

(Facilities and Business Operations)

Report of (Peter Mole, Harbour Master)

For Information

To all Members of the Borough Council

HARBOUR ACTIVITIES REPORT 2009/10

Purpose of Report

1. This report provides an update of activities to the end of the financial year 2009/10.

Background

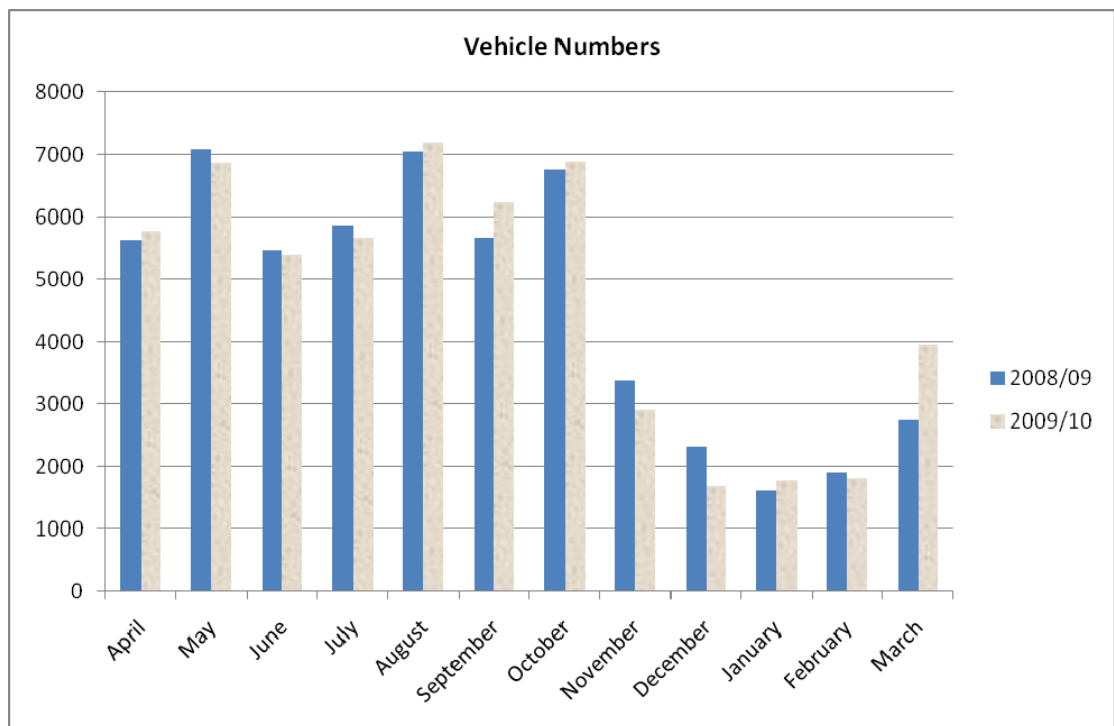
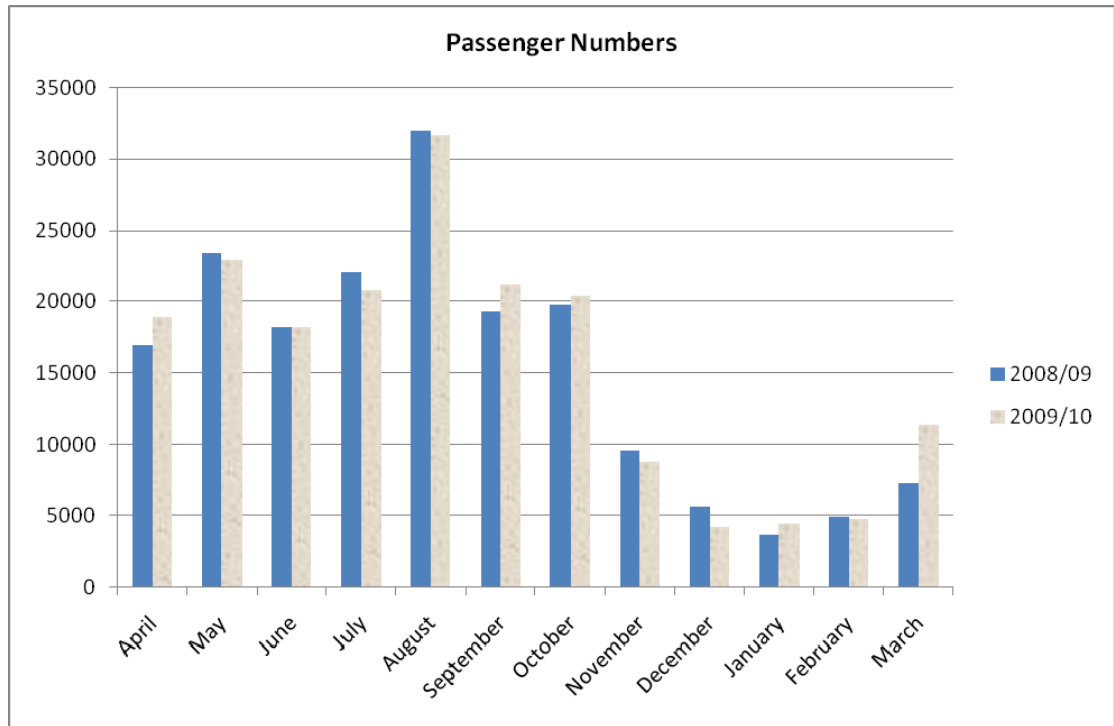
2 Ferry Operations

