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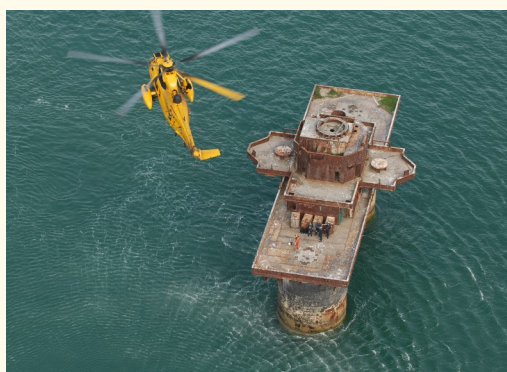
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

You will no doubt have seen that one of our team has been recognised in the New Year's Honours List. PC Dawn Wood has been awarded a BEM for her services to Marine Policing and her work to tackle marine pollution.

Dawn joined the Essex Police Marine Unit in 2005 and since then has been involved in countless Policing operations both on the Essex coast as well as around the UK. Dawn has responsibility for the River Crouch and Roach but is very well known throughout the Essex Marine Community.

In 2019 she successfully rowed the Atlantic Ocean single-handed and unsupported to raise awareness of Marine Pollution. Dawn raised £20,000 for the Marine Conservation Society and also set the foundations for her further ocean rowing challenges.

In May Dawn will be retiring from the Police but plans to come back as one of our volunteer Special Constables.



Dawn was part of the team winched down to the Knock John Tower to remove a group who were trespassing on there



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The Marine Community of Essex continues to grow and so I thought it would be a good time to provide our new members with an overview of our team and what we do.

We are a team of Essex Police Officers based at Burnham on Crouch who have responsibility for Policing the entire coastline of Essex from Mistley in the North right round to Crayford Ness on the border with the Metropolitan Police.

The team consists of 1 Sgt and 5 Pcs, however we are supported by 2 Special Constables and are able to utilise 14 marine reserve officers from across the force when required.

We have a 42ft launch (Alert 4), a 24ft RHIB (Sentinel) and also have joint use of a Seadoo PWC (jet ski) which Maldon District Council purchased for us to patrol on.

We conduct patrols both on the water and land and our primary focus is -

- ◆ Ensuring the coastal and inland waters of Essex are safe for everyone to use
- ◆ Reducing Marine related crime and tackling water based anti-social behaviour
- ◆ Being visible in our Marine Community
- ◆ Engaging with our Community to ensure we understand their concerns and act accordingly to resolve them



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River Blackwater PWC rider fined £370

The rider of a PWC that collided with our RHIB while out of control has been fined £370 in Court.

The team were on patrol during the summer when they spotted the rider speeding at Steeple Bay. The rider was approached by our PWC and RHIB but was unable to stop his machine and collided with us twice. When told to switch off the engine, the rider replied, "I DON'T KNOW HOW".

We hope this will serve as a warning to others who ride in the same manner.



Our Plans For 2022

- This year we will again be running Operation Wave Breaker. It will run from May until September and focus on reducing anti-social behaviour on the water and increasing water safety
- We will increase our Community Engagement opportunities, linking in with existing event organisers to increase our visibility and presence within the Marine Community as well as holding our own events
- We will conduct more joint patrols with our partner-agencies such as Harbour Authorities, Fisheries, Border Force and the Marine Management Organisation
- We will be looking at a new option for dealing with people acting in an anti-social manner on the water and hope to provide more details of this in April



During the winter months we aim to complete as much of our training as possible to reduce any impact on our patrols during the busier warmer months.

At the end of November our team attended Dorset to take part in a major multi-agency training exercise involving other Marine Units from around the UK, Border Force, the Royal Navy and the Marine Management Organisation.



Part of the training included learning how to be winched so that our team can be moved to locations throughout the UK at short notice.

PC John Perry preparing to be winched up to a Sea King



To operate our vessels at sea, we have to comply with stringent boat coding and MCA requirements. Our team are trained to a high standard, including the following qualifications;

- Sea Survival
- RYA First Aid
- RYA Radar
- RYA Advanced Powerboat with commercial endorsement
- RYA Yachtmaster Theory
- RYA Yachtmaster Offshore with commercial endorsement
- National Police Advance Tactical Coxwain
- RYA PWC rider



Our Partner Agencies



HAPPY 200TH BIRTHDAY

HM Coastguard have celebrated their 200th birthday this month.

Two hundred years of saving lives along the UK coast and at sea, as well as coordinating rescues for those in distress in international waters, is being marked this year as HM Coastguard celebrates its milestone anniversary.

It was on 15 January 1822, that HM Coastguard was formally brought into existence and has been working to keep people safe at the coast and sea ever since.

BORDER FORCE

We rely on the Marine Community to be our eyes and ears for our coastline. If you see something that doesn't seem right, report it so that it can be checked out. It will come as no surprise that our coastline is susceptible to criminal activity including drug importation and organised immigration crime.

We are aware of suspicious activity, particularly along the Tendring coast.

Any concerns or information can be reported to Border Force or Essex Police. In an emergency, always ring 999.



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