

**APPROVED**

**Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area  
0900 hours Thursday May 19, 2011 Woodley Island Marina Conference Room**

The Harbor Safety Committee meeting was convened at 0903 hours.

**Members Present:**

Ms. Suzie Howser (Port Authority)  
Capt. Tim Petrusha (Bar Pilot)  
Mr. Gerry Wheaton (NOAA-OCS)  
Dr. Vanessa Metz (Coastal Commission)  
Capt. Gil Groszmann (Tug Operator)

**Others Present:**

Mr. Al Storm (OSPR Liaison)  
Mr. Dan Larkin (HC OES)  
USCG multiple representatives  
USACE local representative  
Capt. Leroy Zerlang (Brusco Tug and Barge)  
(Others in attendance however sign in sheet was not distributed)

1. **Introductions were made.** Due to lack of a quorum, the meeting continued however no action was taken.
2. **Members were sworn in.** None
3. **Public Comment.** None
4. **Consideration of approval of minutes for the meeting of March 17, 2011.** Capt. Groszmann asked that his name be included as attending the meeting.
5. **Consideration of Harbor Safety Plan updates and approval.** Captain Petrusha discussed Guidelines for Tug assist and Pilotage.

Mr. Wheaton discussed the need to compare the Coast Pilot with the Harbor Safety Plan once approved.

**6. Status/Updates**

- a. **Oil Spills/Accidents.** No report.
- b. **Abandoned Vehicles/Vessels/Debris.** No report.
- c. **Boater Safety.** Boater Safety Class held May 7<sup>th</sup> and the next class is scheduled for July 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- d. **Navigational Aids.** Crescent City aids are back on station. All Humboldt Bay aids are on station. LED lights have been placed in most Humboldt Bay aids. Red lights at the west end of the Samoa Bridge are still visible at night.
- e. **Ship Traffic.** Capt. Zerlang reported that another ship was due at the Schneider Dock around June 10<sup>th</sup> to load logs.
- f. **Navigational Chart Changes.** No changes.
- g. **TWIC.** No Changes

7. **Potential Bay Projects.** Capt. Zerlang reported that the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center docks should arrive at the end of May. The Wiyot Tribe installed the new bulkhead on Indian Island and the fill will be next.

The Kinetic Sculpture race is scheduled for Memorial weekend with the Humboldt Bay water crossing taking place on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Sculptures will enter the water at the Samoa Bridge boat ramp and exit at the City of Eureka Public Marina boat ramp.

## 8. Reports/Presentations

### a. USCG.

b. **USACE.** No report. The Corps has not conducted a post dredge survey of Humboldt Bay.

c. **OES.** Humboldt County OES conducted a briefing last Friday regarding Tsunami damage. The only damage in Humboldt Bay was to Harbor District property in Fields Landing due to erosion. Emergency repairs were made and the Harbor District is eligible for 75% reimbursement. Since the March 11 tsunami, five new tsunami sirens have been installed and will be tested. These include Big Lagoon, Trinidad, Orick, Fairhaven and Manila.

CalEMA and FEMA Regions 9 and 10 are working on a plan regarding a Cascadia type event including use of a "Sea Bridge" to move emergency supplies in and out of the area.

CalEMA will provide Tsunami Awareness training for the public June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Wharfinger building in Eureka. CalEMA will also provide one day classes for emergency responders July 7, 8, 12 and 13.

The CalEMA tsunami mapping discussed at the March meeting is months away from completion.

d. **CPB.** No report.

e. **OSPR.** Mr. Storm reported that he had the oaths ready for Capt. Klassen, Mr. Trygar, Mr. Lauer and Capt. Hill however, none were in attendance.

The local Law Enforcement membership position will be open in July.

The Marine Oil Terminal position is currently vacant.

The Secretariat contract will change to a two year contract beginning with fiscal year 2012/13.

Washington State produced a training video on best bunkering practices and offered to rework the video for the State of California for a fee of \$9,500 including licensing. The Harbor Safety Committee of the San Francisco Bay Region is requesting that OSPR fund the amount requested.

f. **HC Sheriff.** No report.

g. **NOAA.** Mr. Wheaton reported that the America's Cup scheduled for 2012/2013 in San Francisco will see an increase in vessel activity along the coast.

h. **Coastal Commission.** Dr. Metz reported that Dockwalker Boating Clean and Green promotional bags are on hold. Governor Brown will not allow the expenditure of funds for promotional materials.

An NPREP drill was conducted in San Diego simulating the use of dispersants and a burning plan.

i. **Member Reports.** Capt. Groszmann reported that tug *KOOS KING* is currently in Coos Bay for a haul out but will be back in time for the next ship.

USCG personnel reported that the VOSS equipment currently at Redwood Dock will be used in a training exercise June 21 and 22. The Humboldt State University research vessel *CORAL SEA* will be used as the vessel of opportunity.

9. **Other** – None

**The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for [THURSDAY, July 21, 2011](#).**

Meeting adjourned at 1005 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzie V. Howser, Port of Humboldt Bay