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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF  
HEALTH FOR THE PORT OF COWES FOR 1964



Section I - Staff

Table A

Name of Officer	Nature of appointment	Date of appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held
P.G. Woods.	Senior Public Health Inspector	1st October 1963	M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.	Senior Public Health Inspector for Cowes UDC.
D.U.Sullivan.	Additional Public Health Inspector	1st October 1963	M.A.P.H.I.	Additional Public Health Inspector for Cowes U.D.C.

Section II - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year

Table B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Public Health Inspectors	
Foreign Ports	14	2,836	Nil	14	Nil
Coastwise	186	81,362	Nil	174	Nil
	200	84,198	Nil	188	Nil

The Southampton and Isle of Wight Steam Packet Company run a regular frequent service of Steamers from Southampton to the port not included in the above figures. This service varies from 7 sailings daily each way in the winter to 14 or more in the summer.

(1) or more in the summer.

Section III - Character of shipping and trade during the year

Table C

**Passenger Traffic -**

Number of passengers inwards - Eleven foreign seamen were landed and transferred to local hospitals.

Number of passengers outwards- Nil.

The Southampton and Isle of Wight Steam Packet Company carried to and from Cowes 839,458 passengers and 68,147 private cars and 21,902 commercial vehicles making a total of 90,049 vehicles.

**Cargo Traffic -**

Principal Imports - Coal, Petrol & Domestic Fuel Oil, Stone, Timber, Shingle, Liquid Butane.

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Table C (contd)

**Cargo Traffic (contd)**

Principal Exports - Grain, Agricultural produce, Light Manufactured Goods.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive -

Tyne, Scottish and South Wales Ports - Coal and manufactured fuels.

Southampton and London - Petrol and butane.

Newlyn and Falmouth - Stone.

Scandinavian ports - Timber.

There were also several hundred private yachts which visited the Port during the summer season.

Section IV - Inland Barge Traffic

There is considerable barge traffic between Cowes and Newport in the Isle of Wight and Southampton and Portsmouth on the Mainland.

	<u>Total No.</u>	<u>Net Tonnage</u>
Arriving Cowes.	2,116	175,140
Arriving Newport.	1,760	110,665
	3,876	285,805

Section V - Water Supply

NO CHANGE

Section VI - Public Health (Ships)  
Regulations, 1952

NO CHANGE

Section VII - Smallpox

- (1) Smallpox cases would be sent to Ashey Isolation Hospital after consultation with the District Medical Officer together with the appropriate physician.
- (2) Ambulance transport would be by arrangement with the County Medical Officer of Health.
- (3) The smallpox consultant available is Dr. J. Mills, County Hall, Newport, Isle of Wight.
- (4) Laboratory diagnosis for smallpox would be by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Colindale.

Section VIII - Venereal Disease

NO CHANGE

Principal Reports - Grain, Agricultural produce, Light Manufactured Goods.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive -  
Type, Scottish and South Wales Ports - Coal and manufactured goods.

Southampton and London - Cotton and tobacco.

Newlyn and Penzance - Stone.

Northampton ports - Timber.

There were also several hundred private  
trucks which visited the port during the  
war.

#### Section IV - Island Water Traffic

There is considerable cargo traffic between Dover and Newport in the  
Isle of Wight and Southampton and Portsmouth on the mainland.

Net Tonnage	Total No.	Arriving Dover.	Arriving Newport.
177,140	2,116		
118,662	1,200		
295,802	3,316		

#### Section V - Water Supply

NO CHANGE

#### Section VI - Public Health (Diseases)

NO CHANGE

#### Section VII - Sanitation

- (1) Sanitary cases would be sent to Army Isolation Hospital after consultation with the District Medical Officer together with the appropriate physician.
- (2) Ambulance transport would be by arrangement with the County Medical Officer of Health.
- (3) The sanitary consultant available in Dr. J. Mills, County Hall, Newport, Isle of Wight.
- (4) Laboratory facilities for sanitary work would be by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Colindale.

#### Section VIII - Veterinary Diseases

NO CHANGE



Section IX - Cases of notifiable and other  
infectious diseases on ships

Category	Disease	<u>Table D</u> Number of cases during the year		Number of Ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.		Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been dis- posed of before arrival.		Nil	Nil	Nil

Section X - Observation on the occurrence  
of malaria in ships

No cases have arisen of malaria during the year.

Section XI - Measure taken against ships  
infected with or suspected for plague

No cases have arisen of suspected plague during the year.

Section XII - Measures against rodents  
in ships from foreign ports

- (1) All ships arriving at the port are boarded by the Public Health Inspector, who inspects the deratisation certificate.
- (2) Rodents would be sent to the County Laboratory at the Royal Isle of Wight County Hospital, Ryde. No cases have been sent during the year.
- (3) All ships for deratting are referred to Southampton Port Health Authority.
- (4) By arrangement with the Port Health Authority, Southampton, all ships for rat proofing are referred to that port.

Table E.

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports

No rodents were destroyed during the year in  
ships from foreign ports.

Section XIII - Inspection of ships  
for nuisances

No nuisances have been complained of during  
the year.

Section XIV - Public Health (Shell-Fish)  
Regulations 1934 and 1948

NO CHANGE

Section XVI - Miscellaneous

NO CHANGE

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M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Section IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	

Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Section X - Observation on the occurrence of malaria in ships

No cases have arisen of malaria during the year.

Section XI - Measures taken against ships infested with or suspected for infestation

No cases have arisen of suspected plague during the year.

Section XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports

- (1) All ships arriving at the port are boarded by the Public Health Inspector, who inspects the destination certificate.
- (2) Rodents would be sent to the County Laboratory at the Royal Isle of Wight County Hospital, Ryde. No cases have been sent during the year.
- (3) All ships for detesting are referred to Southampton Port Health Authority.
- (4) By arrangement with the Port Health Authority, Southampton, all ships for rat proofing are referred to that port.

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Section XIII - Infestation of ships for nuisance

No nuisances have been complained of during the year.

Section XIV - Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1957 and 1961

NO CHANGE

Section XV - Miscellaneous

NO CHANGE

*L. H. [Signature]*