



LOS ANGELES/LONG BEACH HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THIRD MEETING OF THE LA/LB HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, 1 APRIL, 2009/Rev.1

The One Hundred and Twenty Third Meeting of the Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Safety Committee was convened in the main auditorium of the Port of Los Angeles. **Chairman Strong** called the Meeting to order at 1005 a.m. The **Executive Secretary** determined that there was a quorum present, as listed below --

FOR THE PORT OF LONG BEACH
(Absent)

FOR THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES
Capt. Jim Morgan

FOR THE LONG BEACH PILOT
ORGANIZATION
Capt. John Strong (JPS)

FOR THE TANKER OPERATORS
Capt. Laura Kovary
(BP)

FOR THE LOS ANGELES PILOT
ORGANIZATION
Capt. Capt. John Betz

FOR THE MOORING MASTERS
(Absent)

FOR TUG & BARGE OPERATORS
Mr. Bob Gregory
(Foss)

FOR THE DRY CARGO CARRIERS
Capt. Sam Jebananthan
(APL)

FOR RECREATIONAL BOATERS
Ms. Camille Daniels

FOR ORGANIZED LABOR
Mr. Jeff Turkus
(SIU)

FOR THE CALIF. COASTAL COMM.
Ms. Robin Blanchfield

FOR THE MARINE OIL TERMINALS
Capt. Rob McCaughey
(Tesoro)

FOR THE U.S. COAST GUARD
SECTOR LA/LB
Capt. Paul Wiedenhoef
(USCG)

FOR ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS
(SANTA MONICA BAY)
(Absent)

FOR ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS
(LA/LB HARBOR REGION)
(Absent)

FOR THE CDF&G/OSPR
Mr. Mike Coyne
(OSPR HQ)

FOR PASSENGER FERRY
OPERATORS
Mr. Ray Lyman
(Cat. Express)

FOR THE USACOE
(Absent)

FOR THE CALIF.
STATE LANDS COMM.
Mr. John Brown

FOR NOAA/NOS
Mr. Gerry Wheaton

FOR THE U.S. NAVY
(Absent)

FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING OPERATORS
Mr. Danny Strunk
(SP Bait Co.)

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
Capt. Dick McKenna (MX-SOCAL)

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Chairman Strong opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance, thanking all for their interest and participation in the Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Safety Committee. He expressed the Committee's appreciation and thanks to the Port of Los Angeles for making their facilities available for this gathering and for providing the snacks enjoyed by all.

The Chairman then advised the audience that they would be offered the opportunity to speak before this panel, after Item IV under "New Business" was announced. He also encouraged all present to be sure to "sign-up" on the attendance sheet located on the table just outside the meeting room. **The Chairman** explained that certain members of the LA/LB HSC panel were "non-voting" and therefore would not be participating in any "show of hands" vote called to determine a decision on any particular agenda or action item. He then took the opportunity to introduce the OSPR Administrator, **Mr. Steve Edinger**, visiting the HSC for the first time from Sacramento.

ITEM I -- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Strong called for approval of the minutes of the 122nd Meeting. *Ms. Robin Blanchfield moved, seconded by Capt. Laura Kovary, to accept and approve the Minutes of the 122nd Meeting. Motion carried unanimously by a show of hands from voting members present.*

ITEM II -- OLD BUSINESS:

(A) Update on Vessel Traffic Activities:

Chairman Strong called for an update on VTS activities from **Executive Secretary McKenna**. There were three incidents since the last meeting: A fishing vessel crowded an outbound Reefer ship, causing a round turn. VTS tracked the vessel until it was intercepted by the Coast Guard. The incident is under review. An inbound container ship reported a non-responsive rudder angle indicator. A tug escort was arranged for entry into Port. An outbound container ship experienced a ruptured control air line and was required to lie to for forty five minutes to complete repairs.

