



## Falmouth Harbour Commissioners

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### **NEW PATROL & ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TAKE TO THE WATER FOR MAY BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND**

Two new patrol and enforcement officers took to the water for the first time over the May bank holiday weekend as the Port of Falmouth steps up its visible presence for the summer season.

Falmouth Harbour Commissioner's newest seasonal patrol officer will be introducing new technology to the role of working to keep the waters around Falmouth safe by using a video camera to record evidence of individuals breaking laws using commercial or leisure craft.

Streamlining the procedure of bringing the cases of individuals breaking maritime laws and regulations to court will be Falmouth Harbour Commissioner's new Enforcement officer.

Falmouth Harbour Commissioner Captain Mark Sansom explained the need for additional officers during the summer months: *"Ensuring the safety of all water users is of paramount importance to us and the recruitment of additional officers will help us to raise awareness of the key safety concerns which relate to speeding motor boats creating dangerous wash; drinking while in charge of a boat and navigating with insufficient lights at night.*

*"Our new officers will provide a greater presence on the water which in itself helps to discourage irresponsible behaviour but will also help to ensure that when people breaking the law on the water we have people in place to collect evidence and start the prosecution process."*

The public continue to play a valuable role in helping to keep water users safe and anyone witnessing dangerous practice in the Fal Estuary should call the harbour authority concerned using the numbers below:

Falmouth Harbour Commissioners	01326 312285
Truro Harbour Office	01872 272130

St Mawes Harbour Office

01326 270553

Answerphones are available when the offices are unmanned.

**Ends**

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