



Agenda item B8

By: Assistant Chief IFC Officer

To: Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority – 21st January 2015

Subject: **Naming of patrol vessel**

Classification Unrestricted

Summary: To consider the naming of the new patrol vessels

The build of the new vessel is proceeding as planned and reported at the last meeting. As you are aware the replacement new 17 metre catamaran is due for completion by summer 2015 and one aspect which stills needs to be considered by the Authority is the naming of the vessel and of its daughter rigid inflatable boat (as the rib will be a stand-alone vessel in its own right). All of the officers were asked to suggest some possibilities and a number of names were proposed.

The catamaran will be registered as a British Ship on part 1 of the UK Register of Ships. This means that the name of the registered vessel must be unique to the port applied for.

Options for port of registry within the district are: London, Ramsgate, Colchester or Harwich. Presumably the preferred option will be to register the vessel at Ramsgate.

It was felt that the names of the vessels should be 'user-friendly' and understandable over VHF radio and also represent the respective roles which the vessels will undertake.

Suggested for the 18m catamaran are the names:

- 'Marine Protector'/'Coastal Protector'/'Inshore Protector'. These names are suggested as the vessel will be used in both of the Authority's duties of protection of the marine environment and protection of sustainability of fish and shellfish stocks.
- Arthur Rayden – the first Chairman of the Kent and Essex SFC in 1890.

- George Kirby – the name of the officer who took the first conviction on behalf of the KESFC in December 1890 for a breach of the SFC's first byelaw made in September 1890.
- John Harvey – the longest serving head/chief fishery officer in KESFC/KEIFCA history. He served from the start of the SFC in 1890, became one of the two first head fishery officers in 1901 and retired in 1944.

Suggested for the 5.4m rib is the name 'Interceptor' or 'Coastal Protector' (if this name is not chosen for the catamaran). These names are suggested as the rib's main role is one of enforcement and it is the primary vessel used for boarding and inspection of vessels at sea, when operating alone it will be primarily operated close to the shore.

Alternatively members may wish to suggest different names for either or both vessels.

Members are asked to **CONSIDER** the naming of the vessels and **RECOMMEND** the name they would like for each.