

## APPROVED

### Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area 0900 hours Thursday July 21, 2011 Woodley Island Marina Conference Room

The Harbor Safety Committee meeting was convened at 0905 hours.

#### Members Present:

Ms. Suzie Howser (Port Authority)  
Capt. John Powell (Bar Pilot)  
Deputy Roy Reynolds (Local Law Enforcement)  
Dr. Vanessa Metz (Coastal Commission)  
Capt. Gil Groszmann (Tug Operator)  
Mr. Hawk Martin (Recreational Boater)  
Mr. Aaron Newman (Commercial Fisherman)  
Mr. Stephen Kullmann (Tribal/Environmental)  
Mr. Dick Lauer (Tank Barge Operator) via telephone  
Capt. Sal Palmeri (USCG Group Humboldt Bay)  
Lt. Rob Starr (USCG Group Humboldt Bay)  
Mr. Gerry Wheaton (NOAA-OCS)

#### Others Present:

Mr. Al Storm (OSPR Liaison)  
Mr. Jeff Dayton (OSPR)  
Mr. Dan Larkin (HC OES)  
CDR Brian Edmiston (USCG Group Humboldt Bay)  
MSSD4 Jo Wildman (USCG MSD Humboldt Bay)  
Mr. Dave Ammerman (USACE Eureka)  
LTJG Rachel Wellman (USCG)  
Mr. Chris Atkinson (USCG)  
Mr. Jim Pitkin (USCG)

#### 1. Introductions were made.

2. **Members were sworn in.** Mr. Storm reported there are several people who still need to be sworn in. These can be done remotely in front of a notary. Mr. Storm has received two applications from the Humboldt County Sheriff's office in regards to membership renewal for the position of Local Law Enforcement.

#### 3. Public Comment. None

4. **Vessel of Opportunity Skimming System.** Mr. Atkinson gave a presentation on the recent VOSS deployment in Humboldt Bay. The HSU research vessel *CORAL SEA* was used as the vessel of opportunity. Since the *CORAL SEA* is an excellent platform, some modification will be made in order to quicken the deployment. There are currently two VOSS stationed in California and all new Juniper Class buoy tenders are equipped with on board Spilled Oil Recovery Systems (SORS). The Deepwater Horizon incident depleted resources and destroyed the Lancer Barges, including the one for Humboldt Bay. New designs and modifications have been made and a replacement should be coming soon.

5. **Trinidad Pier Reconstruction.** Ms. Howser reported that representatives from Trinidad were invited to attend today's meeting to give the Committee a brief overview of the pier reconstruction project, however they were unable to make the meeting. The pier reconstruction is scheduled to begin August 1<sup>st</sup>. It is unknown at this time if the contractor will be able to have part of the dock available for crab season. Vessels may need to relocate to Crescent City and Humboldt Bay if they are unable to unload in Trinidad.

6. **Consideration of approval of minutes for the meeting of March 17, 2011.** Capt. Powell motioned to approve the minutes of March 17, 2011; Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Consideration of approval of minutes for the meeting of May 19, 2011.** Capt. Groszmann motioned to approve the minutes of May 19, 2011; Capt. Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Consideration of Harbor Safety Plan modifications.** Captain Powell reported the tug assist best practices were taken in general from the San Francisco Bar Pilots tug requirement guide. Mr. Lauer asked that it be clarified that these best practices are for non-tank vessels.

Mr. Larkin reported in the case of a distant source tsunami, mariners will need some guidance. The best practices were taken in part from the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources Tsunami

Emergency Plan which was updated 06/14/2011. Discussion was held and the CalEMA and NOAA wording would be kept in the best practices.

Mr. Storm suggested a committee be formed to review the Tsunami Best Practices. Members of the sub-committee to include Mr. Larkin, Mr. Lauer, Mr. Wheaton, LTJG Wellman, Capt. Powell, and Mr. Newman.

