

APPROVED

Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area

0900 hours Thursday September 15, 2011 Woodley Island Marina Conference Room

The Harbor Safety Committee meeting was convened at 0908 hours.

Members Present:

Ms. Suzie Howser (Port Authority)
Capt. John Powell (Bar Pilot)
Capt. Tim Petrusha (Bar Pilot)
Deputy Phil Daastol (Local Law Enforcement)
Deputy Roy Reynolds (Local Law Enforcement)
Dr. Vanessa Metz (Coastal Commission)
Mr. Dick Lauer (Tank Barge Operator)
Mr. Stephen Kullmann (Tribal/Environmental)
Mr. Rich Trygar (Dry Cargo)
Mr. Gerry Wheaton (NOAA-OCS)

Others Present:

Mr. Al Storm (OSPR Liaison)
Mr. Jeff Dayton (OSPR)
Mr. Dan Larkin (HC OES)
LCDR Blanca Rosas (USCG Sector San Francisco)
MSSD4 Jo Wildman (USCG MSD Humboldt Bay)
PO2 Bryan Alexander (USCG MSD Humboldt Bay)
Mr. John Prince (US Customs)
Mr. Greg Dale (Coast Seafoods)

1. Introductions were made.

2. **Members were sworn in.** Mr. Storm reported he will swear in a few new members today. One member is running late and Mr. Storm will swear everyone in at the same time later in the meeting.

3. Public Comment. None

4. **Consideration of approval of minutes for the meeting of July 21, 2011.** Correction on item 5. Mr. Lauer motioned to approved minutes of July 21, 2011 with correction. Deputy Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Status/Updates

- a. **Oil Spills/Accidents.** Mr. Dayton reported a mystery sheen at Woodley Island Marina yesterday. No source was located. A small vessel had sunk in the King Salmon area. The fuel tank was removed.

Mr. Dayton also reported that numerous Brown Pelicans have been oiled by fish waste. The Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN) has not been activated due to non-petroleum oil. The Humboldt Wildlife Care Center has been working to clean the birds. Measures have been taken in Crescent City to hinge the fish waste totes to prevent further incidents. Shelter Cove is also taking measures to prevent further incidents.

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

- c. **Boater Safety.** Ms. Howser reported that USCG Auxiliary Boater Safety Class was held September 10th with approximately 6 participants. This will be the last class for this calendar year.

- d. **Navigational Aids.** Capt. Powell reported that all Humboldt Bay aids are in the charted positions.

Ms. Howser reported that Buoy 46022 is currently off station and it is unknown if the buoy has been retrieved or when it will be replaced. Scripps Institution of Oceanography is looking at servicing three of their Waverider buoys in the next month.

- e. **Ship Traffic.** Capt. Powell reported that the log ship *EASTERN ASIA* arrived Tuesday afternoon to the Schneider Dock and the *GLOBAL EXPLORER* will be arriving this evening at the Fairhaven Terminal. The next ship is currently scheduled for September 26th.
- f. **Navigational Chart Changes.** Mr. Wheaton reported that they have the coordinates “as-built” for the Humboldt Bay Rowing Association Dock and this will be added to the chart and the Coast Pilot. The new Coast Pilot will be out in December.
- g. **TWIC.** No Changes to TWIC this item will be removed from Status and Updates.

6. **Potential Bay Projects.** Ms. Howser report the Trinidad Pier reconstruction project and dredging in the Crescent City Harbor have begun. The dredge spoils from Crescent City are being barged to the Humboldt Open Ocean Disposal Site (HOODS) off Eureka. Dutra Group out of San Rafael is the dredging contractor.

7. Reports/Presentations

- a. **USCG.** PO2 Alexander reported that as winter approaches, we will see an increase in the illegal dumping of vessels and vehicles.
- b. **USACE.** No report.
- c. **OES.** Mr. Larkin reported that Narrow Banding requirements will go into effect on January 2013. There will be a Humboldt Operational Area meeting regarding narrow banding at the Agriculture building on October 12th beginning at 1300.

On October 13th the regular Humboldt Operational Area meeting will be held at the Humboldt County Correctional Facility Training Room.

The Harbor Safety Tsunami sub-committee meeting held yesterday was very productive. Also, on October 20th at 1020 hours the Great California Shake Out will take place. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the drill. Remember to DROP – COVER – HOLD.

