

SAN DIEGO HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE
Full Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: June 2, 2020

TIME: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Teleconference and made available to public via livestream

- I. Introductions: Voting Members: Ann Kinner, Steve Frailey, Josh Gaylord, Jonathon Bishop, Ryan Stirewalt, Andy Kurtz, Brion Bargo, Debra Marks, Lyle Donovan, Michael Poltorak, Philip Weiss, Ilias Katsansis
Non-Voting Members: Reuben Macaspac, Jeff Ferguson, Evan Warren, Ron Caputo, Briana Biagas, Chris Eliff
- II. Minute Review: January 29, 2020 – APPROVED
- III. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents: Ann Kinner asks if there is any information about the fire at the Kona Kai Marina. Jennifer Spearel reports that the fire involved 2 boats, 1 of which sank, and both boats were later removed. There was some residual waste in the water that the marina manager was aware of. Lyle Donovan reports that since the Bay has reopened to recreational boating there has been lots of boats obstructing the channel resulting in additional blasts of ship’s whistles. Port staff and USCG will work on a Public Service Safety Announcement in regard to safe boating in the channel.
- IV. USCG, San Diego Sector: Mrs. Kinner introduces Nick Garcia. Mr. Garcia is organizing a peaceful boat parade on June 13, 2020 that will follow the Parade of Lights route, starting near the bait barge. Briana Biagas will contact Mr. Garcia offline to review overall safety and communication efforts. Currently Mr. Garcia expects approximately 50 boats in the 16-25’ range. Ron Caputo advises that this sort of event requires a marine event permit issued by USCG. Mrs. Biagas advises that the 2020 WAMS report is being wrapped up. Don Montoro has departed Sector San Diego and Mrs. Biagas will likely be transferred in July. Any events should follow policies set forth by federal and regional agencies.
- V. NOAA/NWS: Jeff Ferguson: Coast Pilot 7 will be available June 9, 2020 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 and will also be available the same day. PDF versions will be available on NOAA’s website. Alex Tardy reports that a survey is available to change small craft advisory to small craft warning. The criteria would remain the same in determining what qualifies as an advisory/warning.
- VI. OSPR Update: Reuben Macaspac: Two members were sworn extending their terms for 3 years: Debra Marks and Ryan Stirewalt. Tom Cullen advises that all drills and exercises involving OSPR have been postponed and they are determining how best to conduct operations in the “new normal”.
- VII. Review/Update Annual Plan: Final edit is complete for 2019 plan; some formatting needs to be done. Mr. Cullen confirms that the deadline to submit an HSP will be extended. SB414 report does not need to be included in HSP but should be mentioned within the HSP that it was completed.
- VIII. Sub-Committee Reports:
 - a. Working Group “Illegal Charters”: Evan Warren reports (on behalf of Annette Dahl) that the Port is working on an operator RFP and to finalize the ordinance. Once those are both complete a timeline will be established to determine the next steps. Andy Kurtz wants to insure there is an enforcement mechanism included in the new ordinance, Phil Weiss mentions that the new ordinance will provide guidelines for Harbor Police to determine if a charter is legal or illegal. Mr. Caputo reminds everyone to call JHOC if they know of an illegal charter happening in real time.
- IX. Staff and Liaison Announcements: None

X. Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 10:00am