

APPROVED

**Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area
0900 hours January 17, 2013 Woodley Island Marina Conference Room**

The Harbor Safety Committee meeting was convened at 0903 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. Stephen Kullmann (Environmental/Tribal)
Capt. Gilbert Groszmann (Tug Operator)
CWO2 Billy Gartman (USCG)
Lt. Michelle Foster (USCG HB) via telephone

Others Present:

Mr. Al Storm (OSPR Liaison)
Mr. Jeff Dayton (OSPR)
Mr. Darren Wright (NOAA/NOS/CO-OPS)
Mr. Leroy Zerlang (Brusco Tug)
Mr. J.P. Giles (USCG HB)
MST3 Rustin Battermann (USCG HB)
Mr. Tim Nelson (Wiyot Tribe)
Mr. Dan Larkin (HC OES)
Mr. Kyle Noderer (CalEMA)
Mr. Jeff Raimey (City of Eureka)
Ms. Julie Salminen (Pacific Affiliates)
LTJG Meagan Snyder (USCG SF) via telephone
Ms. Nancy Dean (NOAA/NWS/Eureka)
Mr. Troy Nicolini (NOAA/NWS/Eureka)

Chair, Suzie Howser announced a quorum was present.

1. Introductions were made.

2. Swearing in of new members. Mr. Storm announced the membership position terms expiring this year. In May, Bar Pilots and in November, Commercial Fishing.

Mr. Storm congratulated and swore in Mr. Stephen Kullmann as the Environmental/Tribal Member and Mr. Tim Nelson as the Environmental/Tribal Alternate.

3. Public Comment. None

4. Consideration of approval of minutes for the meeting of November 15, 2012. Deputy Reynolds motioned to approve the minutes of November 15, 2012. Captain Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Consideration of Meeting Schedule for 2013. LTJG Snyder reported on USCG consideration of change to the meeting schedule.

Mr. Dayton reported that after speaking with USCG representatives, the Area Committee meetings would mirror the Harbor Safety Committee meetings. Deputy Reynolds motioned to approve the regular meeting schedule for 2013. Captain Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Status/Updates

a. Oil Spills/Accidents. CWO2 Gartman reported there was a vehicle that entered the water south of the Samoa Boat Ramp.

Sheen was spotted at Woodley Island Marina however no source was located. A dock walker noticed a diesel spill at Woodley Island Marina. The citizen reported the sheen however, there was a miss

communication and all notifications were not made. Discussion was held in regards to proper notification. Mr. Gartman asked that for local spills, please contact him as well. His direct cell phone number is 707-481-0295. Ms. Howser will email the NRC, OES and Mr. Gartman's cell number to the Members.

Mr. Gartman also reported the National Pollution Trust Fund was opened to remove product off the motor vessel JEANNE which sank in Noyo Harbor. After product removal the vessel sank once again. The USCG and USACE are working together to remove the vessel.

Mr. Raimey reported a foreign sailing vessel had struck the Del Norte Street Pier. The 60 foot sailing vessel was on auto pilot without a proper watch. Damage to the pier included cracked concrete, broken guard rail and lighting. Temporary lighting is in place until permanent repairs can be made. Damage is estimated to be approximately \$10,000 - \$15,000. The vessel is no longer in Humboldt Bay.

A runabout that was tied to the dock sunk at the Eureka Public Marina. Zerlang and Zerlang were able to assist the owner with recovery and removal.

Mr. Dayton reported that the tank vessel OVERSEAS REYMAR had struck a support tower of the San Francisco Bay Bridge on January 7th.

LTJG Snyder reported that the tank vessel was empty at the time and the double hull was not pierced. After inspection, the vessel was allowed to depart on Friday January 11th. The investigation continues.

CWO2 Gartman reported a crewman was injured on the commercial fishing vessel BOUNTIFUL.

Lt Foster reported that after consultation with the flight surgeon it was determined that due to the crewman's possible head and back injury, an air rescue was risky and not the best option for the crewman. The fishing vessel returned to Humboldt Bay and met emergency medical personnel at Woodley Island Marina. All members on board the fishing vessel were taken to the hospital and tested for drugs and alcohol. The injured crewman received medical attention and his injuries were diagnosed as bruising.

- b. **Abandoned Vehicles/Vessels/Debris.** LTJG Snyder reported that NOAA and ERMA have created a database layer for derelict and abandoned vessels in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Mr. Martin reported a mobile company out of Coos Bay, Oregon receives grants to dispose of vessels. He will locate the contact information and forward to Ms. Howser.

Captain Powell reported that there appears to be a concrete float stuck on "Stinky Beach".

