SAN DIEGO HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE
Draft -Full Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: November 20, 2019  TIME: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Port District of San Diego, Administration Building, First Floor Board Room
3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101

I. Introductions:
Voting Members: Ann Kinner, Lyle Donovan, Ilias Katsanis, Steve Frailey, Andy Kurtz, Jim Peugh, Brion Bargo, Carole Noska, Phil Weiss, Jonathon Bishop,
Non-Voting Members: Evan Warren, Briana Biagas, Donald Montoro, Jeffrey Ferguson, Reuben Macaspac, James Fields, Lou Castagnola, Ellen Gross, Ernesto Coleman, Michael Poltorak, Marv Benson, Mark Drewelow, Victor Banuelos, Timothy De La Pena

II. Minute Review: September 25, 2019 – APPROVED

III. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents: Ann Kinner reports that she has spoken with some local companies that rent stand up paddleboards (SUPs) and would like to see more outreach and education performed regarding what the renters are required to have displayed and have with themselves while using a SUP. Andy Kurtz advises that companies, like his, educate renters thoroughly on proper use of SUPs. Mrs. Kinner proposes reaching out to the manufacturers and make sure they are providing the proper safety notices for operating a SUP. USCG is willing to sit on a working group if formed.

IV. USCG, San Diego Sector: Briana Biagas advises that the draft WAMS survey is out for public comment. The Port has approved testing to light the Coronado Bridge, testing is scheduled to begin in April 2020. Parade of Lights will take place on December 8 and 15, USCG is working with Harbor Police.

V. NOAA/NWS: Jeff Ferguson reports that NOAA has a plan to discontinue the production of paper and raster nautical chart products. This is a 5-year plan that would culminate with all paper chart products being cancelled by January 2025. NOAA is currently seeking feedback from chart users.

VI. OSPR Update: Reuben Macaspac reports that three members were reappointed prior to the start of the meeting; the members were Brion Bargo, Steve Frailey and Andy Kurtz. In addition, Mr. Bargo will now serve as the vice chair and Mr. Kurtz will now be the primary for Marina Managers. Vacancies are still being advertised for Labor Organization and Commercial Fishing Operators representatives. Mr. Macaspac also reposts that OSPR is offering an oil spill equipment grant to local government agencies. The purpose of the grant is to pre-position response equipment trailers throughout the state.

VII. Review/Update Annual Plan: USCG 2018 figures are still needed to complete the 2018 HSP.

VIII. Sub-Committee Reports:

a. Working Group “Illegal Charters”: Ellen Gross, assistant general counsel Port of San Diego, reports that a draft ordinance was made available to the public on September 27, 2019 and a public outreach meeting was held on October 10, 2019. The port’s internal team has met to review and address public comments provided. Mrs. Gross advised that the team intends to put the revised ordinance on the agenda for the February Board of Port Commissioners meeting.

IX. Public Comment: Dr. Marv Benson gives a presentation on marine safety ladders and advocates for their further use in marinas. Mr. Benson provides details on drowning from inadvertent water entry in marinas throughout the U.S. Also presented were standards from regulatory agencies for providing safety equipment in marinas and recommendations to improve marina safety.
X. Staff and Liaison Announcements: Mrs. Kinner brings up the meeting dates for 2020 and the Committee agrees to hold the November meeting on 11/18/20, all other meetings will take place on the last Wednesday of alternate months.

XI. Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 10:00am (Admin Training Room)