

**SAN DIEGO HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Full Committee Meeting Minutes**

DATE: July 26, 2023

TIME: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

**Port District of San Diego, Administration Building, Training Conference Room 1**  
**3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101**

- I. Introductions: Voting Members: Ann Kinner, Jonathon Bishop, Brion Bargo, Debra Marks, Harvey Vallier, Jim Peugh, Wayne Kotow, Josh Gaylord, Philip Weiss, Ilias Katsanis, Richard Douglass
  - a. Non-Voting Members: Reuben Macaspac, Jeffrey Ferguson, Andy Yingling, James Foto, John Victoria, Jessica Whipple, Jason Lombard, Shelley Turner, Victor Banuelos
- II. Minute Review: May 31, 2023
- III. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents: No near miss incidents reported. Mr. Gaylord talks about a passenger jumped off ferry while transiting the bay. Mr. Vallier talks about swimmer in the bay near 10<sup>th</sup> Ave Terminal in which HPD rescued. Ms. Marks brought up patrolling of the Rady Shell during concerts/events in that area.
- IV. USCG San Diego Sector: Ms. Turner introduces herself and new supporting members of her team. She replaces Ms. Shera Kim as Waterways Management Division Chief for Sector San Diego. Ms. Kinner brings up fleet week parade and other events in the bay around that same time period. Ms. Marks discusses sweet water channel aids to navigation buoys.
- V. NOAA/NWS: Mr. Ferguson NOAA raster charts ending in the coming months to be added to cancellation charts list. ENC charts available online and can be printed to be carried onboard vessels. NWS not in attendance no update.
- VI. OSPR Update: Mr. Macaspac announces the Debra Marks (Pleasure), Ryan Stirewalt (Tug Escort), and Richard Douglass (tank barge) will members/alternates for the HSC. Mr. Victoria gives staff updates on OSPR. Ms. Kinner asks for information regarding West Coast Harbor Safety Conference.
- VII. Review/Update Annual Plan: Annual plan sent out to be reviewed by members. Ms. Kinner discusses increase in oil spills in the area and the response from the USCG. Ms. Turner and team discuss the averages of spills throughout their experiences and reflect that San Diego area numbers seem average.
- VIII. Staff and Liaison Announcements: Ms. Whipple steps in for Mr. Foster to discuss unified command within the port and tideland operators. Goal is to have a communication system so that all operators can get real time updates on events/incidents/accidents. Survey to go out in the coming future contact info given to HSC members.
- IX. Next Meeting: September 27, 2023 at 10:00am

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  - a. Non-Voting Members: Reuben Macaspac, Jeffrey Ferguson, Andy Yingling, John Victoria, Nichola Maxwell, Richard Douglass, Alex Tardy, Alex Kahn, James Fields, Chris Parks, Danielle Muller, Annette Dahl
- II. Minute Review: July 26, 2023- Approved
- III. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents: Mr. Gaylord talks about a Dog that jumped off the Silvergate. Also, talked about Silvergate collision with a private boater that was operating in auto pilot when the incident occurred.
- IV. USCG San Diego Sector: Mr. Park talks about events in the Bay on 10/21, 10/30, and Fleet week 11/5-11/12. Fleet week parade will have a safety zone from 12<sup>th</sup> fleet. Ms. Kinner talks about the sailing of the Star of India on 11/11 and 11/12. Four escort vessels for each day of the sailing and will have a pilot onboard when transiting the bay. Buoy #8 is off station and has a notice to mariner's broadcast.
- V. NOAA/NWS: Mr. Ferguson NOAA raster charts ending in the coming months to be added to cancellation charts list. ENC charts available online and can be printed to be carried onboard vessels. All canceled charts will be held in Historical Chart Catalog. Mr. Tardy NWS, survey link was distributed to group. Survey will help NWS on updating messaging center and unusual weather events.
- VI. OSPR Update: Mr. Macaspac announces Ryan Stirewalt (Tug Escort) reappointed. Ms. Rita Tan (Ship Agents) sworn in. Mr. Philip Weiss membership will be expiring prior to next meeting.
- VII. Review/Update Annual Plan: Annual plan approved by Ms. Kinner and Mr. Katsanis. Plan will be sent out to Ms. Yamamoto and then be posted to the Port website.
- VIII. Staff and Liaison Announcements: Ms. Muller introduces herself as she is the SCCOOS Program Director. Touching base with committee to share point of contact info for tours/general requests. Gave little update on Sea Lions and Dolphins that had deadly Algae Bloom off the SoCal coast.
- IX. Next Meeting: November 29, 2023 at 10:00am

