in*

the lead up to the 2012 Olympics. Besides which, I wasn't ready to hang up my sea boots just yet.'

Councillor Nigel Reed, Briefholder for Finance and Assets, said:

'Commander Bill Chambers brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this important role and we are delighted to welcome him to the Council.'

SPIRIT OF THE SEA



Resort launches major new Marine Festival for 2008, in preparation as the borough hosts the sailing events for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Weymouth & Portland will host the resorts first SPIRIT of THE SEA - MARITIME FESTIVAL between 5th and 12th July.

This unique festival will celebrate the area's rich

maritime heritage and relationship with the sea, featuring a range of high profile events including Marine Ex Trade Show, Henri-Lloyd Weymouth Regatta, World Moth Sailing Championships, Dorset Seafood Festival, Maritime Modeling Show, J24 National Sailing Championships and Gig Regatta .

There are also firm plans for the festival to include a` Three Sheets to the Wind' Party at the Nothe Fort, Live Music on Beach Stage, Harbour side entertainment and a Sea themed

Procession .

It is the strong intention of the organising group to continue and developed this unique festival annually, up to 2013 and beyond, creating a magnificent Olympic legacy for the people and youth of Weymouth and Portland. check on www.spiritofthesea.org.uk/ for the latest Festival news, updates and sponsorship opportunities.



WEYMOUTH HARBOUR UPDATE

Number 4 berth has been used by various commercial craft including trials vessels, naval patrol craft and Sea Cadet training ships.

Re-decking of the Westwey Road pontoons which started in the winter of 2006 has recommenced after the busy summer months. The installation has been carried out using in-house resources. The intended

completion date for this project is March 2008.

Some smaller berths are being reconfigured to provide larger and therefore more lettable facilities. Two of the reconfigured berths have been re-let, the remaining berths will be let within the next few weeks. The re-decking of the cove pontoons was completed in November.

The barge Long Sands ran aground in October. A Notice to Mariners has been activated to warn shipping of the vessel. Efforts are being made to remove the vessel. Melway, the Harbour's Pilot vessel was actively involved in works on and around the Long Sands.

Staff training is on going and has involved a Police workshop on counter terrorism.

MARINE SKILLS TRAINING NEWS

New BTEC courses in Sailing & Watersports developed in Weymouth & the South West

Weymouth College has been working with Edexcel, the British Marine Federation, Cornwall Marine Network and Camel Sailing to create four new BTEC short course qualifications in Sailing and Watersports at Levels 2 and 3. The courses will all be held at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy.

The development of these qualifications has now reached the final phases with Edexcel and Sarah Dhanda, Training Director for the British Marine Federation,

formally promoting them to the Marine Leisure Association's AGM at the Collins Stewart London Boat Show on Monday 14th January 2008.

Holly Henderson, Sailing Curriculum Development Officer for the College

stated, *"It has been a fantastic project to be working with the BMF and other partners, and I am delighted that we have been able to get to the final phases. For Weymouth College and WPNSA it is really exciting and, as you can imagine, we are very eager to start delivering the courses at the Academy."*

In conjunction with these

developments, Holly is also taking part in the consultation events around the new Diplomas in Sport and Leisure, which will be available to students in 2010.

Mark Stubbings, Chief Executive of the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

added, *"We are delighted to be hosting these exciting new courses at the Academy and look forward to welcoming the participants in the very near future. The students will be able to learn in a future Olympic venue and take advantage of the world class facilities and tuition available."*

'COMPETEFOR' TRIAL FOR SOUTH WEST BUSINESSES

'CompeteFor' - the Electronic Brokerage System linked to 2012 - will be launched in January 2008.

This system will provide details of 2012-related business opportunities throughout the

supply chain.

Before the national launch, businesses in the South West who have already registered for London 2012 e-alerts are now invited to join an initial pilot of the CompeteFor system.

For further details of how to join the pilot, contact the South West of England Regional Development Agency at:

2012@businesslinksw.co.uk to receive information about this opportunity.

The London 2012 Team

£97 MILLION BOOST FOR UK FISHING & SEAFOOD



Fishing and seafood industries will be able to bid for a share of almost £100 million worth of grants from this year under a new European scheme. This amount will be boosted by additional funding from government.

The UK has been allocated approximately £97 million, more than £30 million of which has been earmarked to boost local economies such as Cornwall, to finance projects under the European Fisheries Fund.

UK Fisheries Ministers have

agreed to divide the money as follows:

England £26.42m

Scotland £26.42m

Northern Ireland £12.76m

Wales £1.07m

Separate funds will be available for Cornwall (£7.3m), West Wales (£10.68m), and the Scottish Highlands and Islands (£12.41m). All figures are approximate.

The grant scheme is designed to help modernise and improve the sustainability and competitiveness of the fishing industry.

UK Fisheries Minister Jonathan Shaw said: *“This money will make a difference throughout the*

industries and the supply chain, investing in projects that will boost business and improve long-term prospects for many people across the UK.”

Details of the timetable and how to apply for grants will be announced by the Fisheries Administrations, following a consultation on priorities for the funds early this year.

For further information visit: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/2007/071127a.htm>



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