

**DRAFT****Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area**

0900 hours November 17, 2022 – Hybrid In-Person Meeting @ Woodley Island Marina Conference Room & Via ZOOM Video Conference Call

<b>Attendees</b>	
<b>Capt. Leroy Zerlang (Zerlang &amp; Zerlang / Coos Bay Tug)</b>	<b>Cody Hills (Zerlang &amp; Zerlang)</b>
<b>Larry Oetker (Humboldt Bay Harbor District)</b>	<b>Peter Jackson (CA Redwood) – via Zoom</b>
<b>Chris Mikkelsen (Humboldt Bay Harbor District)</b>	<b>Rob Canepa (USCG Sector Hum Bay)</b>
<b>Cory Mooers (Humboldt Bay Harbor District)</b>	<b>Danielle Garcia (USCG MSD)</b>
<b>Amber Shehan (Humboldt Bay Harbor District)</b>	<b>Ofc. Andrew Kistner (USCG MSD)</b>
<b>Reuben Macaspac (CDFW OSPR)</b>	<b>Gilbert Groszmann (Coos Bay Tug)</b>
<b>Jeff Dayton (CDFW OSPR)</b>	<b>Nick Preston (Sause Bros)</b>
<b>Mike Coyne (CDFW OSPR)</b>	<b>Sean Daggitt (Sause Bros)</b>
<b>Jeffrey Ferguson (NOAA) – via Zoom</b>	<b>Esekiel Valadez (MSRC)</b>
<b>Jonathan Bishop (California Coastal Commission) – via ZOOM</b>	<b>Eric Gurney (MSRC)</b>
<b>CWO Adam Shilts (USCG MSD)</b>	<b>Peter Mull (USACOE) – via Zoom</b>
<b>Ross McDonald (Sause Brothers)</b>	<b>Capt. John Powell (Humboldt Bay Bar Pilots) – via ZOOM</b>
<b>Grant Roden (Trinidad Rancheria Harbor)</b>	<b>Jon Victoria (OSPR) – via Zoom</b>
<b>Travis Rogers (HCSO)</b>	<b>Don Rinehart (MSRC)</b>
<b>Phil Daastol (HCSO)</b>	

Chair Leroy Zerlang called the meeting to order at 0900 hours.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
2. **Committee and Meeting Attendee Introductions were made.**
3. **Swearing in of members:** None.
4. **Public Comment:** None.
5. **Status/Updates**
  - a. **Nuisance Vessels / Unseaworthy Vessels / Sunken Vessels / Abandoned Vehicles / Vessels / Debris Abatement:** Cory Mooers gave report on sunken vessel Miss Angra on 11-03-22 at Woodley Island Marina. Vessel destroyed.
  - b. **Oil Spills / Accidents / Incidents:** Adam Shilts gave report on sunken vessel on 09-20-22 in Ft. Bragg, vessel was raised quickly by owner. Mystery sheen reported at Woodley Island Marina 09-23-2022, no source located. 10-19-22, mystery sheen located near Marker 21, no source located. Same day, sheen reported at Woodley Island Marina, source located, and enforcement action taken. 11-06-2022, mystery sheen reported at Woodley Island Marina, no source located. Suspected bilge dumping. 11-07-2022, sunken vessel outside of USCG jurisdiction at Dolphin Island Marina, vessel raised quickly by owner and source secured.
  - c. **Boater Safety Training / Recreational Boating:** None.
  - d. **Navigational Aids Location and Status / Navigation Chart Changes:** Jeffrey Ferguson gave an update that the USACOE dredging surveys from June 2022 have been added to the ENC chart.
  - e. **Ship Traffic:** John Powell reported Green Diamond will have a full load chip ship on November 27. Peter Jackson reported that there are potentially 2 hardwood barges before the end of the year. Leroy Zerlang reported that Brusco Tug and Barge coming in November 19 domestic to Washington.
  - f. **Work Group Updates:** Jonathan Bishop gave a presentation of the SB 414 Tug Assistance/Presence Capability Report for Humboldt Bay. The Area of Responsibility was determined to match HSC Boundaries. Findings included an increased and adequate tug inventory as compared to last inventory in 2002, zero relevant accidents between 2013-2021, and high likelihood of tugs being readily available and equipped to respond to a disabled vessel within the Humboldt Bay Area of Responsibility. The report does not include the June 2022 Monterey incident. The entrance channel has been identified as a High-Risk Transit Area of Concern due to strong and unpredictable cross currents and swells. Larry Oetker commented and thanked the Tug companies for their assistance with the report and noted importance of consistency between documents. Cody Hills mentioned that the Renegade is not

currently in Humboldt Bay, and there is a new tug, Julius Brusco. Motion to approve the report with changes to include removal of Renegade information and addition of Julius Brusco information. Motion was made by Travis Rogers and seconded by Ross McDonald. Roll vote was called, motion carried.

