

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

DATE: January 29, 2025

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, Will Bartsch, Rita Tan, Dan Valentine, Tim Douglass, Harvey Vallier, Jim Peugh, Debra Marks, Jonathon Bishop, Ilias Katsanis, Ryan Stirewalt
  - a. Non-Voting Members: Reuben Macaspac, Andy Yingling, James Foto, Shelley Turner, Evan Warren, Lou Castagnola, Mike LaFleur, Chris Sogliuzzo, Nicholas Maxwell, Jeffrey Ferguson, John Victoria, Patrick Dill
- II. Minute Review: November 20, 2024- Approved
- III. HyperKelp Presentation: Zach Birmingham presents an 18-month project that will be happening in the bay. Members discussed potential navigational hazards and concerns with the project. Main concern was a buoy being added to the La Playa anchorage as that is a heavy navigated area.
- IV. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents: No incidents reported by committee. Ms. Turner discusses migrant boat incident outside Mission Bay.
- V. USCG San Diego Sector: Ms. Turner introduces Captain Dill to committee. Ms. Turner updates on exercises happening in the coming months.
- VI. NOAA/NWS: Mr. Ferguson discusses raster charts and electronic charts. ENC chart cells will be changing over time. Discussion with committee on how paper charts and electronic charts will impact recreational boating.
- VII. OSPR Update: Mr. Macaspac announces all memberships up to date. Mr. Victoria discusses abandon boats at Zuniga Jetty.
- VIII. Staff and Liaison Announcements: Mr. LaFleur discusses derelict boat grants.
- IX. Next Meeting: March 26, 2025 at 10:00am

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- IV. USCG San Diego Sector: Ms. Turner discusses SpaceX reentry dates for June and July. USCG Homeport is no longer available with no update on a return. Discussion on Big Bay Boom for the 4<sup>th</sup> along with multiple regattas happening in the bay. Capt. Castagnola discusses updating local notice to mariners regarding Buoy 16 and Buoy 3 being extinguished.
- V. NOAA/NWS: Mr. Ferguson discusses new layout for ENC charts for LA/LB. Announces retirement of Mr. Alex Tardy for NWS.
- VI. OSPR Update: Mr. Macaspac announces Mr. Hester's membership reappointed before the meeting. Mr. Josh Gaylord and Mr. Nick Maxwell memberships will expire before next meeting.
- VII. HSP: Mr. Dan Valentine and Ms. Debra Marks motioned to approve HSP on the condition of a NOAA website fix and Tug data update. HSP will be sent to Mr. Macaspac when completed.
- VIII. Staff and Liaison Announcements: Mr. Valentine discusses maritime staff changes for POSD. Mr. Yingling announces Mr. Paul Delgado will be his alternate moving forward. Mr. Sandlin discusses Track control being used by some cruise ships in the bay and how that can affect navigation. Ms. Turner will reach out to other USCG personnel
- IX. Next Meeting: May 28, 2025 at 10:00am

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- II. Minute Review: May 28, 2025- Approved
- III. Flagship Electric Ferry/Marine Lab Updates: Flagship will be owner/operator of vessel and POSD will provide terminal improvements. Construction begins late 2025, launch Fall 2026, with public launch 2027. Ten locations for existing and new buoys will be placed along the bay. Realtime data will be gathered and collected. This will be a two year project.
- IV. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents: Mr. Castagnola updates on near miss when USS Abraham was departing for sea and rental sailboat. No injuries were reported.
- V. USCG San Diego Sector: Mr. Rob Tucker introduction as new Captain of the Port. Ms. Turner updates on dead ship tows departing the bay and upcoming events throughout September. Waterways safety assessment will be taking place in San Diego around March 2026.
- VI. NOAA/NWS: Mr. Ferguson discusses updating cells in SD area. Discussion on recent Tsunami and any impacts to the bay.
- VII. OSPR Update: Mr. Macaspac announces Mr. Gaylord and Mr. Maxwell membership reappointed before the meeting. Mr. Foto discusses exercise at Navy Fuel Pier.
- VIII. Staff and Liaison Announcements: Mr. Yingling discusses National Harbor Safety Conference and what topics we provided the National Committee. Mr. Eliff and Mr. Castagnola announced their retirement. Replacements for USN Liaisons will be introduced in the upcoming meetings.
- IX. Next Meeting: September 24, 2025 at 10:00am

