SAN DIEGO HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE
Full Committee Meeting Minutes
DATE: July 29, 2020
TIME: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Teleconference and made available to public via livestream

Non-Voting Members: Reuben Macaspac, Jeff Ferguson, Evan Warren, Briana Biagas, Chris Eliff, Alex Tardy, James Fields

II. Minute Review: June 2, 2020 – APPROVED

III. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents: Capt. Donovan reports that a containment boom had blocked the channel leading to National City Marine Terminal. Crews responsible for moving the boom for vessel traffic were slow to respond and Crowley tugboats had to move the boom for an auto carrier to continue to NCMT. Communications improved after the incident and the boom was moved accordingly. The boom is no longer deployed.

IV. USCG, San Diego Sector: Brianna Biagas reports that a WWII era seaplane landed recently in San Diego Bay without incident. This meeting will the final meeting for Ms. Biagas, her replacement will be John Santorum.

V. NOAA/NWS: Jeff Ferguson: Coast Pilot 7 is now available. Mr. Ferguson advises that chapter 4 covers San Diego Bay and would like the contact information for local agencies confirmed. Alex Tardy: NWS provided smoke modeling for the USS Bonhomme Richard fire. August is the last month to provide commentary on the proposed change of small craft advisory to small craft warning.

VI. OSPR Update: Reuben Macaspac: Staff are still working remotely while field staff are still responding where necessary. Phil Weiss’ term has expired, and the open position will be advertised.

VII. Review/Update Annual Plan: A vote was held to approve the completed 2019 Harbor Safety Plan; the Committee approved such plan. An electronic copy will be sent to OSPR Administrator.

VIII. Sub-Committee Reports:
   a. Working Group “Illegal Charters”: Annette Dahl reports that the Port is finalizing edits to the Port code and working on a version to present to the Board of Port Commissioners as well as an RFP to oversee the management of charter permits. Staff has been in contact with Port tenants effected by the revised ordinance. An audit will be conducted to determine how many charterers are currently operating out of marinas.

IX. Staff and Liaison Announcements: James Fields reports that dredging in the South Bay is complete and work on the north jetty at the Mission Bay entrance has commenced. Work will proceed for approximately 3 weeks and will then resume in October. Ilias Katsanis reports that Graphite Innovation and Technologies (GIT) was awarded a contract with Transport Canada. The project aims to conduct testing and validation of GIT’s technologies to better understand the effects of underwater radiated noise and the reduction in greenhouse gases across a range of vessels. GIT presented to the HSC on 3/28/18.

X. Public Comment: Dave Abrams, Training Resources Maritime Institute, advises that they will be offering a low cost new program for recreational boaters, Boater U. Michael Steel asks if anyone witnessed WWII era seaplanes land in the Bay on 7/25/20. Harbor Police and USCG reported the planes landed safely without incident. The planes were being flown in to be loaded onto a U.S. Naval aircraft carrier and taken to Hawaii.

XI. Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 10:00AM