

South Pier project update on phase 1:

- Works are progressing well, on time and ahead of schedule with phase 1 of the project
- 5 new and 2 refurbished main ground chains are in situ for the revised rows (A,B,C and D) (row A being the southernmost chain, nearest the yacht club and currently lying underneath the existing dinghy pontoon)
- The rear pick up ground chain for row D is currently under final installation works, with works anticipated to be completed by end of day today 20/04/11 - any perceived delay in the installation of this chain is unwarranted and boatowners can be assured progress has been deliberately slowed due to the presence of the 11,000kva power cable running across the pierheads between the New North Quay and South Pier - JEC engineers are due on site this afternoon to oversee digging operations where the cable will be exposed to allow safe trench works to be carried out and the laying of the final section of the rear ground chain and dead-men
- During the installation of the rear ground chain several existing mooring chains, from some of the cradle yachts had to be cut, to allow for them to be safely positioned above the new ground chain.
- All affected chains have been re-joined and secured. Should boat owners from this area wish to ensure the integrity of their chains, we would ask they kindly inspect them at their earliest convenience after the 21st April when ground works are anticipated to have been completed
- Riser chains and mooring buoys installed onto rows C and D have been undergoing tests over the past week (spring high water periods) during which times boat owners may have noticed the buoys appearing to be randomly positioned along these rows and/or scattered - this has been intentional and purely for weight and height test purposes, which have now been completed as of this mornings high water (20/04/11) The buoys on row C have now been re-attached, as per final fitting however two test buoys remain on site pending final decision on exact mooring placement. Again this is intentional and may offer the appearance of encroaching into the anticipated fairway
- The buoys ordered for row D are still in transit however whilst we have the dumper tuck on site, the buoys currently on row D (used for test purposes only) will be removed on today's low water, to permit ease of operation and installation when the new buoys arrive.
- Boat owners are thanked for their continued support in this project and asked to remain patient whilst this phase remains on-going
- Boat owners should be reminded to refrain from attempting to guess where their new mooring will be or base any mooring chain lengths or positions on the current positions of the buoys/chains whilst these works are still on-going.
- All affected boat owners will be individually written to, advised of their mooring position and offered a guideline length of required chains, based on the new mooring position as and when we have finalised vessel/mooring suitability

Note:

The contractors have worked extremely well throughout and have kept debris and obstructions to the general area to a minimum. Highly commendable and testimony to the site manager John's professionalism

Kind regards

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