SAN DIEGO HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE
Draft -Full Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: January 29, 2020
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


II. Minute Review: November 20, 2019 – APPROVED

III. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents: None reported

IV. USCG, San Diego Sector: Brianna Biagas introduces her colleague, Kristin Kam – USCG Investigations Division. Mrs. Biagas reports that the Parade of Lights events ran smoothly without any incidents occurring. Waterways Analysis and Management Study comment period is now closed and USCG is in the process of reviewing comments received. USCG is aware of the upcoming dredging project in the south bay and they are working with the Army Corps of Engineers to make sure they have the proper access and resources available. Mr. Ron Caputo advises that the USCG, along with guidance from other Federal agencies, are monitoring and screening all vessels over 300 gross tons entering U.S. waters in attempt to determine if any crew members are showing signs of the coronavirus. Michael Poltorak suggests that USCG make additional broadcasts notifying vessels of where they can and cannot go to view the Parade of Lights.

V. NOAA/NWS: Jeff Ferguson: Coast Pilot 7 will be out in May and will only contain information for California. Coast Pilot 10 will be a new edition and include information for Oregon, Washington, Hawaii and Pacific Islands. NOAA has a five-year plan to stop making any Raster products, starting late 2020 the phase out of charts will begin and by 2025 all products will be phased out. The only NOAA navigation product will be ENC; a website has been created that will convert ENC data to a PDF that resembles a paper chart.

VI. OSPR Update: Reuben Macaspac: Three new members were sworn in as alternate members: Michael Poltorak, Ernesto Coleman and Joseph Davis. Jim Peugh advises that on April 24, 2020 at the Southwestern Yacht Club a workshop for oil spill response for marinas and yacht clubs will take place, sponsored by California Parks and Coastal Commission. Reuben provides the new address for OSPR offices in Sacramento.

VII. Review/Update Annual Plan: Information requested from the USCG has been received for calendars years 2018 and 2019 and is currently being inputted to update the Harbor Safety Plan.

VIII. Sub-Committee Reports:
   a. Working Group “Illegal Charters”: Annette Dahl reports that the Port has conducted further outreach with sportfishing and marina tenants to get feedback on existing charters operating on the bay. A port tenant survey was recently sent out with the purpose to better understand charter operations within marinas. The information gathered will help craft the revised port ordinance. The port is looking at a two phased approach in regards to permitting charter operations; the first is allowing the marinas to operate based on their existing lease and what is permitted within that lease that pertains to charters and the second is allowing permitted charters operating at public docks. The port intends to have information on their website with how to operate a legal charter and how to identify a legal charter. An outside operator is expected to be contracted to oversee the charter operations. Victor Banuelos announces that Harbor Police now has 2 new bay control officers which will allow one of the officers to be on duty seven days a week.

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~
IX. Staff and Liaison Announcements: James Fields introduces Kris Lee, Army Corps of Engineers, and provides an update on the upcoming dredging project in the south bay. Surveying will take place next week and dredging is expected to commence February 10, 2020 and be completed by the end of March 2020. Work on the Mission Bay jetty is to start May 1, 2020 and last 120 days.

X. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 10:00am (Admin Training Room)