

## APPROVED

### Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area 0900 hours May 16, 2019 Woodley Island Marina Conference Room

#### Members Present:

Mr. Leroy Zerlang (Z and Z / Brusco)  
Mrs. Julie Moug (Fairhaven Terminal)  
Mr. Tim Petruscha (Bar Pilot) phone  
Mr. Ross McDonald (Sause Brothers)  
Mr. John Bishop (CCC) phone  
Ms. Jacqueline Tageropoulos (USCG Aids to Nav HB)  
Mr. John Powell (Humboldt Bar Pilots)  
Ms. Bridget Hand (Humboldt Bay Aquatics Center)  
Mr. Larry Oetker (Port Authority)

#### Others Present:

Ms. Jenna Tolleson (Secretariat)  
Mr. Charlie Helus (Crescent City Harbor District)  
Mr. Tyrone Conner (USCG)  
Mr. Robert Canepa (USCG)  
Mr. Rueben Macaspac (OSPR Liaison)  
Mr. Daniel Rehse (CDFW OSPR)  
Mr. Harrison Ibach (HFMA)  
Mr. Kent Hulbert (Humboldt Bay Fire/HASA)

**Leroy Zerlang called the meeting to order at 0905 hours.**

**1. Introductions were made.**

**2. Swearing in of new members.**

No new members sworn in at this time.

**3. Public Comment.** - None

**4. Chair and Vice Chair Recommendations to OSPR Administrator – action anticipated.**

Leroy Zerlang requested that the Committee write a letter to the USACE with direction given by Larry Oetker.

Mr. Zerlang then discussed a possible conflict of interest and requested guidance from OSPR and the Committee. OSPR and the Committee recommended Mr. Zerlang seek council from Jeff Dayton on this matter.

**5. Buoy 2, Buoy 9, etc. – action anticipated.**

Tyron Conner presented on Regulated Navigation Area (RNA) in Crescent City, Humboldt, Noyo, and Morrow. During the presentation there was significant discussion on Buoys #2 and #9. Mr. Conner discussed the financial risk of losing Buoy #2 if it were to be established as a year-round buoy rather than a seasonal aid. He went on to discuss the benefits of transitioning Buoy #9 to a fixed aid.

Tim Petruscha and Harrison Ibach then voiced their concerns regarding keeping Buoy #2 as a seasonal aid and the strong need for Buoy #2 to be a year-round aid.

Mr. Zerlang concluded this topic with an update on Buoy #9.

**6. Status/Updates**

- a. **Nuisance vessels, unseaworthy vessels, sunken vessels, abandoned Vehicles/Vessels/Debris Abatement.** – Mr. Oetker stated that the Harbor District has 15 boats at Fields Landing Boat Yard that the Harbor District is hoping to get rid of by September or October of this year.
- b. **Oil Spills / Accidents / Incidents.** – No updates.
- c. **Boater Safety Training.** – Bridget Hand announced that Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> is the National Safe Boating Way day which will be celebrated by the Humboldt Bay Aquatics Center.
- d. **Navigational Aids – Location and Status** – No updates.
- e. **Ship Traffic** – Mr. Powell announced that both he and Mr. Petruscha will be writing draft restrictions of Humboldt Bay to 26 feet; day light hours only.
- f. **Navigation Chart Changes** – No updates.

- g. **Work Group Updates** – Mr. Zerlang set up the next Work Group meeting to be July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 1100 to 1200 hours located at Woodley Island.

7. **Potential Bay Projects.** No updates.

8. **Reports/Presentations**

- a. **OSPR.** – Rueben Macaspac announced that OSPR is planning to have a summit meeting in September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of this year.
- b. **USCG.** No Report.
- c. **NOAA.** No Report.
- d. **Pilots.** Mr. Petrusha announced that Coos Bay Tow Boats bought out Knutson Tow Boats.
- e. **Tug Operations.** Mr. Zerlang discussed the recent attempts to get chip barges into Humboldt Bay in the near future.
- f. **Tank Barge.** Ross McDonald discussed the shoaling occurring near the buoys briefly and concluded with stating there are no other updates.
- g. **Dry Cargo.** Julie Moug discussed that several chip barges are wanting entrance into Humboldt Bay, however, are unable to due to the shoaling issues.
- h. **Recreational Boating.** No Report.
- i. **Local Law Enforcement.** No Report.
- j. **Tribal/Environmental.** No Report.
- k. **Coastal Commission.** No Report.
- l. **Port Authority.** Mr. Oetker stated that the Harbor District is hoping to dredge Woodley Island Marina and Field's Landing Boat Yard in the upcoming year. He continued to discuss the permitting process to ensure that dredging is achieved.
- m. **Other Reports.** Ms. Hand announced that the Kinetic Sculptors Race will take place the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend.

9. **Other.**

- a. **Discussion of reviewing the Harbor Safety Plan for updating and approval at the July meeting.** Mr. Zerlang asked the committee to prepare all needed changes to the Safety Plan to be proposed for the next meeting.

10. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Moug motioned to approve meeting minutes for the Harbor Safety Committee meeting held on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for [THURSDAY, July 18, 2019](#)**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1035 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenna Tolleson, Port of Humboldt Bay