



Agenda Item C3
Report on the Kent patrol vessel
Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority
Quarterly report for the period January – March 2016

The start of 2016 said goodbye to our old patrol vessel “Ken Green”. Time was spent decommissioning the vessel, removing items not being sold with it and loading with the shore based spares as well as fitting out with its gantry and putting the deck infill plates on board. Ken Green left for South Wales with its new owners at the end of January.

This also saw the arrival of the new Fisheries Patrol Vessel “Nerissa” to Ramsgate harbour with its RIB “Nereus” following a few weeks later. The new vessels have taken a lot of time to prepare for operation, this has involved gathering, collating and creating the relevant documentation and certification to operate fully. A numbers of sea trials have been run on “Nerissa” assisting familiarisation for both skipper and crew in the vessels operation and handling.

For further information on FPV Nerissa see restricted agenda item E1

Without the use of fully operational vessels Kent staff have had a strong presence on shore for both commercial and recreational activities. The skipper and crew have also been used to assist with different surveys and patrols on the Essex based vessel “Tamesis”. Towards the end of the quarter and through April staff have been operating the newly available RIBs’ both in Kent and Essex to great effect.

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