He indicated that Marine Exchange AIS system for Southern California was complete, covering the northern, southern and western approaches to the Santa Barbara Channel, as well as the Channel itself, and all of the Southern California region outside of the Channel Islands thanks to a feed from San Clemente

He noted that there would be an industry meeting at the Marine Exchange with NOAA Channel Islands Marine Sanctuary and National Marine Fisheries groups to discuss ship strikes of Blue whales in the Santa Barbara Channel. The meeting will take place on Friday, 3 April at 1100 and is sponsored by Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA).

(B) Update on USCG Sector LA/LB Activities:

Capt. Paul Wiedenhoft, USCG commented:

- (1) He indicated that the Sector will be embarked on a small vessel outreach program this summer. Ten thousand flyers have been printed for dissemination to promote safety awareness..
- (2) In addition to more Coast Guard activity in the local media, Sector has just introduced a new website, uscglosangeles.com. The intent will be to raise awareness of boating safety and to emphasize the level of local Coast Guard activity.
- (3) He called attention to the availability of VTS user surveys and solicited input from the maritime community. The questionnaire is available at the following United States Coast Guard sponsored website: <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/vts2008/survey.aspx>.

- (4) The requirement for the Transportation Workers Identification Cards (TWIC) is rapidly approaching. The deadline is 14 April – “no April Fools”.
- (5) The updated Area Maritime Security Plan has been submitted, but it is a living document and opportunities to improve it are always welcome
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- (7) In keeping with the USA Airways emergency landing in New York, an Air/Sea Disaster drill will be conducted on 23 April. The main part of the drill will be in Marina Del Rey.

Chairman Strong inquired about TWIC lost passwords and the need to replace them. **Captain Wiedenhoef** indicated that those who were issued cards before October 21, 2008 should check their passwords at any TWIC enrollment center, preferably after April 14. If a person does not remember their password, a new card will be issued.

(C) Update on OSPR Activities:

Mr. Steve Edinger OSPR Administrator, made the following comments:

- (1) He introduced himself to the Southern California Maritime Community, commenting on how appropriate it was that this meeting was being held within a week of the twentieth anniversary of the Exxon Valdez oil spill, and emphasized the importance of the Committee’s work.
- (2) He advised that, due to the State's financial condition and the reduced level of oil imports into the State, OSPR’s budget is somewhat constrained, but not to the extent that it will impact response team readiness and community outreach.
- (3) Legislative overhead is considerably less this year. OSPR is tracking only five such bills this year as opposed to last year’s eleven. All are in Committee, and it remains to be seen which will emerge from that process. He briefly mentioned the bills of interest:
 - AB 1530** – Would allow the Administrator to increase the fee on imported oil from five cents up to eight cents.
 - AB 1442** – Wildlife rehabilitation plan requirements for an entity involved in a spill.
 - AB 1518** – Would allow State constituted committees that have not met or had a quorum over a certain period of time to be dissolved.
 - SB 305** – Increases Statute of limitations to five years for under reporting or misrepresenting information on an oil spill.
 - SB 248** – Relates to ballast water and hull fouling standards.
- (4) Regulation changes that will increase response times and equipment requirements in the LALB area are forthcoming. Contact **Mr. Mike Coyne** or **Ms. Joy Lavin Jones** with any questions/comments.
- (5) Expect hearings on the new tug matrix for VLCCs to be held in late summer/early fall.
- (6) Another regulation will require independent drill monitors for those drills conducted in another State or internationally. Hearings can be anticipated for that in the Fall.

(7) He has a keen interest in best achievable technologies and he looks to the already fine relationship between his Staff and the State's Harbor Safety Committees to foster development of those programs that will be helpful to the cause.

Mr. Coyne then swore in two new members of the Committee, **Mr. Danny Strunk** of San Pedro Bait Company, representing Commercial Fishermen, and **Mr. Jeff Turkus**, of the SIU, alternate representative for Organized Labor.

Mr. Coyne then announced that the Committee's petition for an Agent's Representative has been approved, that applications are now being accepted, and that he hopes to appoint a representative for swearing in at the June meeting. Deadline for submission of applications is no later than May 22nd.

