

**SAN DIEGO HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Full Committee Meeting Minutes**

DATE: January 31, 2024

TIME: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

**Port District of San Diego, Administration Building, Training Conference Room 1**  
**3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101**

- I. Introductions: Voting Members: Ann Kinner, Ilias Katsanis, Evan Warren, Jim Peugh, Tony Olson, Micheal Poltorak  
a. Non-Voting Members: Reuben Macaspac, Jeffrey Ferguson, Andy Yingling, James Foto, Josh Teeman, Dan Valentine, Wayne Kotow, Dave Cuniff, Shelley Turner
- II. Minute Review: November 29, 2023- Approved
- III. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents: Discussion on Parade of Lights Boat Parade and how government agencies to get press releases out to public for safe boating. Having safety press releases to marinas, charters, and posted throughout the water front could help with safety concerns. Ms. Turner talks about the passenger boat Privateer having a near miss incident entering the Mission Bay jetty. Ms. Kinner and Mr. Kotow speak about recent storms that have brought 8 more boats ashore near Zuniga Jetty and beaches.
- IV. USCG San Diego Sector: Ms. Turner discusses survey for waterways division regarding Mission Bay and San Clemente Island navigational hazards. Ms. Turner and Ms. Kinner attending NHSCC in Chicago.
- V. NOAA/NWS: Mr. Ferguson discusses no changes on the Raster charts. All cancellations are on schedule and brought in paper charts for reference. NWS could not attend but Mr. Ferguson gave a brief update for weather in the coming weeks.
- VI. OSPR Update: Mr. Macaspac announces Mr. Evan Warren and Mr. Dan Valentine have been appointed for POSD. Mr. Foto discusses recent storms and how the flooding has impacted the bay. Flooding caused major spill in south bay that the EPA came in and took over operation.
- VII. Review/Update Annual Plan: Ms. Kinner discusses updating data ASAP so we can send plan accordingly. Yingling will reach out to contacts to gather data.
- VIII. Staff and Liaison Announcements: Ms. Rita Tan discusses how multiple government agencies worked together on setting a plan to discharge hazardous materials at TAMT.
- IX. Next Meeting: March 27, 2024 at 10:00am

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- I. Introductions: Voting Members: Ann Kinner, Ilias Katsanis, Evan Warren, Jim Peugh, Micheal Poltorak, Richard Douglass, Ryan Stirewalt, Philip Weiss, Josh Gaylord, Jonathon Bishop, Will Bartsch
  - a. Non-Voting Members: Reuben Macaspac, Andy Yingling, James Foto, Dan Valentine, Shelley Turner, Casey Oswant, Bill Bartsch, Lou Castagnola, Mike LaFleur
- II. Minute Review: January 31, 2024- Approved
- III. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents: Captain Bartsch and Captain Castagnola report no near miss incidents. Mr. Valentine discusses the bridge incident in Baltimore and how that will impact Navy and Commercial vessels transiting the bay past Coronado Bridge.
- IV. USCG San Diego Sector: Ms. Turner discusses emergency incident review regarding the Baltimore Bridge incident. Discussion of autonomous vessels outside convention center April 22-25<sup>th</sup>. USCG brought Illegal Charter signage for committee.
- V. NOAA/NWS: Ms. Oswant presents about Coastal Waterways Forecasting. Changes involving swell models which will go in effect May 13-24. Changes to swell data is to provide a wider range of concerns for boaters.
- VI. OSPR Update: Mr. Macaspac announces membership renewals needed for Mr. Vallier, Mr. Donovan, and Mr. Peugh. Mr. Foto discusses recent tar balls found from natural seepage around Carlsbad.
- VII. Staff and Liaison Announcements: Ms. Kinner talks about National Harbor Safety Conference and how emerging challenges that were brought up. Discussion between how HSC can help assist with port partners and government agencies in emergency preparedness and communication throughout.
- VIII. Next Meeting: May 29, 2024 at 10:00am

