

Public Statement



The Port Marine Safety Code

The Crouch Harbour Authority is a statutory harbour authority and competent harbour authority. It operates an incident reporting scheme for use by public users and authorised pilots and PEC holders in its area.

In 2020 the following number of reports were received: **78**

The reports for 2020 were discussed at the Crouch Harbour Authority Meeting on 13 January 2021.

In 2019 the following number of reports were received: **61**

In 2018 the following number of reports were received: **64**

The authority Members would like to thank all those public users who have submitted incident reports and their contribution to the safety picture.

There has been an increased use of the river in leisure activity through 2020 of personal water craft, paddle boarders and open swimming. Users are reminded this encompasses a wide range of experience of leisure users from the qualified and experienced to the novices all who are using the river for their activity. Persons in charge of vessels should keep this in mind when sailing.

In 2020 the authority and due to Covid19 two public Members meetings were held and the members attendance is recorded as follows (see note below on remote meetings):

Name of Member	Number of meetings attended
Edwin Buckley Chairman	2
Doug MacEwan *Resigned 20.10.20	2
Ken Wickham	2
Richard Lingard	1
John James	2
George Ioannau	0
Simon Hollington	2
Trevor Dann	2
Robert Coyle	0
Danyal Adams	1
Simon Wooton (co-opt)	1
Matt Mason (co-opt)	2

* Note – In complying with government restrictions and guidance for Covid19 the CHA Members continued to have regular meetings by remote/online methods. This

was in addition to those listed above to ensure good coordination with governance of the authority.

The Crouch Harbour Authority Members are volunteers and received no remuneration in 2020 for their service.

The designated person attended and observed 2 CHA Members meetings and attended and observed one Advisory Committee Meeting in 2020.

The designated person regularly visited the harbour office during the year and carried out an audit of the Marine Safety Management System on 05 October 2020.

The designated person supports a letter of compliance to the Maritime and Coastguard Agency that the Crouch Harbour Authority complies with the obligations of the Department for Transport Port Marine Safety Code.

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Ocean Ensign Ltd - Designated Person 13 January 2021