(D) Update on California State Lands Commission Activities:

Mr. John Brown stated that the first and third Fridays of each month previously designated by the State as furlough days has been revised so that, by using a "rolling" furlough system, there will always be a State Lands representative available during the work week:

(E) Update on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

No report.

(F) Update on NOAA/NOS:

Cdr. Gerry Wheaton made the report:

(1) He announced the appointment of the new NOAA Administrator, **Dr. Jane Luchenko**, and gave a brief run down of her experience.

(2) He will attend a Nav Manager's meeting in Washington shortly and will be requesting input at today's Sub Committee #1 meeting on what chart and Coast Pilot changes would be helpful.

(G) Update on the Area Maritime Security Committee:

Captain Wiedenhoeft announced the next Area Maritime Security Committee will take place on May 6 at 0930 at the Port of Los Angeles.

(H) Vote For Harbor Safety Committee of The Year:

Based on Committee Member input, **Chairman Strong** announced that South East Texas would be the LALB nomination for this award. He will forward that nomination to the Selection Committee.

ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS:

(A) Subcommittee Reports:

S/C # 1 (Navigation Safety) – Capt. John Betz: This Sub Committee met twice since the last meeting and will meet again this afternoon at 1330 at the Marine Exchange. The two main topics of interest will be revised chapters to the Harbor Safety Plan – Under Keel Clearance and Inclement Weather. **Chairman Strong** Asked if the Under Keel Clearance chapter was ready for Committee approval. **Captain Morgan** pointed out several conflicts with the CFR, from which some of the wording was taken, and the more preferable wording for the local situation. Since the latter was more stringent, it was felt that those changes could be made over the CFR

wording. *Captain Betz proposed the acceptance of the existing Under Keel Clearance Chapter, subject to three wording changes. Seconded by Captain Kovary, and carried unanimously.*

S/C # 2 (Planning & Outreach) – Capt. Christiansen, Chair– Nothing to report.

S/C # 3 (Tug Utilization Group; TUG) – Mr. Bob Gregory – The Sub Committee has met several times. The work effort is to develop a revised tug matrix for VLCCs. This has come to the point that will require a discussion with the Administrator to approve the planned methodology for study, and then the selection of a vendor. There is a sense of urgency developing with the increasing size of visiting tankers

S/C # 4 (Recreational Boats & Commercial Fishing Vessels) -- Ms. Camille Daniels, Chair – Nothing to report, however with the induction of the new Commercial Fishing Representative this may change.

S/C # 5 (Port & Vessel Security; including LNG Vessels Risk Assessment) – Capt. John Strong, Chair – He discussed the deliberations of the Area Maritime Security Committee and their focus on land route evacuations. He has pointed out several times that evacuation by sea should also be considered. He will advise what might need doing after the next round of talks.

(B) Annual Review of the LA/LB Harbor Safety Plan for 2008:

Capt. Strong asked for any items of the Harbor Safety Plan, which may require updating. There being no other inputs, the only item outstanding is the new inclement weather chapter, which will be discussed today in Sub Committee #1. **LCDR Hennigan** was commended for his work on the Chapter. It is anticipated that it will be ready for vote at the June meeting, and with that the Harbor Safety Plan Revisions will be complete.

Other New Business:

None.

ITEM IV – PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Christina Dayton introduced herself as a representative of a new organization, Fueling California. She described her organization as a non profit organization representing a diverse group consisting of major industries that do business in the State. They advocate a responsible fuel policy. In the interest of safety and security, it has commissioned an economic research study which will be available later in the year, at which time she would like to come back and brief the Committee.

ITEM V – MEETING SCHEDULE:

The next regular meeting for the LA/LB HSC will be held on the third of June, 2009, at the Port of Long Beach, reception at 0930, commencement of proceedings at 1000.

ITEM VI -- ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, **Chairman Strong** adjourned the 123rd Harbor Safety Committee meeting at 10:52 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Capt. R.B McKenna
Executive Secretary,
LA/LB Harbor Safety Committee

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