



# LOS ANGELES/LONG BEACH HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE

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## MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY NINTH MEETING OF THE LA/LB HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, 4 April, 2012

The One Hundred and Thirty Ninth Meeting of the Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Safety Committee was convened in the main auditorium of the Port of Long Beach. **Chairman Strong** called the Meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. The **Executive Secretary** determined that there was a quorum present, as listed below --

FOR THE PORT OF  
LONG BEACH

(Absent)

FOR THE  
PORT OF LOS  
ANGELES

Capt. John Holmes

FOR THE LONG BEACH PILOT  
ORGANIZATION

Captain John Strong

FOR THE TANKER OPERATORS

Capt. Norman George  
(Crowley)

FOR THE LOS ANGELES PILOT  
ORGANIZATION

Capt. Craig Flinn

FOR THE MOORING MASTERS

Capt. Ken Graham  
(Chevron)

FOR TUG & BARGE OPERATORS

(Absent)

FOR THE DRY CARGO CARRIERS

Capt. Sam Jebaranathan  
(APL)

FOR RECREATIONAL BOATERS

Ms. Camille Daniels

FOR ORGANIZED LABOR

Mr. Jeff Turkus  
(SIU)

FOR THE CALIF. COASTAL COMM.

Absent

FOR THE MARINE OIL TERMINALS

Capt. Mark Nielsen  
(Tesoro)

FOR THE U.S. COAST GUARD  
SECTOR LA/LB

Commander Ryan Manning  
(USCG)

FOR ENVIRONMENTAL  
(SANTA MONICA BAY)

Mr. Brian Meux  
(Santa Monica Bay Keeper)

FOR ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS  
(LA/LB HARBOR REGION)

(Absent)

FOR THE CDF&G/OSPR

Mr. Mike Coyne  
(OSPR HQ)

FOR PASSENGER FERRY OPERATORS

Capt. Ray Lyman  
( Catalina Express)

FOR THE USACOE

(Absent)

FOR THE CALIF.STATE LANDS  
COMM.

Mr. Kevin Mercier

FOR NOAA/NOS

Mr. Gerry Wheaton

FOR SHIP'S AGENTS

Mr. Ron Kelly  
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FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING  
(Absent)

FOR U.S. NAVY  
(Absent)

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
Capt. Dick McKenna  
(MX-SOCAL)

ALTERNATES, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, AND  
OTHER PARTIES (SEE ATTACHED LIST)

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**Chairman Strong** opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance, thanking all for their interest and participation in the Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Safety Committee. He expressed the Committee's appreciation and thanks to the Port of Long Beach for making their facilities available for this gathering.

**Mr. Mike Coyne, OSPR**, then proceeded to swear in new member of the Committee. Representing **Marine Oil Terminals** were **Capt. Mark Nielsen (Tesoro)**.

ITEM I -- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Chairman Strong** called for approval of the minutes of the 138th Meeting. *Mr. Ray Lyman moved, seconded by Mr. Kevin Mercier, to accept and approve the Minutes of the 138th Meeting. Motion carried unanimously by a show of hands from voting members present.*

ITEM II -- OLD BUSINESS:

(A) Update on Vessel Traffic Activities:

**Chairman Strong** called for an update on VTS activities from **Executive Secretary McKenna**. There were three incidents since the last meeting, two propulsion related, and one medevac from a cruise ship. There have been six incidents thus far this year.

(B) Update on USCG Sector LA/LB Activities:

**Commander Ryan Manning, USCG** commented:

- (1) The refurbishment of Los Angeles Light is near completion. Final touches will be completed in the next few weeks.
- (2) Work has begun on the Commodore Heim Bridge. All activity will be "overwater", i.e., no in water construction is planned. The project is scheduled for completion in November 2015.
- (3) Work on the Gerald Desmond Bridge will commence July 2012.
- (4) The former USS Iowa is undergoing refurbishment in Richmond, CA and is expected to arrive in Los Angeles in the late May, Early June time frame.
- (5) **Captain LaFerriere** will be relieved by **Captain Jenkins** on May 25. The new Sector Deputy will be **Captain Jennifer Williams**.