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- I. Introductions: Voting Members: Ann Kinner, Evan Warren, Jim Peugh, Ryan Stirewalt, Philip Weiss, Josh Gaylord, Jonathon Bishop, Will Bartsch, Debra Marks, Tony Olson, Rita Tan, Harvey Vallier
  - a. Non-Voting Members: Reuben Macaspac, Andy Yingling, James Foto, Shelley Turner, Bill Bartsch, James Foto, Alex Tardy, Jeffrey Ferguson, Dave Cunniff, Josh Teeman, Richard Douglass, Nicholas Maxwell, Wayne Kotow,
- II. Minute Review: March 27, 2024- Approved
- III. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents: Officer Dave Cunniff discusses recent boat on the rocks near Navy Base. Boat was on the rocks for nearly twelve hours without assistance. Ms. Kinner discusses media coverage by all agencies to assistance to educating boaters.
- IV. USCG San Diego Sector: Ms. Turner discusses dead ship tows within the bay as well as marine event permits. Event for Autonomous vessels near convention center went smoothly. Discussion on how autonomous vessels navigating the bay could impact recreational boaters. Mr. Bishop discusses a sub-committee that is utilized by other committees that do media outreach for recreational boaters. Ms. Turner discusses new regulations on ships transiting bridge area with tug escort.
- V. NOAA/NWS: Mr. Furgeson discusses raster charts ending July 31<sup>st</sup> and last updates ending December 2024. Mr. Tardy discusses new wave detail and local forecasting.
- VI. OSPR Update: Mr. Macaspac announces membership renewals for Mr. Valentine, Mr. Warren, Mr. Vallier, and Mr. Peugh. Mr. Foto updates committee on grease spill located off Camp Pendelton.
- VII. Staff and Liaison Announcements: Mr. Yingling discusses possible advertising barge that wants to roam the bay. Ms. Turner advises that the vessel will need permits. Peugh discusses environmental impact due to the large nature of the advertising barge. Mr. Kotow discusses update on Shelter Island Launch Ramp facility. West floating dock still non-operational.
- VIII. Next Meeting: July 24, 2024 at 10:00am

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DATE: July 24, 2024

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  - a. Non-Voting Members: Reuben Macaspac, Andy Yingling, James Foto, Shelley Turner, Bill Bartsch, Casey Oswant, John Victoria, Mike LaFleur, Alex Tardy, Jeffrey Ferguson, Evan Warren, Elizabeth Maclin
- II. Minute Review: May 29, 2024- Approved
- III. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents: Ms. Elizabeth Maclin discusses recent thefts in multiple marinas throughout the bay. Discussion on two high speed jet skis dropping off migrants in La Playa Cove during 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Multiple Government Agencies responded and several damaged boats because of the jet skis. Ms. Turner discusses anchored boat in the firing range outside Zuniga Jetty.
- IV. USCG San Diego Sector: Ms. Turner discusses multiple marine events in SD Bay as well as Mission Bay. Oceanside Buoy #1 off station until 2027. Large Buoy washed ashore near Silver Strand Beach 3-4 months ago.
- V. NOAA/NWS: Mr. Ferguson discusses raster charts ending December 2024. Boaters should be referencing ENC for charts. Ms. Oswant discusses no big weather events in the next few weeks.
- VI. OSPR Update: Mr. Macaspac announces membership renewals for Mr. Will Bartsch. Mr. Tim Douglass and Mr. Chris Sogliuzzo were sworn in as new members to represent Labor. Mr. Bill Bartsch will be appointed alternate for the Pilots.
- VII. Staff and Liaison Announcements: Mr. Mike LaFleur discusses new anchorage proposal for Safe Harbor near Glorietta Bay adjacent to the golf course. Mr. Bishop and Mr. Bartsch discuss new regulations on Tug Escort transiting under the Coronado Bridge.
- VIII. Next Meeting: September 25, 2024 at 10:00am

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DATE: September 25, 2024

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  - a. Non-Voting Members: Reuben Macaspac, Andy Yingling, James Foto, Shelley Turner, Casey Oswant, Evan Warren, Nicholas Maxwell, Lou Castagnola, Rebecca Brooks
- II. Minute Review: July 31, 2024- Approved
- III. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents: Ms. Kinner starts discussion on stand up paddle boards and what regulations are required by rental companies and USCG regulations regarding PFDs. Mr. Bartsch discusses sailing vessels cutting across bow of inbound/outbound cargo ships.
- IV. USCG San Diego Sector: Ms. Turner discusses multiple marine events in SD Bay such as Shark Fest and Fleet Week. Mr. Poltorak discusses parade route for the boat fleet on Veteran's Day. Mr. Peugh discusses Thunder Boat Races needs to get with Coastal Commission for future planning.
- V. NOAA/NWS: Ms. Kinner discusses raster charts ending in the coming months. Ms. Oswant discussion on Marine Forecast Zones. NWS working on bringing a consistency along the whole west coast for reporting marine forecasts.
- VI. OSPR Update: Mr. Macaspac announces membership for Mr. Bill Bartsch. Mr. Ebner and Mr. Kotow will not seek reappointment of their membership. OSPR has announced a new director has been appointed Ms. Heather Geldart.
- VII. Staff and Liaison Announcements: Ms. Kinner discusses HSP plan approval for 2024. Committee approves Harbor Safety Plan for 2024. Mr. Valentine discusses additions that will be added for 2025, which include wake management for heavy cargo lifts at 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Marine Terminal, BMPs that reference the Port Code. Committee agrees to make adjustments so that future HSPs are completed by June of each year. Mr. Poltorak discusses upcoming lobster season and how this will affect movement of vessels in the bay. Mr. Bartsch discusses ships being delayed because of traps in the channel. Mr. Gaylord has had recreational fishing vessels block ferry vessels from accessing their docks. Mr. Foto will ask Fish and Wildlife Wardens to attend future meetings for discussion.
- VIII. Next Meeting: November 20, 2024 at 10:00am