- d. **CPB.** Mr. Prince reported that the loading of ships is going smoothly. Three large Canadian fishing vessels are due to arrive today and stay for a few days.
- e. **OSPR.** Mr. Dayton reported that the Area Contingency Plan has been revised and is currently in the US Coast Guards hands for approval. There will be a Spill Management Team workshop on October 19th in Los Alamitos.

Mr. Storm reported that AB 1112 passed and is awaiting the Governor’s signature. AB 1112 would increase the oil spill prevention and administration fee per barrel from \$0.05 to \$0.0650 per barrel.

As of the beginning of September, Mr. Chuck Bonham is the new Director for the Department of Fish and Game. Mr. Bonham comes to the Department after serving over ten years with Trout Unlimited.

The Harbor Safety Summit will take place October 25 and 26. Both days will be open to the public and will be attended by California, Oregon, Washington and Hawaii Harbor Safety Chairs. Mr. Storm was unsure if Alaska was participating.

Mr. Storm reported that the loss of propulsion incidents have doubled since low sulfur guidelines have been implemented by the California Air Resources Board. Vessels are currently required to switch from

bunker fuel to low sulfur fuel while within 24 miles of the California coast. Captain Jeff Cowan of OSPR is proposing that vessels making first-time visits to California, conduct a trial run within 45 days of entering California. Run main and auxiliary engines no less than four hours, operate main engine from the engine control room and operate main engine from engine side.

Capt. Powell noted that when the *EASTERN ASIA* was maneuvering to the Schneider Dock there was a lag time in engine starts. He will ask the Captain of the vessel if this has any connection with low sulfur fuel.

Mr. Storm took this opportunity to swear in new members of the Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area. Mr. Dick Lauer representing Tank Vessels, Mr. Rich Trygar representing Dry Cargo, Deputy Phil Daastol and Deputy Roy Reynolds representing Local Law Enforcement were all sworn in as members.

Mr. Storm also informed the group that the only seat up in 2012 will be the Coastal Commission seat. This is a non-competition seat.

- f. **HC Sheriff.** Deputy Daastol reported that a small vessel had sunk in the King Salmon area. This is a separate incident from the OSPR incident reported above.

The Sheriff's office removed a single wide mobile home (not motor home) from the Mad River Boat Ramp. Perpetrators are unknown and the owner was incarcerated at the time of the incident.

The 44 enthusiast from Norway, Mr. Cleve Lawford, visited Humboldt Bay and was given a ride on the Sheriff boat 44409.

The Sheriff boat 44409 also participated in the US Coast Guard Station Humboldt Bay open house in August. The new officer in charge at Station Humboldt Bay, BMCM Jon Gagnon, was stationed in Tillamook, Oregon and used to operate the 44409 when it was a USCG asset. After the open house, BMCM Gagnon was given the opportunity to run the vessel again.

- g. **NOAA.** No report.

- h. **Coastal Commission.** Dr. Metz reported that the Coast Clean Up day will take place on Saturday, September 17th from 0900 to Noon. If anyone is interested in participating they may visit the website at <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/ccd.html>

- i. **Member Reports.**

Mr. Kullmann reported that the Indian Island restoration project is well underway. A barge will arrive today to begin the backfill. They will also be using a relatively new injection technology called *Cool-Ox*[™] to break up the Dioxin. Mr. Kullmann stated that Brownfield grant monies are being used to assist in the remediation.

Mr. Lauer reported that Sause Bros has fire-fighting equipment positioned in the San Francisco bay area and the equipment is able to be airlifted to Humboldt Bay if needed. Mr. Lauer also stated that in 2012, Sause Bros will want to conduct a fire-fighting drill in Humboldt Bay using local firefighting assets.

Capt. Petrusha reported that the fire boat and work boat bid package were out and the Board of Commissioners would be accepting or rejecting the bids at their next meeting.

Ms. Howser reported that she had just received email notification regarding a FREE marine firefighting workshop to be held in Eureka by the California Maritime Academy. She will provide the information to the membership.

8. **Other** – None

The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for [THURSDAY, November 17, 2011](#).

Meeting adjourned at 1033 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzie V. Howser, Port of Humboldt Bay