

Public Statement 2022



The Port Marine Safety Code

The Crouch Harbour Authority (CHA) 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 2021 the following number of reports were received: **42**

The reports for 2021 were discussed at the Crouch Harbour Authority Meeting on 12 January 2022.

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

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

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

CHA Member Meeting Record:

Name of Member	Meetings attended in 2021
Edwin Buckley Chairman	6
Ken Wickham	4
Richard Lingard	5
John James	6
George Ioannau *completed his full term and stood down	0
Simon Hollington	6
Trevor Dann	5
Robert Coyle	4
Danyal Adams *resigned in 2021	2
Simon Wooton (co-opt) *resigned in 2021	
Matt Mason (co-opt) *resigned in 2021	3

The Crouch Harbour Authority Members welcomed the following new joiners: Robert Brown [Co-opt] to represent commercial interests and David Sperring and Stuart Ollie.

The Crouch Harbour Authority Members are volunteers and received no remuneration in 2021 for their service. The Members maintained a mix of meetings through organized public meetings and online meetings to meet demands of running the authority. They also held a training day on 29 June 2021.

Activity:

There has been an increased presence in the rivers with numerous pursuits in leisure activities in 2021. This saw the use of personal water craft, paddle boarders and open swimming. Users are reminded these activities encompasses a wide range of leisure users who have different experience and qualification levels. Some smaller activities such as open water swimming may not be organized events. Persons in charge of vessels should keep this in mind when sailing and maintain a good lookout.

The Maritime Volunteer Service are to be thanked for providing volunteer foot patrols as part of the safety initiative to distribute information.

Designated Person:

The designated person remains in close dialogue with the Authority Members and Harbourmaster.

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 Maritime and Coastguard Agency acknowledged the Letter of Compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code sent on 23 March 2021.

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Ocean Ensign Ltd - Designated Person 12 January 2022