

APPROVED

**Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area
0900 hours Thursday November 15, 2012 Woodley Island Marina Conference Room**

The Harbor Safety Committee meeting was convened at 0908 hours.

Members Present:

Ms. Suzie Howser, Chair (Port Authority)
Capt. Tim Petrusha (Bar Pilot)
Capt. John Powell (Bar Pilot)
Deputy Roy Reynolds (Local Law Enforcement)
Mr. Hawk Martin (Rec Boating)
Mr. Gerry Wheaton (NOAA-OCS)
Mr. Jonathan Bishop (Coastal Comm) via telephone
Mr. Stephen Kullmann (Tribal/Environmental)

Others Present:

Mr. Al Storm (OSPR Liaison) via telephone
Mr. Jeff Dayton (OSPR)
Mr. Scott Parsons (Chevron)
Mr. Leroy Zerlang (Brusco Tug)
MST3 Rustin Battermann (USCG)
Chief Bill Gillespie (Humboldt Bay Fire)

Chair, Suzie Howser announced a quorum was not present however the meeting would continue.

1. Introductions were made.

Mr. Kullmann arrived at 0911 hours, a quorum was established.

2. Swearing in of new members. None

3. Public Comment. None

4. Consideration of approval of minutes for the meeting of September 20, 2012. Mr. Dayton asked that 7e paragraph 3 be changed to Environmental Scientist instead of Fish Biologist. Captain Petrusha motioned to approve the minutes of September 20, 2012 with correction. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Consideration of Meeting Schedule for 2013. Mr. Dayton reported that previous to this meeting US Coast Guard had requested a change to the Area Committee meetings. No one from USCG was available to explain the schedule. Discussion was held in regards to current and proposed meeting schedules. Captain Petrusha motioned to set the January 2013 meeting for the 17th and asked that the remaining schedule be brought before the committee at that time. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Consideration of changes to the By-Laws. Ms. Howser explained that the By-Laws state the Harbor Safety Committee normally meets bi-monthly. If the committee wished to change to quarterly a wording change may be needed. This agenda item was removed from consideration.

7. Status/Updates

- a. **Oil Spills/Accidents.** Mr. Dayton reported that it has been quiet except for a couple of mystery sheens. One close to the boat yard in Fairhaven however it was not from the boat yard.

A vehicle went into the water on the Eureka side of the Samoa Bridge at the boat ramp. A small sheen was observed.

Mr. Batterman reported a couple of sheens in the Crescent City Harbor.

Capt. Powell began a PowerPoint presentation. The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District received a Port Security Grant to purchase a Port Security vessel and a Fire Boat for Humboldt Bay. At 0348 on November 01, 2012 the new Fire Boat was called to respond to a large commercial building fire at the Fairhaven Business Park. Captain Petruscha, Captain Powell and three Humboldt Bay Firefighters responded to the scene on the Fire Boat and began spraying water. Incident Command asked that the Fire Boat dock at the Fairhaven terminal and set up hoses to provide water to fire trucks. The Fire Boat was specifically designed to pump bay water directly to fire trucks. Several hydrants were blocked by pallets and a partial roof collapse destroyed the building's internal fire sprinkler system therefore water supply was reduced. The owner of the building later credited the Fire Boat for saving the 120,000 square foot building and keeping 80 people employed. The Business Park was in operation the very next day.

Chief Gillespie also credited the Fire Boat for saving the building. Stating the Fire Boat functioned perfectly as designed.

Many people in the community consider that the Fire Boat has paid for itself with this one event.

Additionally, the new Port Security vessel has responded to 4 emergency calls since it was received in August. Both vessels are considered valuable assets to the Humboldt Bay area.

- b. **Abandoned Vehicles/Vessels/Debris.** Mr. Dayton reported that used soil has been dumped in the Fernbridge and Clam Beach areas.

Mr., Kullmann reported that the Wiyot Tribe and the Humboldt Bay Harbor Recreation and Conservation District are working together on a grant for Marine Debris. This is for non-tsunami related debris.

- c. **Boater Safety.** Mr. Martin reported that he has been in contact with Steve Monk, Humboldt State University and the Humboldt Bay Rowers Association regarding incidents in Humboldt Bay.

Ms. Howser reported Ms. Bev Noll will conduct another Fisherman's Training Course in November.

- d. **Navigational Aids.** USCG reported that all buoys are currently in operation.

- e. **Ship Traffic.** The AFRICAN SWAN and the FORTUNE AMARYLLIS are scheduled to receive logs at the Schneider dock. The AFICAN SWAN is due to arrive this Sunday and the FORTUNE AMARYLLIS is due in a week.

A German cruise ship is still scheduled for February 2013.

- f. **Navigational Chart Changes.** None

8. **Potential Bay Projects.** Humboldt Bay PORTS® is up and running. The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District received a Port Security grant for the purchase of the equipment and has been working with NOAA, HSU and Chevron to bring this project to fruition.

Mr. Wheaton gave a presentation to the Committee regarding PORTS® and demonstrated how to access the system via computer or through the mobile application. A grand unveiling will be held in January at the next Harbor Safety meeting. There are now three established PORTS® in California, Humboldt Bay, San Francisco and LA/LB. Port Hueneme has requested that NOAA look into PORTS® for their area.

9. **Reports/Presentations**

- a. **USCG.** No report.
- b. **USACE.** No report.
- c. **OES.** No report.
- d. **CPB.** No report.
- e. **OSPR.** Mr. Storm reported on the upcoming Committee vacancy for the Tribal/Environmental position currently held by Mr. Kullmann.

Due to the passage of Proposition 30, the definition of “mission critical travel” may be broadened to include attendance to Harbor Safety Committee meetings and to allow the West Coast HSC Summit and the OSPR overview for Humboldt County to take place. The West Coast HSC Summit is scheduled for January 15, 2013 in Sacramento.

The commercial Dungeness crab season north of Pt. Arena has been delayed for at least two weeks until December 15, 2012. Another round of tests will take place to determine if crabs meet the requirement for harvest.

- f. **HC Sheriff.** Deputy Reynolds, reported that Deputy Daastol is still on patrol
- g. **NOAA.** No report.
- h. **Coastal Commission.** Mr. Bishop reported that he has attended all of the Harbor Safety Committee meetings in the State and gave a brief overview of projects around the State.
- i. **Member Reports.**

10. **Other –** No reports.

The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for [THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2013.](#)

Meeting adjourned at 1100 hours.
Respectfully submitted,
Suzie V. Howser, Port of Humboldt Bay