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DATE: November 20, 2024

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  - a. Non-Voting Members: Reuben Macaspac, Andy Yingling, James Foto, Shelley Turner, Evan Warren, Lou Castagnola, Rebecca Brooks, Michael Poltorak, Ernesto Coleman, Mike LaFleur, Chris Sogliuzzo
- II. Minute Review: September 30, 2024- Approved
- III. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents: No incidents reported by committee. Fleet Week ran smoothly.
- IV. USCG San Diego Sector: Ms. Turner discusses multiple marine events in SD Bay which include Parade of lights on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Sector San Diego's Port Captain has been relieved, and Captain Dill has been appointed as the interim.
- V. NOAA/NWS: Ms. Kinner discusses major storms in the PNW that can impact northern ports. NOAA/NWS had no attendees.
- VI. OSPR Update: Mr. Macaspac announces membership reappointment for Mr. Ilias Katsanis. Mr. Foto introduces new Warden for San Diego.
- VII. Staff and Liaison Announcements: Mr. LaFleur discusses abandoned vessel at Shelter Island launch ramp and a partial closure for removal. Committee discusses media to be aware of the launch ramp closure. Ms. Kinner discusses new FTZ around 5<sup>th</sup> Ave Landing and Marine Group Boat Works. Ms. Kinner asks committee to approve our November meeting for the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- VIII. Next Meeting: January 29, 2025 at 10:00am

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  - a. Non-Voting Members: Reuben Macaspac, Jeffrey Ferguson, Andy Yingling, John Victoria, Nicholas Maxwell, Dave Cuniff, Shelley Turner, Rob Butler, Evan Warren, Bill Bartsch, Brandt Maxwell, Mike Lafleur
- II. Minute Review: September 27, 2023- Approved
- III. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents: Discussion on fleet week and having no incidents or issues during that time. Ms. Turner brought up USNS Harvey Milk and the Sharkfest event on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. Harvey Milk was outbound and the Sharkfest had swimmers in the water crossing channel. No injuries reported but a good wake up call to all mariners. USCG posting events calendar on their Homeport and HSC will receive calendar updates.
- IV. USCG San Diego Sector: Ms. Turner discusses Parade of Lights Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Discussed the sunken vessel off Zuniga Jetty which is a navigational hazard. Local notice to mariners to be broadcasted. Introduction of Mr. Matt Fay of USCG San Diego.
- V. NOAA/NWS: Mr. Ferguson discusses no changes on the Raster charts. All cancellations are on schedule. Mr. Brandt Maxwell brought up winds at the Zuniga Jetty. NWS is going to focus on better forecasting from the Zuniga Jetty for boaters in the bay.
- VI. OSPR Update: Mr. Macaspac announces Mr. Philip Weiss reappointed for Maritime Law. Mr. Yingling announces the retirement of Mr. Brion Bargo for POSD. Mr. Evan Warren and Mr. Dan Valentine will submit application for replacement.
- VII. Review/Update Annual Plan: Plan Posted to website.
- VIII. Staff and Liaison Announcements: Mr. Rob Butler of Tow Boat US discusses derelict boats in the bay and Zuniga Jetty. Marinas are at 100% capacity and have about 30 boats that are either abandoned or overdue on fees. Vessel Angel Wind sank during the last storm at Zuniga Jetty causing a navigational hazard. Multiple agencies working together to alleviate that issue. Mr. LaFleur discusses grants that can benefit abandoned/derelict boats. Mr. Butler discusses environmental and pollution costs for each vessel destroyed. Further discussion for grants and space around the waterfront for removal of these vessels.
- IX. Next Meeting: January 31, 2024 at 10:00am