**SAN DIEGO HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
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DATE: September 24, 2025

TIME: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

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  - a. Non-Voting Members: Reuben Macaspac, Shelley Turner, Jeffrey Ferguson, Danielle Mueller, John Victoria, Heather Mattern, Len Satiago, Dominic Boccia, Loren Cardet
- II. Minute Review: July 30, 2025- Approved
- III. Midway Museum Presentation: Len Santiago gives presentation on the history of vessels colliding with the Midway. Mr. Santiago recommends the area to the south of the Midway be designated a 5 knot no wake zone, no vessels over 35' and all vessels must be under power. Shelly Turner advises that in order to be designated a no wake zone a port ordinance must first be established. Upon passing an ordinance the permit for a USCG aid to navigation can be proceed. The committee votes and approves to endorse the Midway's recommendations. Will Bartsch offers to assist in drafting a letter of support.
- IV. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents: None reported.
- V. USCG San Diego Sector: Ms. Turner reports that the most recent events, Bayfair and Sharkfest, were held without any incident and the NASSCO drydock, Builder, departed successfully on August 28, 2025. Upcoming events are Fleet Week 11/5-11/9 including a boat parade on 11/8 and a marine mammal demo during fleet week. The Harbor Safety Committee conference will be held in Seattle at the end of March and a conference for California committees will be held in San Pedro on October 9-10.
- VI. NOAA/NWS: Mr. Ferguson reports that NOAA is rescheming ENC for San Diego. Mr. Ferguson also reports that a new service is available to see what fisheries are open and closed.
- VII. OSPR Update: Mr. Macaspac announces that Ann Kinner's membership will expire before next meeting.
- VIII. Staff and Liaison Announcements: None
- IX. Next Meeting: November 19, 2025 at 10:00am

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DATE: November 19, 2025

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  - a. Non-Voting Members: Reuben Macaspac, Matthew Lynch, Jeffrey Ferguson, Danielle Muller, James Foto, Andy Yingling, Evan Warren, Tim Wilder, Noel Jones, Frank Garcia, Dave Foster, Lou Castagnola,
- II. Minute Review: July 30, 2025- Approved
- III. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents: Discussion from the committee on ongoing issues regarding Jet Ski rentals. Multiple near miss incidents with jet ski operators. Ms. Kinner discussed HSC and Working Waterfront should discuss these issues. Committee had a discussion on rental boat apps and charter/rental companies operating in the bay.
- IV. USCG San Diego Sector: MR. Garcia reported that the Parade of Lights will take place 12/14/25 and 12/21/25. No other events scheduled.
- V. NOAA/NWS: Mr. Ferguson reports that NOAA is rescheming ENC for San Diego. Mr. Ferguson gave staff update during government shutdown. NWS did not attend.
- VI. OSPR Update: Mr. Macaspac discussed HSC Summit that was held in LA/LB. Next HSC summit will be in SF Bay area 2026. Ms. Kinner discussed updates from HSC Summit.
- VII. Public Comment: Mr. Matthew Lynch introduced himself to the committee as the USN Liaison taking over for Chris Eliff. Announced the retirement of Capt. Lou Castagnola, USN Chief Pilot. A new Chief Pilot will be announced in the coming weeks. Ms. Danielle Muller reintroduces herself to HSC and discusses Scripps Institute funding for upcoming year and what Scripps Oceanography does for the community.
- VIII. Liaison Announcements: Ms. Kinner brings a motion to move the November meeting to November 18, 2026. Committee votes in favor of motion.
- IX. Next Meeting: January 28, 2026 at 10:00am