Extract from minutes of Port User Group Meeting 4th September 2017

Review of Harbour Direction 02/16

The Group discussed the Direction and asked the Harbour Master to report on its effectiveness and limitations. CEO reported that the direction had proved useful in dealing with power boat racing in the area and he was aware of no complaints about it as such. He stated that there had been a recent story in the Falmouth Packet where a passenger vessel reported encountering heavy wash in the Channel into Falmouth Docks and had suggested that the 8 knot limit be extended further out. He reported that the incident was primarily related to wash and was being investigated as such.

It was noted that the area where vessels increase speed having exited the 8 knot limit area was known for encountering wash.

It was agreed that the existing 30knot speed limit which was consistent with limits introduced in a number of other ports was appropriate and had caused no complaints or difficulties. It was established that there had been no reports of it being exceeded received by FHC.

It was agreed that the Direction should be retained in its current form.