Deputy Reynolds reported a concrete float up by Big Lagoon.

Ms. Howser heard the USCG reporting a concrete float by Noyo.

Mr. Kullmann reported the Tribe and Harbor District are waiting to hear back in regards to the debris grant.

Mr. Larkin reported on the Japan Tsunami Marine Debris (JTMD) Concept of Operations produced by CalEMA. This document provides information and guidance to local government. We are now approaching the window of debris arrival. Ms. Howser will forward the information to Members.

- c. **Boater Safety.** Mr. Martin reported that he will hold another kayak safety course January 26th.
- d. **Navigational Aids.** USCG reported that all buoys are currently in operation.

e. **Ship Traffic.** A German cruise ship is still scheduled for February 2013.

f. **Navigational Chart Changes.** Mr. Wheaton reported there were no chart changes. The 45th Edition of Coast Pilot 7 is available on line.

7. **Potential Bay Projects.** Mr. Kullmann reported a meeting will be held next Tuesday regarding Invasive species removal and possible project locations and methods of removal.

Mr. Raimey reported the Truesdale Vista Point project officially named the Elk River Hikshari' Trail will provide water access, picnic tables and restrooms. The grand opening is scheduled for March 2nd.

Ms. Howser reported on shoaling conditions within the Eureka Inner Reach and around Buoy 9 in Humboldt Bay. USCG must be informed when a vessel runs aground.

8. Reports/Presentations

a. **USCG.** No report.

b. **USACE.** No report.

c. **OES.** Mr. Larkin reported the next Operational Area meeting will be held on February 7th.

The OSPR overview will be held on March 20th at the Agriculture Building on South Broadway in Eureka.

The Tsunami Communications Test is scheduled for March 27th. Humboldt, Mendocino and Del Norte Counties are all participating in the test.

d. **CPB.** No report.

e. **OSPR.** Mr. Dayton reported on upcoming OSPR Overview and invited all local government agencies to participate. Ms. Howser will email the notice to members and post the information on the website.

The North Coast Marine Protected Areas have been implemented as of December 19th. Notices have been posted.

Environmental Response to Oil Spills in California workshop will take place March 4 – 8 in the San Francisco Bay Area.

OSPR/Chevron Technology Workshop will take place February 26-28 in San Ramon.

OSPR is still operating on "mission critical" travel.

North Bay strategies are tentatively scheduled for March 27. Woodley Island strategies will be the focus of the drill. Since March 27th is the date for the Tsunami Communications test, Mr. Dayton, Ms. Howser and Mr. Baugh will discuss alternate dates for conducting the Woodley Island strategies.

Mr. Storm reported the California Department of Fish and Game has officially changed their name to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Old email addresses will work for a while as the department is changing in stages.

A new contract for the Secretariat services has been negotiated.

The Harbor Safety Summit may be rescheduled for sometime this summer.

Commercial crab season in the northern districts was delayed until January 15th.

- f. **HC Sheriff.** Deputy Reynolds reported that Deputy Daastol is now on patrol. Four people applied for the boating position and Deputy Braden Brawner has been selected to fill the vacancy. Deputy Brawner has a background in the Merchant Marines.

Three people drowned off Big Lagoon. The family dog was caught in a rip current and a family member attempted to rescue the dog. Two other family members went into the water to help rescue the first family member. The Water Safety Coalition will begin public outreach in regards to educating the public about currents and issues associated with attempting rescues.

A body was recovered at the Samoa Boat Ramp – apparent suicide.

A commercial fishing vessel reported a body in the bay by buoy 5. USCG and HC Sheriff responded and the body was recovered.

Mr. Larkin reported on “sneaker waves” and the possibility of large waves arriving on the coast this weekend.

- g. **NOAA.** Mr. Wheaton reported that Jane Lubchenco will be leaving NOAA at the end of February.

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

- i. **Member Reports.**

Mr. Kullmann reported that Humboldt Baykeepers will be conducting a shoreline clean up by utilizing kayaks.

- 9. **Other –** Mr. Raimey reported that beginning crab season has been the focus of attention these last few weeks.

Ms. Salminen reported on the Renner Petroleum Table Top Drill conducted December 05, 2012.

Mr. Wright reported on Humboldt Bay PORTS®. A PowerPoint presentation with discussion and training was held. Afterwards Mr. Wright presented Ms. Howser, representing the Humboldt Bay Harbor Recreation and Conservation District, with a plaque congratulating the Harbor District and all associated for successful implementation of Humboldt Bay PORTS®.

The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for [THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2013](#).

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1200 hours.
Respectfully submitted,
Suzie V. Howser, Port of Humboldt Bay