

## APPROVED

### Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area 0900 hours May 21, 2015 Woodley Island Marina Conference Room

#### Members Present:

Ms. Suzie Howser, Chair (Port Authority)  
Capt. John Powell (Bar Pilot)  
Capt. Tim Petrusha (Bar Pilot)  
Capt. Leroy Zerlang (Tug Operator)  
Ms. Julie Salminen (Dry Cargo)  
Mr. Ross McDonald (Tanker Operations) via telephone  
Mr. Jeffrey Ferguson (NOAA OCS) via telephone  
Ms. Bridget Hand (Recreational Boating)  
Mr. Curt Barthel (USCG Sector HB)

#### Others Present:

Mr. Reuben Macaspac (OSPR Liaison)  
Mr. Charlie Helms (Crescent City Harbor)  
Mr. Grant Roden (Trinidad Rancheria)  
Mr. Donald Wilkes (City of Eureka)  
Mr. Rustin Battermann (USCG MSD)  
Mr. Dustin Morris (USCG MSD)

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

**1. Introductions were made.**

**2. Swearing in of new members.** Mr. Macaspac swore in Ms. Bridget Hand as Alternate representing Recreational Boating. Congratulations Ms. Hand and welcome to the Harbor Safety Committee.

**3. Public Comment.** Ms. Howser announced that some Federal and State representatives were unable to attend the meeting due to the oil spill by Santa Barbara.

**4. Consideration of approval of minutes for the meeting of March 19, 2015.** Ms. Howser apologized that the minutes were not complete and would be placed on the next agenda for the committee's consideration.

**5. Consideration of meeting date in September.** After discussion was held, Capt Zerlang made a motion to set the September meeting date for September 24, 2015. Capt. Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Status/Updates**

- a. **Oil Spills/Accidents.** Mr. Batterman and Mr. Morris reported that mystery sheens were reported in Crescent City Harbor, Humboldt Bay and Fort Bragg. There were a couple of small hydraulic oil discharges. A rental car (Suburban) was stuck in the Mad River. An update was given on the oil spill in the Santa Barbara area.
- b. **Abandoned Vehicles/Vessels/Debris.** Capt. Petrusha inquired about the 30 foot long steel fin that was recovered from the King Salmon Channel. No one knew what the item might be.
- c. **Boater Safety.** Ms. Hand reported that Sailboat rentals with safety classes were taking place at the Aquatic Center. No boating safety classes for the public are being offered at this time.
- d. **Navigational Aids.** Capt. Petrusha reported that the USCGC ASPEN called stating they were unable to move buoy #9 as planned. The US Army Corps of Engineers dredge ESSAYONS is still in dry dock with more damage than expected. Manson Dredging is currently working in the San Francisco bay area and is expected to arrive in Humboldt Bay the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June. Representative from Cal Redwood are currently in Washington D.C. It is unknown what depth Manson has been authorized to dredge to.

Discussion was held in regards to depth at the bar and entrance channels. – 48 feet MLLW is the authorized and desired depth. The USACE is limited on funding and number of dredging days.

Mr. Barthel reported that USCG is considering leaving buoys #2, #5, and #9 in their relocated positions permanently.

Buoy 46027 St Georges is tentatively scheduled for this fall.

- e. **Ship Traffic.** Capt. Powell reported that a mine sweeper is due to arrive in Humboldt Bay for re-fueling. Three ships are tentatively scheduled for June; one log ship and two chip ships.

Capt. Zerlang reported that after the log ship, nothing is scheduled for the Schneider Dock. Fairhaven terminal does not have anything scheduled at this time.

Capt. Petrusha reported that our cruise ship representative Bruce Conner was speaking with Carnival Cruise Lines in regards to the largest ship we could bring into Humboldt Bay.

- f. **Navigational Chart Changes.** Capt. Zerlang reported that 90% of the pilings at the North End of Indian Island have been removed.

- 7. **Potential Bay Projects.** Capt. Zerlang reported they are currently assisting with water work at the old power plant barging rock. The Indian Island Project is complete.

## 8. Reports/Presentations

- a. **USCG.** No report.

- b. **USACE.** No report.

- c. **OES.** No report.

- d. **CPB.** No report.

- e. **OSPR.** Mr. Macaspac reported that we received funding approval for the Harbor Safety Brochures.

- f. **HC Sheriff.** No report.

- g. **NOAA.** Mr. Ferguson reported that NOAA appointed Mr. Troy Nicolini as Meteorologist in Charge at the National Weather Service office in Eureka.

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

- i. **Member Reports.**

Ms. Salminen reported that they are working on a project for hard wood chips to be shipped to the Columbia River.

Capt. Powell reported that he is now a grandfather. Congratulations!!!

Capt. Petrusha reported that he responded to the report of an overturned kayak with one person in the water. The ebb tide was carrying a lady and her kayak down bay and she was unable to get back on the kayak. Capt Petrusha rescued both. The pilots are due for their 5 year simulator training.

Capt Zerlang reported that the MADAKET is running with two new Captains. The sailing vessel GOLDEN RULE is due to launch on June 20<sup>th</sup> with a big celebration. This project took 5 years and approximately \$200,000 to complete.

9. **Other.**

Mr. Roden reported that the pier has been extremely busy with Mother's Day, graduations and opening of bottom fishing. The boat launch did break but is up and running again. Parking continues to be a big issue.

Mr. Wilkes reported the marina has been quiet. Jack's restaurant at the Fishermen's Terminal is scheduled to open sometime in July. All the boat ramps appear to be in good shape. The Relay for Life Boat Parade will be held July 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2100 hours.

Mr. Helms reported that a water safety event will be held for third graders throughout Del Norte County. USCG, Del Norte County Sheriff's Department and CHP are all involved. The Stand Up Paddlecraft race was held last Saturday (May 16<sup>th</sup>) and was a success. The Fishermen's Memorial services will be held tomorrow in Crescent City.

**The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for [THURSDAY, July 16, 2015](#)**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1030 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzie V. Howser, Port of Humboldt Bay