SAN DIEGO HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE
   Full Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 29, 2021  TIME: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Port District of San Diego, Administration Building, First Floor Training Conference Room
3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101

Non-Voting Members: Ron Caputo, John Santorum, Reuben Macaspac, Evan Warren, Jeff Ferguson, Alex Tardy, Tony Carrillo, Lou Castagnola, Will George, Tyrone Conner, Nicholas Buch, Dan Valentine

II. Minute Review: July 28, 2021 – APPROVED

III. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents: Josh Gaylord brings up that sailboat races being held between the Midway Pier and Star of India can make navigating excursion boats difficult and unsafe at times. Ron Caputo recommends a separate meeting, or perhaps an HSC sub-committee, amongst race sponsors, racers and excursion boat operators to identify the best courses that have the least amount of impact to other traffic.

IV. USCG, San Diego Sector: Mr. Caputo also mentions the additional commercial ship traffic that could be coming to San Diego Bay due to port congestion in the LA/LB area, this would primarily be vessels at the outer anchorage. Cruise ship traffic will also be increasing with the restart of cruise vessels carrying passengers.

V. NOAA/NWS: Jeff Ferguson reminds all that the sunset of all Raster products continues. NOAA has announced cancellations of the Great Lakes, some charts are marked for cancellation in northern California next week. Ms. Kinner reminds all that print on demand charts will still be available.

VI. OSPR Update: Reuben Macaspac reports that there are currently 2 vacancies; labor organization and ships agent. Vacancies will continue to be advertised. The Pacific States British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force will be holding its annual meeting on November 17, 2021. The meeting is open to the public and will be held virtual.

VII. Review/Update Annual Plan: 2020 Harbor Safety Plan approved by membership. Plan will be sent to OSPR Administrator and will be posted online.

VIII. Staff and Liaison Announcements: USCG representatives provide a presentation on the Pacific Coast Port Access Route Study (PAC-PARS). The study aims to evaluate if current established Traffic Separation Schemes and Fairways are adequate and to insure safe and efficient navigation is available along the West Coast. USCG encourages public comment from waterways users to gather as much data as possible for the study. Michael Poltorak points out that boats using the A1 La Playa anchorage have been anchoring on the edge or outside of the anchorage making it difficult for boats to get in and out of slips at neighboring yacht clubs. Mr. Poltorak also reports experiences having a difficult time contacting U.S. Navy vessels via VHF.

IX. Next Meeting: November 17, 2021 at 10:00am

This meeting was posted by HSC Secretary, Evan Warren at 687 Switzer Street, San Diego, CA 92101, (619) 686-6346. ~The Harbor Safety Committee's purpose is to develop and implement a San Diego Harbor Safety Plan in accordance with state directives~