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  - a. Non-Voting Members: Reuben Macaspac, Jeffrey Ferguson, Andy Yingling, John Victoria, Nicholas Maxwell, Dave Cuniff, Shelley Turner, Rob Butler, Evan Warren, Bill Bartsch, Brandt Maxwell, Mike Lafleur
- II. Minute Review: September 27, 2023- Approved
- III. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents: Discussion on fleet week and having no incidents or issues during that time. Ms. Turner brought up USNS Harvey Milk and the Sharkfest event on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. Harvey Milk was outbound and the Sharkfest had swimmers in the water crossing channel. No injuries reported but a good wake up call to all mariners. USCG posting events calendar on their Homeport and HSC will receive calendar updates.
- IV. USCG San Diego Sector: Ms. Turner discusses Parade of Lights Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Discussed the sunken vessel off Zuniga Jetty which is a navigational hazard. Local notice to mariners to be broadcasted. Introduction of Mr. Matt Fay of USCG San Diego.
- V. NOAA/NWS: Mr. Ferguson discusses no changes on the Raster charts. All cancellations are on schedule. Mr. Brandt Maxwell brought up winds at the Zuniga Jetty. NWS is going to focus on better forecasting from the Zuniga Jetty for boaters in the bay.
- VI. OSPR Update: Mr. Macaspac announces Mr. Philip Weiss reappointed for Maritime Law. Mr. Yingling announces the retirement of Mr. Brion Bargo for POSD. Mr. Evan Warren and Mr. Dan Valentine will submit application for replacement.
- VII. Review/Update Annual Plan: Plan Posted to website.
- VIII. Staff and Liaison Announcements: Mr. Rob Butler of Tow Boat US discusses derelict boats in the bay and Zuniga Jetty. Marinas are at 100% capacity and have about 30 boats that are either abandoned or overdue on fees. Vessel Angel Wind sank during the last storm at Zuniga Jetty causing a navigational hazard. Multiple agencies working together to alleviate that issue. Mr. LaFleur discusses grants that can benefit abandoned/derelict boats. Mr. Butler discusses environmental and pollution costs for each vessel destroyed. Further discussion for grants and space around the waterfront for removal of these vessels.
- IX. Next Meeting: January 31, 2024 at 10:00am

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- II. Minute Review: November 29, 2023- Approved
- III. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents: Discussion on Parade of Lights Boat Parade and how government agencies to get press releases out to public for safe boating. Having safety press releases to marinas, charters, and posted throughout the water front could help with safety concerns. Ms. Turner talks about the passenger boat Privateer having a near miss incident entering the Mission Bay jetty. Ms. Kinner and Mr. Kotow speak about recent storms that have brought 8 more boats ashore near Zuniga Jetty and beaches.
- IV. USCG San Diego Sector: Ms. Turner discusses survey for waterways division regarding Mission Bay and San Clemente Island navigational hazards. Ms. Turner and Ms. Kinner attending NHSCC in Chicago.
- V. NOAA/NWS: Mr. Ferguson discusses no changes on the Raster charts. All cancellations are on schedule and brought in paper charts for reference. NWS could not attend but Mr. Ferguson gave a brief update for weather in the coming weeks.
- VI. OSPR Update: Mr. Macaspac announces Mr. Evan Warren and Mr. Dan Valentine have been appointed for POSD. Mr. Foto discusses recent storms and how the flooding has impacted the bay. Flooding caused major spill in south bay that the EPA came in and took over operation.
- VII. Review/Update Annual Plan: Ms. Kinner discusses updating data ASAP so we can send plan accordingly. Yingling will reach out to contacts to gather data.
- VIII. Staff and Liaison Announcements: Ms. Rita Tan discusses how multiple government agencies worked together on setting a plan to discharge hazardous materials at TAMT.
- IX. Next Meeting: March 27, 2024 at 10:00am