SAN DIEGO HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE
Full Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: January 26, 2022               TIME: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Port District of San Diego, Administration Building, Conference Room 1
3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101

I. Introductions:
   Voting Members: Ann Kinner, Jonathon Bishop, Ryan Stirewalt, Brion Bargo, Steve Frailey,
   Lyle Donovan, Andy Kurtz, Philip Weiss, Ilias Katsanis, Michael Poltorak, Jim Peugh
   Non-Voting Members: Reuben Macaspac, Evan Warren, Jeff Ferguson, Alex Tardy, Lou Castagnola, Tom
   Ebner, Timothy De la Pena, Ron Caputo, Chris Park, Wayne Kotow, Jenifer Spearel, Alex Kahn, Thomas
   Cullen, Amir Sharifi

II. Minute Review: November 17, 2021 – APPROVED

III. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents: None reported. Capt. Donovan mentions that the Cortez Racing Association has
    been very communicative during races and reminding racers of the Rules of Road. Michael Poltorak confirms
    that if a commercial vessel in the channel has to sound 5 blasts directed towards a race boat, then that boat will
    be disqualified from the race.

IV. USCG, San Diego Sector: Ron Caputo reports that the U.S. Navy drydocked a submarine at Point Loma
    without incident. Mr. Caputo acknowledges the good communication throughout the movement amongst the
    Coast Guard and Navy. The Russian submarine (B-39) belonging to the Maritime Museum is scheduled to
depart and be towed to a scrap yard in Mexico. The date and time are TBD and dependent on weather windows
and yard availability. Sea trials are scheduled for the USNS John Lewis the week of January 30th. The
    comment period for the PACPARS study is still open. Chris Park reminds all that the Waterways Analysis and
    Management Survey (WAMS) for the San Diego Bay federal channel was released the week of January 17th
    and anyone who uses the waterway is encouraged to participate in the survey. The survey will be open and
    available until April 30, 2022. The USCG district office is working on getting an online version of the survey
    available. This version only pertains to the channel within the bay.

V. NOAA/NWS: Jeff Ferguson reminds all that NOAA is ending its raster chart production. In the last Local
    Notice to Mariners 20 charts were listed as being in their last edition status. Alex Tardy mentions the period
    between December 14-30, 2021 was very active with rain and wind. Since then, there has been very little
    weather other than Santa Ana winds. The next potential for active weather could be in mid-February. Mr.
    Tardy explains that there was some confusion between the tsunami warning and advisory. A tsunami advisory
    was issued for the latest tsunami, some officials mistook it for a warning which is considerably more
    significant which leads to inundation and damage.

VI. OSPR Update: Reuben Macaspac reports that there are 2 vacant HSC positions, Ship Agent and Labor
    Organization. Mr. Macaspac introduces Amir Sharifi, OSPR Assistant Deputy Administrator. OSPR
    Administrator Thomas Cullen reports that pipeline 547 spill response is now complete and that beaches have
    been returned to their existing state.

VII. Review/Update Annual Plan: Information for the 2021 HSP is being gathered and expected to be complete by
    June 2022.

VIII. Sub-Committee Reports
   a. Illegal Charters: Timothy De La Pena reports that 2022 decals have not been received and are not
      available to issue to legal charters. Michael Poltorak and Andy Kurtz express frustration that not enough
      enforcement or management has taken place regarding illegal charters since the revised ordinance has
      been in place. Mr. Caputo reminds all to call the USCG if a suspected illegal charter is seen operating.

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~
IX. Staff and Liaison Announcements: Mr. Caputo mentions that USCG has been deploying assets (when available) and making marine broadcasts in an effort to protect migratory whales.

X. Next Meeting: March 30, 2022 at 10:00am