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

**0900 hours May 16, 2024 – 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>Peter Mull (US Army Corps of Engineers) – via Zoom</b>
<b>Amber Shehan (Humboldt Bay Harbor District)</b>	<b>CO Rob Canepa (USCG Station Hum Bay)</b>
<b>Capt. Tim Petrusha (Humboldt Bar Pilots) – via Zoom</b>	<b>CPO Mark Hammerling (USCG MSD Hum Bay)</b>
<b>Capt. John Powell (Humboldt Bar Pilots) – via Zoom</b>	<b>Donald Wilkes (City of Eureka)</b>
<b>Reuben Macaspac (CDFW OSPR) – via Zoom</b>	<b>BMC Carter McGuire (USCG Aids to Navigation)</b>
<b>Jeff Dayton (CDFW OSPR)</b>	<b>Mindy Bacon (USCG Fishing Safety Examiner)</b>
<b>Jen Kalt (Humboldt Waterkeeper) – via Zoom</b>	<b>Colin Campbell (Green Diamond)</b>
<b>Andrew Manning (Humboldt Bay Bar Pilot Apprentice)</b>	<b>Kent Hulbert (HASA)</b>
<b>Jonathan Bishop (Coastal Commission) – via Zoom</b>	<b>Bridget Hand-Nichols (CPH Aquatic Center) -via Zoom</b>
<b>Jennifer Lewis (City of Eureka) – via Zoom</b>	<b>Jake McMaster (Commercial Fishing)</b>
<b>Lt. Miranda Brumbaugh (USCG Dist 11 Waterways)</b>	<b>Robert Zamora (Dept. B&amp;W) – via Zoom</b>
<b>LTJG Samantha Hu (USCG Dist 11)</b>	

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

1. **Committee and Meeting Attendee Introductions were made. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call.**
2. **Public Comment:** None.
3. **Consent Calendar:**
  - a. **Approve Meeting Minutes from March 21, 2024:**  
Due to lack of quorum, this item will be moved to the July meeting consent calendar.
4. **Comments by Chairperson:** None.
5. **USCG Reports:**
  - a. **Nuisance Vessels / Unseaworthy Vessels / Sunken Vessels / Abandoned Vehicles / Vessels / Debris Abatement / Oil Spills / Accidents / Incidents:** Mark Hamerling gave report on incidents from March to May 2024.
  - b. Rob Canepa gave an update regarding bar reports. Short staffing may affect response.
6. **US Army Corps of Engineers Report:** Peter Mull gave report that the Essayon Dredge will not be available due to scheduling and other contracts for dredging in June. Manson Bayport expected June 17<sup>th</sup> for Bar and Entrance dredging. Yaquina completed 10 days of dredging on priority areas and removed approximately 25,000 cy. Official surveys to come.
7. **Port/ Harbor/ Marina Reports:**
  - a. **Trinidad Harbor:** None.
  - b. **City of Eureka Marina:** D. Wilkes gave report on Save 22 Grant, removed 4 derelict vessels from City of Marina Public Marina, preparing to remove another 49ft derelict vessel from the Marina. Applied for Save 24 to remove 6 more vessels. Work to commence in August for new pilings and fenders for Fishermen’s Terminal. F Street Guest Dock timbers broke, Dock is tied up at Caito Dock pending repair ASAP. New hoist approved for Triple G Seafood. Upcoming Kinetic Race May 27.
  - c. **Port of Humboldt Bay:** Amber Shehan gave report, crab season ending. Lien sales held at Woodley Island Marina.
8. **OSPR Reports:** Reuben Macaspac gave an update on membership that Jonathan Bishop wasre-appointed to 4 committees at once including Humboldt Bay on April 3rd. Chris Mikkelsen to take oath in July for Primary Member for Port Authority. Jeff Dayton gave report there will be no ACP meeting in May. Draft for Klamath River OSPR in progress.
9. **Member Reports**

- a. **NOAA:** None.
- b. **Local Law Enforcement:** None.
- c. **State Lands/Coastal Commission:** Jonathan Bishop gave update, travel freeze, unable to attend meetings in person.
- d. **Bar Pilots:** Leroy Zerlang gave report that Paul Casken is to test for pilotage. M. Lee withdrawn from program, moved to Oregon. No cruise ships expected in 2024. Currently at 32 ft draft restriction due to shoaling.
- e. **Tank Barge:** Ross McDonald reported expecting Morro Bay on May 18<sup>th</sup> and will check when Koos King set to be re-powered.
- f. **Dry Cargo:** Colin Campbell reported barge Glorious Peony expected in May. Next ships in August due to maintenance.
- g. **Tug Operators:** Leroy Zerlang gave report, Fashion Blacksmith out of business in Crescent City. Research vessels for Offshore Wind expected in June. 2 Foreign flagged vessels and 1 US flagged vessel to dock at Fairhaven Terminal.
- h. **Tribal/Environmental:** None.
- i. **Commercial Fishing:** Jake McMaster gave brief report on crab season.
- j. **Recreational Boater Safety:** Kent Hulbert gave report, fishing for Halibut and Near Shore Rockfish. Bridget Hand-Nichols gave a report that the Aquatic Center will have a different schedule this season and will be open during favorable tides. Check the website for details.

**10. Old Business:**

- a. **Buoy #9:** BMC McGuire gave report on Buoy #9. LED lights in area have been replaced. Top hat replaced on Buoy #9. Buoy #2 chain will be serviced. Discussion with Captain Zerlang on importance of Buoy #9. Lt. Brumbaugh gave update on Cutter Alder will arrive early June. Lt. Hu asked for letters of support for repairs of Buoy #9.

**11. New business: None.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 hours.**

**The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2024.**

Amber Shehan, Secretariat  
Port of Humboldt Bay