	Passengers	Vehicles
2008/09		
Channel Islands	168,664	49,711
St Malo	14,046	5,698
Total	182,710	55,409
2009/10		
Channel Islands	174,384	51,018
St Malo	13,195	5,057
Total	187,579	56,075

Year end figures are up by 2.7% for passengers and 1.2% for vehicles when compared to 2008/09.

A reduced sailing schedule was known at the time of budget setting and was taken into consideration when predicting the 2009/10 budget. There have been additional sailings throughout the year which has resulted in the budget target being exceeded.

The ferry operator has once again used Weymouth as its winter lay-up.



3. Port Security

Transport Security (Transec) visited the port to carry out a scheduled inspection, positive feedback has been received about the way the Council manages its obligations. The port staff have been involved in three security exercises for training purposes during this reporting period.

4. Commercial Vessels

Various commercial craft including trials vessels as well as Royal Navy, Royal Marine and Army vessels have visited Weymouth.

5. Inner Harbour Pontoon Berths

Redecking of the fingerettes on Westwey Road Marina is complete. The facilities on North Quay Marina have been improved with the installation of a pontoon to enable better bicycle parking and trolley storage. This facility was installed at minimal cost and all labour was supplied in-house.

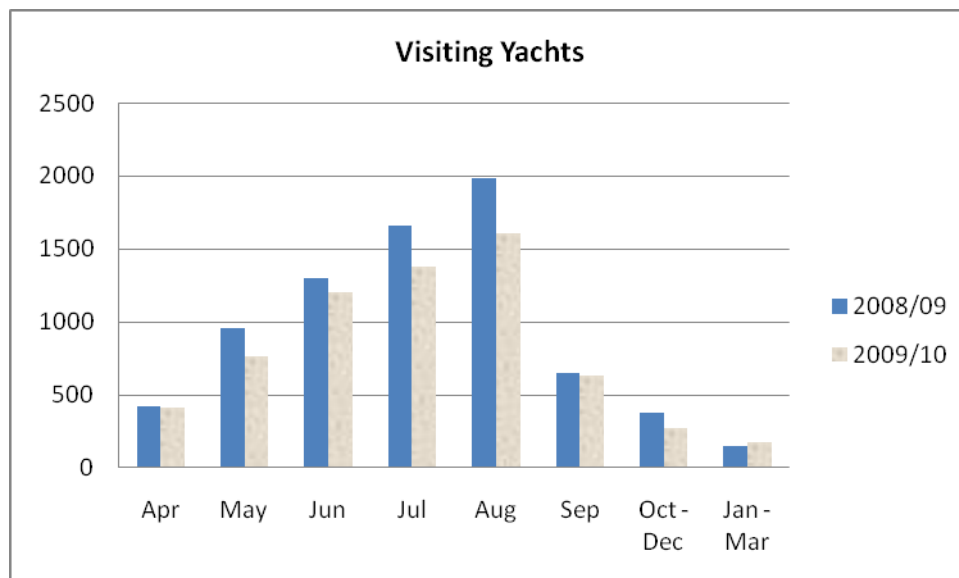
There has been an increase in the number of vacant berths compared to 2008/09. Whilst waiting lists exist for all lengths of craft and the number on the list remain stable, those customers on the waiting list that have been offered a vacant berth are declining take up at this point in time and do not appear to be actively seeking a berth. Where possible, these berths are being sub-let as temporary berths to improve income streams.

6. Visiting Yachts

Visitor Nights

2008/09	7,487
2009/10	6,436

Visitor numbers show a decrease of 14% compared to last financial year.



7. Water Safety

The harbour continues to patrol the bay and zoned areas as part of its obligations. The water safety leaflet is issued at all launch sites to give

clear advice and information about zoned areas and the permit scheme. Daily inspections of the swim rafts are carried out by harbour staff during the season.

8. Slipway

2008/09	£5,410
2009/10	£6,533

9. Town Bridge

	Vessels	Lifts
2008/09	8,865	1,417
2009/10	8,610	1,346

Lifting of the town bridge is carried out on behalf of Dorset County Council and all costs are recovered.

10. Pilotage and Pilot Boat

	No of Acts
2008/09	30
2009/10	15

The number of pilotage acts have decreased but are comparable to activities in previous years. The pilot boat continues its dual role by laying and recovering buoys in Weymouth bay for the summer season.

Appendices

2. None

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