

APPROVED

Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area 0900 hours May 15, 2014 Woodley Island Marina Conference Room

The Harbor Safety Committee meeting was convened at 0904 hours.

Members Present:

Ms. Suzie Howser, Chair (Port Authority)
Deputy Braden Brawner (Local Law Enforcement)
Capt. John Powell (Bar Pilot)
Capt. Leroy Zerlang (Tug Operator)
Mr. Ross McDonald (Tanker Operations)
Mr. Casey Allen (Recreational Boater)
Mr. Gerry Wheaton (NOAA-OCS)
CWO Billy Gartman (USCG-Sector HB)
Mr. Jonathan Bishop (Coastal Commission) via phone

Others Present:

Mr. Al Storm (OSPR Liaison)
Mr. Reuben Macaspac (OSPR)
Mr. Jeff Dayton (OSPR)
Mr. Dan Larkin (HC OES)
CWO Curt Barthel (USCG Sector HB)
Mr. Bryan Alexander (USCG)
Ms. Leslie Sanders (Trinidad Rancheria)
Mr. Kent Hulbert (Humboldt Bay Fire)
Mr. Donald Wilkes (City of Eureka)
Ms. Julie Salminen (Fairhaven Terminal)
Mr. Dustin Morris (USCG)

Chair, Suzie Howser called the meeting to order at 0907 hours.

1. **Introductions were made.**

2. **Swearing in of new members.** None.

3. **Public Comment.** Ms. Leslie Sanders from the Trinidad Rancheria was pleased to announce, the Rancheria sent their Pier Supervisor to a "6-pack" Captain's class. He is now a licensed Captain and able to transport passengers to their moored vessels. Also, all of their dock personnel are now CPR/First Aid certified. Regular safety meetings are being held. The Rancheria is also working with the Bureau of Land Management on an Interpretive Center.

Mr. Wheaton suggested a change to the Coast Pilot in regards to the licensed Captain's ability to transport people to their moored vessels.

4. **Presentation by Humboldt Saltwater Anglers regarding the Artificial Reef Project for Humboldt Bay.** Mr. Allen gave a presentation in regards to the history and status of the artificial reef project. HASA is currently working with the Harbor District to obtain a State Lands lease and Humboldt State University has completed a draft EIR. HASA has met with Fish and Wildlife, numerous environmental groups, Humboldt Fishermen's Marketing Association and others in regards to this project. The site is 1 square mile north of the North Jetty in approximately 50-60 feet of water. The reef structures are 10 feet by 8 feet and weigh 5500 pounds each. There would be a dozen structures to start with 2300 structures in total. A PowerPoint presentation will be sent to the Harbor Safety Committee Chair to distribute to the membership.

5. **Consideration of approval of minutes for the meeting of March 20, 2014.** Capt. Powell made a motion to approve the minutes. Capt. Zerlang seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Status/Updates**

a. **Oil Spills/Accidents.** Mr. Gartman and Mr. Dayton reported a vehicle on the beach 2 miles north of Centerville Beach. There are no Federal or State funds available to remove a vehicle from the beach. A local off road association, Lost Coast 4x4, was instrumental in removing the vehicle from Centerville Beach.

- b. **Abandoned Vehicles/Vessels/Debris.** Mr. Dayton reported that the F/V HEIDI was removed from the water by the Harbor District and the vessel is now at the Fields Landing Boat Yard. The owner of the vessel is to destroy the vessel within 10 days.
- c. **Boater Safety.** Ms. Howser reported that USCG Auxiliary Safe Boating Courses have been scheduled for the summer.
- d. **Navigational Aids.** Mr. Barthel reported that the ASPEN was able to move buoys 2 and 5. However, Buoy 9's mooring is buried and unable to be moved.

There is no update on if Buoy 46022 will be returned to service prior to the August 2014 schedule.

The USCG will officially turn over ownership of the Trinidad Lighthouse to the Bureau of Land Management tomorrow.

- e. **Ship Traffic.** Captain Powell reported that a log ship is tentatively scheduled for the Schneider Dock the end of May or the beginning of June. The first chip ship should be here in July.

7. **Navigational Chart Changes.** Mr. Wheaton reported that there were no chart changes.

8. **Potential Bay Projects.** None

9. **Reports/Presentations**

- a. **USCG.** The Future of Navigation 21st Century Waterways Northern California Listening Session flyer is on the table. The session is scheduled for June 10 from 6-8 pm. Mr. Wheaton asked if this is a webinar type session and how do interested persons participate if unable to attend in person. It was unknown. Mr. Wheaton will contact Mr. Van Houten for more information.

There will be two changes in Sector Humboldt Bay this year. Captain Palmeri, Commander Sector Humboldt Bay, will be leaving in July and Mr. Calobreves, Aids to Navigation, will also be leaving in July.

b. **USACE.** No report.

- c. **OES.** Mr. Larkin reported the next Operational Area meeting will be held June 12th beginning at 1330.

On May 27th there will be a Mass Casualty exercise conducted by the Fire Service.

Two training opportunities are coming up; June 17 – Debris Management course and June 18 Point of Distribution Course. For more information on the two courses, you may contact Mr. Larkin.

d. **CPB.** No report.

- e. **OSPR.** Mr. Storm introduced Captain Tom Cullen, OSPR Administrator. Captain Cullen provided a brief background on his role as Administrator, the current workings of OSPR, and what is in store for the future. Captain Cullen also thanked Mr. Storm for his many years of service with the Department. Mr. Storm will be retiring on June 30th. Mr. Reuben Macaspac was introduced as the new Liaison for the Harbor Safety Committee.

Mr. Storm gave a membership update. Dry Cargo received on application from Ms. Julie Salminen a second application was withdrawn. Tug Operators is currently vacant as Captain Gilbert Groszmann has retired. Captain Leroy has made application for membership representing Tug Operators. The

application deadline is June 27th. The Port position will be up in October and the Coastal Commission in February.

There are no changes in the Governor's Budget.

- f. **HC Sheriff.** Deputy Brawner reported that he has been gone most of April. The bay boat is back in the water. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is interested in acquiring the Sheriff 44 foot motor life boat for their Avalon Station.

The HC Sheriff's Department only has one boating deputy.

- g. **NOAA.** Mr. Wheaton reported on the Defense Support of Civil Authorities and the assets available during major events.
- h. **Coastal Commission.** Mr. Bishop reported the San Diego Harbor Safety Committee will be meeting next week. Chevron Oceanside N-Prep will take place on May 21st. Port Heuneme HSC met last week and welcomed a new OSPR Liaison and updated and adopted the Harbor Safety Plan. Port Heuneme is also looking for support and funding for real time data, PORTS. There is more barge traffic from Washington to California.
- i. **Member Reports.** Capt. Zerlang reported the MADAKET will begin summer operations on Monday.

Mr. Allen reported the Humboldt Area Saltwater Anglers newsletter will feature a report on the no wake issue.

Ms. Salminen reported that Chip Dock activity is for Redwood and Douglas Fir chips. The debarker currently at Fairhaven Terminal will be relocated to Aberdeen.

- 10. **Other.** None

The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for [THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2014](#)

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1035 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzie V. Howser, Port of Humboldt Bay