

## APPROVED

### Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area 0900 hours September 12, 2019 Woodley Island Marina Conference Room

#### Members Present

Mr. Leroy Zerlang (Z and Z / Brusco)  
Mr. Larry Oetker (Port Authority)  
Mr. Eddie Koch (Wiyot Tribe)  
Ms. Julie Moug (Figas Construction)  
Mr. John Bishop (CA Coastal Commission)

#### Others Present:

Ms. Britni Anderson (Secretariat)  
Mr. Nick Colazas (Commercial Fisherman)  
Mr. Donald Wilkes (City of Eureka)  
Mr. Jeff Dayton (CDFW, OSPR)  
Mr. Reuben Macaspac (CDFW, OSPR)  
Mr. Danny Rehse (CDFW, OSPR)  
Mr. Adam Wagschal (HBHD)  
Mr. Cody Hills (Coos Bay Towboat, Z and Z)

Ms. Rebecca Sheehan (USCG SF)  
Mr. Ian Newton (USCG HB)  
Mr. Scotty Thomas (USCG HB)  
Ms. Kat Horn (USCG HB)  
Mr. Nick Johnston (USCG HB)  
Ms. Katie Clark (USCG Waterways)  
Ms. Jackie Tagaropoulos (USCG HB)  
Mr. Chris Hinote (USCG HB)

**Leroy Zerlang called the meeting to order at 0903 hours.**

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Introductions were made.**
3. **Swearing in of new members** – None
4. **Public Comment** – None
5. **Chair and Vice Chair Recommendations to OSPR Administrator – action anticipated** – Removal of wreckage at buoy 21
6. **Buoy 2, Buoy 9, etc. – action anticipated** – USCG announced both buoys are in place, buoy #2 is being monitored
7. **Scott Thomas, USCG MSD Office – Vessel Exams** – Mr. Thomas discussed documentation requirements and announced officer Bacon will now be conducting vessel exams.
8. **Lt. JG Kathrine Clark, USCG Waterways – Survey and Study of Humboldt Bay** – Ms. Clark announced the USCG Waterways Analysis and Management System (WAMS) study will begin this winter
9. **Status/Updates**
  - a. **Nuisance vessels, unseaworthy vessels, sunken vessels, abandoned Vehicles/Vessels/Debris Abatement.** – Mr. Zerlang commented on the sunken vessel, DENNIS GAYLE, as well as marine insurance requirements for moorage in Hawaii. Mr. Oetker discussed HBHD Dead Boat Grant.
  - b. **Oil Spills / Accidents / Incidents.** – Reports were given on local incidents including a sheen at Fernbridge, an offshore sheen reported by NOAA, a U-Haul truck fuel spill, and a jeep on the beach.
  - c. **Boater Safety Training.** – No report
  - d. **Navigational Aids – Location and Status** – Ms. Tagaropoulos gave a report on buoys, discussed the removal of debris at buoy 21, and announced that Crescent City has two new ranges.
  - e. **Ship Traffic** – Mr. Zerlang announced that Schneider Dock will be out of commission for log shipments for the rest of the year. California Redwood Dock is anticipating approximately 20 more barges by the end of the year.  
Mr. Oetker discussed future projects of offshore wind energy, wood pellet industry and their potential increased barge/ship traffic. Mr. Oetker also commented on the need to recruit a new bar pilot.

- f. **Navigation Chart Changes** – No report
  - g. **Work Group Updates** – Towboat Workgroup meeting immediately to follow HSC Meeting
10. **Potential Bay Projects.** Aids to Navigation going in, Chevron doing repair work to their dock, dredging equipment to arrive September 16
11. **Reports/Presentations**
- a. **USACOE** – N/A
  - b. **OSPR** – Mr. Zerlang, Mr. Bishop, and Mr. Macaspac are attending the West Coast HSC Summit Conference next week in Long Beach. MSRC tested their new swift water boom in August and plan another deployment in October from Redwood Dock.
  - c. **USCG** – Mr. Shilts discussed the CONCEPTION casualty in Southern California, USCG safety bulletin, and new requirements for tugboat inspections.
  - d. **NOAA** – No Report
  - e. **Pilots** – No Report
  - f. **Tug Operations** – Mr. Zerlang announces that Tug Teclutsa is sold and gone and Tug Captain Harold will arrive Tuesday. Captain Harold and Koos King will be the new tug package. Air Quality Control inspected vessel and found that all Zerlang Marine tugs are in compliance, Coos Bay Tug boats are not compliant but are working on engine changes. Status of Knutson Towboat inspection is unknown.
  - g. **Tank Barge** – No report.
  - h. **Dry Cargo** – No additional reports.
  - i. **Recreational Boating** – No report.
  - j. **Local Law Enforcement** - CDFW comments that sport fishing is busy, and they are currently working on the spill in Bridgeville.
  - k. **Tribal/Environmental** – Tim Nelson no longer with the Wiyot Tribe, Eddie Koch to become primary HSC member. Mr. Koch discussed water chemistry eel grass studies.
  - l. **Coastal Commission** – Mr. Bishop states no new updates but invites everyone to stay after for the Tow Boat Group Meeting.
  - m. **Port Authority** – Mr. Oetker announces there will be three fire boat trainings with Humboldt Bay Fire next month and hopes to have one with USCG. Discussed possible volunteer fire boat captain program, his USACOE letter, and the need to update our harbor safety plan identifying strong current hotspots during a tsunami.
  - n. **Other Reports** – N/A
12. **Other.**
- a. **New areas for No Wake Zones** – Mr. Zerlang states he's been receiving complaints about wakes caused by charter boats and sports boats and it has caused damage to various locations. Discussed potential press release to get the No Wake Zones more publicity.
  - b. **Pilot Boarding, rough sea conditions** – Mr. Zerlang suggests that when the bar entrance is rough, tug and pilots just guide the ship/barge in, versus pilot boarding.
  - c. **Foreign flag barge, anchoring in Humboldt Bay** – Mr. Zerlang discussed possibly changing the requirements for having a pilot present for anchored foreign flag barges. Mr. Oetker recommends identifying place in the federal channel that can be designated anchoring without being a danger or impeding traffic.
  - d. **Non-marked Coast Guard mooring buoy by Samoa boat ramp** – Mr. Zerlang states that mariners are concerned about this unmarked buoy. USCG states it is a day buoy and the upcoming WAMS survey will be addressing it.
  - e. **Board Clerk Conference, November 12-14** – Mr. Zerlang discusses the possibility of Ms. Anderson attending the conference. Mr. Zerlang and Mr. Oetker to discuss further.

13. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – July minutes to be approved at the November meeting.

The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for [THURSDAY, November 21, 2019](#)

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1030 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Britni Anderson, Port of Humboldt Bay