

SAN DIEGO HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE
Full Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: April 1, 2026

TIME: 11:00 AM – 12:30 AM

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

I. Attendance:

Voting Members: Dan Valentine, Jonathon Bishop, Ilias Katsanis, Tony Olson, Will Bartsch, Jim Peugh, Josh Hester, Tim Douglass, Philip Weiss, Tim Wilder, Josh Gaylord, Rita Tan

Non-Voting Members: Jeff Ferguson, Adam Roger, Reuben Macaspac, James Foto, Andy Yingling, Evan Warren, Brooke Miller, Josh Teeman, Frank Garcia, Becca Brooks, Adam Deaton, Dave Foster, Austin Smith, Chris Anderson, Ramero Crawford, Brandy Dixon

- II. OSPR Update:** Mr. James Foto sworn in Mr. Tim Wilder for tank barge operations. Ms. Debra Marks and Mr. Michael Poltorak terms will expire.
- III. Chairman Updates:** Mr. Valentine updated committee on a recent visit to LA/LB HSC. Discussed how San Diego HSC can adopt some of their procedures moving forward. Also, Mr. Valentine attended the National Harbor Safety Conference. There he attended different presentations on topics that include maritime workforce, emergency berth details, and other maritime related topics.
- IV. Harbor Police Updates:** Officer Teeman discusses recent Zuniga jetty boat recoveries and transient slips. Mr. Will Bartsch brought the topic of lobster traps in the channel. Warden Crawford discussed how educating recreational fisherman and having outreach to the recreational boaters will be beneficial. A standard operating procedure was discussed when there were traps blocking the channel. The committee discussed the impact on the rental boating fleet and how that affects safe navigation in the bay. Mr. Dave Foster discussed the upcoming Tsunami exercise on June 25th. Also, he discussed updates on upcoming projects for security capabilities in the bay.
- V. USCG Updates:** USCG updated that Sharkfest was canceled. There are multiple regattas coming up in April and May. There is also a safety zone being implemented for a launching of a vessel at Nassco.
- VI. Maritime Operations:** Mr. Adam Deaton updated on the upcoming dredge project at the Cruise Ship Terminal. April had 23 cruise ships, and the season will end the last weekend in May. Mr. Valentine updated the committee on NCMT had 17 ships during April and TAMT military operation was finishing up. Bulk cargo operations at TAMT should increase throughout the summer.

- VII. **Pilots and Tug Update:** Mr. Will Bartsch update was discussed during the lobster trap discussion.
- VIII. **Working Waterfront Update:** Mr. Josh Gaylord discussed that the electric ferry is a year or two from completion.
- IX. **NOAA/NWS Updates:** Mr. Jeff Ferguson updated committee on Navy charts. Also, once the dredge project is complete, send the updated charts to him so he can update the ENC. Mr. Adam Roser updated the committee on cooler and drier weather to be expected in the coming weeks.
- X. **OSPR Update:** During the OSPR Update, Mr. James Foto introduced Warden Crawford and Lt. Austin Smith to the committee. Mr. Tim Wilder discussed the tabletop exercise that included OSPR and other government agencies at the B Street Cruise Terminal on April 12th.
- XI. **Public Comment:** None
- XII. **Next Meeting:** May 27, 2026, at 10:00am