**AYES:** Zerlang, Oetker, Powell, Bishop, McDonald, Rogers

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Moug, Hulbert, Canter, Ibach

- g. Potential Bay Projects:** Larry Oetker gave an update on the new Port Development project and Offshore Wind project. Humboldt Bay Harbor District signed contract with Crowley Maritime Corporation to develop new multipurpose, heavy lift terminal in Humboldt Bay at RMT1. Upcoming BOEM auction for offshore wind lease areas on December 6. Leroy Zerlang gave an update that Green Diamond is working on Bollard #3, Hog Island has completed their project, and City of Eureka has received the money to replace the fender pilings at the Fishermen's terminal. Project will go out to bid soon but will not happen before the beginning of crab season.

## 6. Reports/Presentations:

- a. USACOE:** Peter Mull gave report that there is no further dredging in 2022. The completed North Jetty project is finishing up pavements. Plans are being prepared for dredging in 2023 for the Bar and Entrance channel. The West coast hopper will be expected to arrive late April to early May 2023. Larry Oetker commented on potential beneficial reuse of the dredge material. Leroy Zerlang asked that the USACOE also dredge the Eureka and Inner channel if possible.
- b. OSPR:** Reuben Macaspac gave an update. No vacancy on the committee for Primary members, alternate positions are open. Ted Mar is retiring, and three supervisors are on rotation as Prevention Branch Chief: Joe Stewart, Jon Victoria, and Richard Hernandez. Julie Yamamoto remains Acting Administrator for OSPR. Jeff Dayton gave an update on annual drills for Chevron and Renner facilities.
- c. USCG:** Adam Shilts gave an update on the conclusion and findings of the investigation regarding the Monterey incident on 06-20-2022. Weather was the biggest contributing factor to the incident. USCG to review language and operation procedures of regulation 165.1195 as well as their internal procedures. The report has been completed and can be requested through the Freedom of Information Act website: [www.dhs.gov/foia](http://www.dhs.gov/foia), investigation activity #7483093. Changes to the process to request waivers for bar weather conditions are anticipated. Amber Shehan will request a copy of the report and distribute it to the HSC once it is made available.
- d. NOAA:** Nothing further.
- e. Pilots:** John Powell gave an update on the 3 bar pilot apprentices.
- f. Tug Operations:** Leroy Zerlang reported new tug in Humboldt Bay, Julius Brusco.
- g. Tank Barge:** Ross McDonald reported no changes.
- h. Dry Cargo:** Nothing further.
- i. Local Law Enforcement:** Nothing to report.
- j. Tribal/Environmental:** Absent.
- k. Coastal Commission:** Nothing further.
- l. Commercial Fishing:** Absent. Leroy Zerlang gave update on commercial crab season, postponed until at least December 15.
- m. Port Authority:** Larry Oetker gave update on the Fishermen's sub-committee and potential improvements to Woodley Island Marina work dock and storage facilities. City of Eureka to sponsor Harbor Masters and Port Captain conference in April 2023 and Offshore Wind in May 2023, training opportunities available.
- n. Marina Updates:** City of Eureka and Crescent City not present. Grant Rohden gave update on sport crabbing in Trinidad Harbor and whale sightings. Trinidad Lighted Boat Parade is on December 11, meet at 5pm, starts at 6pm. Leroy Zerlang notified of the Salty Santa Boat Parade starts at 11am in front of the boat yard, parade to follow. Cory Mooers gave an update that Woodley Island Marina now requires insurance for tenants. Cory is working with Troy Smith from the Samoa Fire Department for the Fire Boat Program and is looking for volunteers.

## 8. Other:

- a. Slip Line Technique:** Leroy Zerlang and Cody Hills provided brief explanations of how the Slip Line technique is used. Larry Oetker reviewed regulatory structures of OSPR requirements. Michael Coyne explained the purpose of the letter from OSPR is to ask the HSC to evaluate the slip line technique and best practices. Nick Preston has concerns regarding use of the Slip Line technique in Humboldt Bay due to conditions. Gilbert Groszmann spoke of his observations of using the technique with escort tugs in San Francisco and Humboldt Bay. Ross McDonald made motion to form Sub-Committee, John Powell seconded. Voice vote called, unanimous decision, motion approved.

- b. **Harbor Safety Plan update:** Amber Shehan gave status update and asked for HSC participation in reviewing data and technical information. Rough draft to be presented at January meeting. Larry Oetker gave update that there are format updates to the HSC agenda to come.
- c. **Approve 2023 Harbor Safety Committee Meeting Schedule:** Amber Shehan gave update regarding AB2449 and changes to Brown Act and virtual meetings. HSC meetings in 2023 will be held in person at Woodley Island Marina and will still be made available via Zoom, however, Committee members will be required to attend in person and will not be able to vote virtually without other requirements. Motion to approve schedule by Larry Oetker, Travis Rogers Seconded. Voice vote called, approved unanimously.

**AYES:** Zerlang, Oetker, Powell, Bishop, McDonald, Rogers

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Moug, Hulbert, Canter, Ibach

**9. Approve Meeting Minutes from July 21, 2022, and September 15, 2022**

Motion to approve by Travis Rogers. Seconded by Ross McDonald. Voice vote called, approved unanimously.

**AYES:** Zerlang, Oetker, Powell, Bishop, McDonald, Rogers

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Moug, Hulbert, Canter, Ibach

**The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2023.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 hours.

Minutes:

Amber Shehan, Secretariat

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