SAN DIEGO HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE
Full Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: April 7, 2021 TIME: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Teleconference and made available to public via livestream

Non-Voting Members: John Santorum, Reuben Macaspac, Evan Warren, Dave Abrams, Ernesto Coleman, Chris Eliff

II. Minute Review: January 7, 2021 – APPROVED

III. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents: USCG reports that a small U.S. Navy boat collided with buoy 22, the buoy is still operational and an investigation is underway.

IV. USCG, San Diego Sector: John Santorum reports that USS Bonhomme Richard will be towed out of the bay on 4/15/21 and a safety zone will be established from the Navy’s pier to the entrance buoy. Cole Foss will be towing the vessel and 3 assist tugs will be on site, as well Navy and USCG escort boats.

V. NOAA/NWS: Report/update emailed to HSC membership.

VI. OSPR Update: Reuben Macaspac reports that three members were reappointed and sworn in: Jonathon Bishop (California Coastal Commission), Capt. Lyle Donovan (Pilot Organization) and Jim Peugh (Non-profit Environmental Organizations). The term of their appoints extends from 3/31/21 to 3/30/24.

VII. Review/Update Annual Plan: Awaiting information from agencies to update HSP.

VIII. Sub-Committee Reports:
   a. Working Group “Illegal Charters”: Annette Dahl reports that the Port is focused on drafting code section amendments to provide an enforcement piece for Harbor Police. Other updates to the Code will require charter boats to have a Port permit to operate a charter. These permits will be issued by marinas that have proper sub leases to allow for charters. Public docks and facilities will not be utilized. Once the updates to the Code are in place the first year will act as a pilot program to allow for information gathering. The Port also intends to post additional signage and conduct a public education campaign on identifying legal and illegal charters.

IX. Public Comment: John Sandmeyer, retired Marine Safety Captain, San Diego Lifeguards, gave a presentation on the Prevent Drowning Foundation of San Diego, the current need for additional public information and signage at prominent waterfront locations, on water accident reporting methods and commercial maritime business enforcement.

X. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 26, 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~