(C) Update on OSPR Activities:

**Mr. Mike Coyne** commented:

- (1) The Clean Pacific Conference will be held in Long Beach 16 – 17 May.
- (2) There will be a public hearing on the proposed new tug regulations on June 7; whether in Los Angeles or Long Beach has yet to be determined.
- (3) The West Coast Harbor Safety Summit will be conducted 25 October in Southern California, location to be determined.

(D) Update on California State Lands Commission Activities:

**Mr. Kevin Mercier** commented:

- (1). He reminded that biannual Prevention first Conference will precede the Harbor Safety Summit on 23-24 October at the Westin long Beach Hotel.
- (2) The proposed biofouling regulations have again been postponed to address more comments received from the third proposal. Details of the latest proposal are on the State Lands website.
- (3) Also on the website are the latest proposed rules and standards for ballast water discharge in port areas. A hearing for comments will be held 17 April.
- (4) An invasive species technical advisory group has been formed by State Lands to determine, on a biannual basis, the available technological means to clean up contaminated ballast water.
- (5) There will be a quarterly customer service meeting sometime in May.
- (6) Discussions have resumed between State Lands and the Port of Los Angeles environmental section over the Plains All America Terminal at berth 408.

(E) Update on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

No Comments.

(F) Update on NOAA/NOS:

**Cdr. Gerry Wheaton** indicated that he would be forwarding a survey to members of the Committee on Electronic Navigation Chart (ENC) data. NOAA Response Team 6 will be in the Harbor in September to do survey work in the Federal waters outside the Breakwater. There is a concern developing that this Response Team may be in jeopardy due to budget constraints. This could have serious consequences in case of a port emergency. The American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) has voiced concerns.

(G) Update on the Area Maritime Security Committee:

**Commander Manning** The Occupy Los Angeles event late last year constituted the equivalent of an AMSTEP level exercise, therefore there is no AMSTEP exercise is planned for this year. The Port security Grant Program (PSGP) is struggling to draw down funds in a timely fashion because of the shortened time line in which to do so. Participants are encouraged to do all they can to make use of these funds. The Maritime System Recovery Unit (MTSRU) sub committee has completed their Port Recovery Plan. At the Area Maritime Security Committee meeting of February, it was decided to conduct a table top exercise in October along the lines of the Costa Concordia tragedy. In a similar vein, LA County Fire Department will be conducting a cruise ship related exercise at Avalon later this year. The next Area Maritime Security Committee will meet here at the Port of Los Angeles on 2 May at 0930. The Public is invited to attend.

**ITEM III - New Business:**

**(A) Sub Committee Reports:**

**S/C # 1 (Navigation Safety) – Capt. John Betz**

The Sub Committee met the month before last. There is not a lot of business before the Committee. All Harbor Safety Plan updates have been forwarded and recreational boating issues are being addressed. The Sub – Committee will meet at the Millennium Offices this afternoon at 1330.

**S/C # 2 (Planning & Outreach) – Capt Christiansen**

No report.

**S/C # 3 (Tug Utilization Group; TUG) – Captain Doug Houghton** No report.

**S/C # 4 (Recreational Boats & Commercial Fishing Vessels) – Ms. Camille Daniels** – Nothing to report.

**ITEM IV – NEW BUSINESS:**

**Chairman Strong** Discussed a situation concerning the Alaskan Navigator, which detected a loss of ballast water upon departing Long Beach. An underwater hull inspection found several indentations on the port side forward. A search for obstructions at the anchorages and berths the ship visited found nothing. There is speculation that the ship overrode its anchor, however there was sufficient water under the keel at all times to suggest that this would be implausible. The investigation is on going. Depending on the findings, this may have impact on current under keel standards of care.

**Mr. Mike Coyne** announced that Representatives for the Port of Long Beach, Shipping Agents and Commercial Fishing are being sought because of term expirations.

**ITEM V -- MEETING SCHEDULE:**

The next regular meeting for the LA/LB HSC will be held on Wednesday, the sixth of June 2012, at the Port of Los Angeles at 1000.

**ITEM VI -- ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to discuss, **Chairman Strong** adjourned the 139<sup>th</sup> Harbor Safety Committee meeting at 10.42 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Capt. R.B McKenna

**Executive Secretary**

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