Ms. Howser gave an overview of changes and updates to the Harbor Safety Plan.

Mr. Lauer motioned to approve the modifications to the Harbor Safety Plan; Capt. Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lauer motioned to form a committee to review Tsunami Best Practices for Humboldt Bay; Capt. Groszmann seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Consideration of Harbor Safety Plan Approval.** Mr. Lauer motioned to approve the Harbor Safety Plan; Capt. Groszmann seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## 10. Status/Updates

a. **Oil Spills/Accidents.** Mr. Dayton reported that the area has been quiet. A commercial fishing vessel from Eureka, *FV DEENIE LYNN*, capsized outside the Golden Gate Bridge in the San Francisco bay area. Salvage crews were working to move the vessel to the Sausalito area in order to raise the vessel. Another commercial fishing vessel from Eureka, *FV ADVANCE*, ran aground in Bodega Bay. The vessel was freed from the shoal and has since returned to Eureka.

b. **Abandoned Vehicles/Vessels/Debris.** No report.

c. **Boater Safety.** USCG Auxiliary Boater Safety Class was held July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Martin will be conducting a boating safety class for Humboldt State University on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

d. **Navigational Aids.** Capt. Powell reported that the USCGC *ASPEN* has moved buoy #2, #5 and #9 back into position and Caltrans placed new shields over the red flashing lights at the west end of the Samoa Bridge. All Humboldt Bay aids are in position and watching properly.

e. **Ship Traffic.** Capt. Powell reported that two ships are currently scheduled for the Schneider Dock and one for the Fairhaven Terminal.

f. **Navigational Chart Changes.** Mr. Wheaton reported that he does have the coordinates for the new Humboldt Bay Rowing dock but was wondering if this is a permanent or temporary change. Information will be gathered and reported on at the next meeting.

g. **TWIC.** No Changes

11. **Potential Bay Projects.** No report.

## 12. Reports/Presentations

a. **USCG.** Welcome Capt. Palmeri.

b. **USACE.** Ms. Howser reported that the USACE survey vessel was in town conducting the post dredge survey.

Capt. Powell reported that the draft restrictions have been lifted.

c. **OES.** Mr. Larkin reported that he is currently working on a grant for Hazardous Mitigation Plan updates. The Humboldt County fair is coming up and they will have the Tsunami room. Mr. Larkin presented the group with refrigerator magnets depicting DROP, COVER, HOLD for safety.

More sirens have been installed and two more are scheduled for Moonstone beach and College Cove.

FEMA and CalEMA are continuing to work on the Cascadia Project which takes in the area from Cape Mendocino to Vancouver.

d. **CPB.** No report.

e. **OSPR.** Mr. Storm reported that AB 1112 is being watched by OSPR as it applies to a fee increase per barrel.

Five OSPR personnel were sent to Montana to assist with the Silvertip pipeline spill on the Yellowstone River.

There will be a two day Harbor Safety Summit this year October 25-26, 2011. Day one will be for California Harbor Safety Committees and day two will be a joint meeting of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California and Hawaii Harbor Safety Committees.

Tsunami sub-committee to meet on Wednesday September 14, 2011 at 1300 hours.

f. **HC Sheriff.** Kinetic Sculpture went well, however the lower Eel River crossing was cancelled due to weather.

There have been three drownings in local rivers, one on the Mattole, Trinity and Eel Rivers. HSU will begin incorporating the dangers of area rivers into their exchange student information packets.

Mr. Cleve Lawford from Norway will be visiting the area next week to look at the Sheriff boat 44409. Mr. Lawford is a 44 enthusiast and has documented all of the 44 foot motor lifeboats around the world.

g. **NOAA.** No report.

h. **Coastal Commission.** No report.

i. **Member Reports.** No report.

13. **Other – None**

**The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for [THURSDAY, September 15, 2011.](#)**

Meeting adjourned at 1130 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzie V. Howser, Port of Humboldt Bay