



LOS ANGELES/LONG BEACH HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE

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California Oil Spill Prevention and
Response Act of 1990

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FORTIETH MEETING OF THE LA/LB HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, 6 June, 2012

The One Hundred and Fortieth Meeting of the Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Safety Committee was convened in the main auditorium of the Port of Los Angeles. **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. Bent Christiansen

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

Mr. Dave Selga
(Chevron)

FOR TUG & BARGE OPERATORS

Mr. Russell Luttman
(Crowley)

FOR THE DRY CARGO CARRIERS

Capt. Sam Jebanathan
(APL)

FOR RECREATIONAL BOATERS

Ms. Camille Daniels

FOR ORGANIZED LABOR

Absent

FOR THE CALIF. COASTAL COMM.

Mr. Jonathan Bishop

FOR THE MARINE OIL TERMINALS

Absent

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

Captain James Jenkins
(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

Mr. Ray Lyman
(Catalina Express)

FOR THE USACOE

(Absent)

FOR THE CALIF.STATE LANDS
COMM.

Mr. Kevin Mercier

FOR NOAA/NOS

Mr. Gerry Wheaton

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(Absent)

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
Capt. Dick McKenna
(MX-SOCAL)

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

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 Los Angeles for making their facilities available for this gathering.

Mr. Mike Coyne, OSPR, then proceeded to swear in new member of the Committee. Representing **Agents** were **Mr. Ion Badea (Norton Lilly)** and **Mr. Ron Kelly (Transmarine)**. Also sworn in was **Mr. Russell Luttmann (Crowley)** alternate representative for Tugs.

ITEM I -- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Strong called for approval of the minutes of the 139th Meeting. *Mr. Dave Selga moved, seconded by Capt. Norman George, to accept and approve the Minutes of the 139th 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 six incidents since the last meeting, bringing it to 12 overall for the year. Notably, three of the incidents were propulsion related and one involved navigation equipment requiring a short fused deviation.

He discussed traffic patterns for the previous month, in which thirty percent of arrivals came by the Santa Barbara Channel with twenty four percent using it for departure. In the Pacific Test range area, thirty percent used this for arrivals, but thirty eight percent used it for departure.

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

Captain Jim Jenkins, USCG commented:

(1) The Cabrillo Beach Boosters completed repairs to Angel's Gate Light on May 17. A second phase to restore the interior is planned, pending development of resources.

(2) Work has begun on the Commodore Heim Bridge. It will be in the closed position during the daylight hours of June 10 for electrical repairs. Vessels that can transit with the bridge in the closed position can continue to do so. The related temporary spans provide 75 feet horizontal clearance and 43 feet vertical clearance at mean high water. All supports are lighted with red lights at night and construction activity will take place Monday to Friday from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm local. Information on the Bridge can be obtained by contacting CALTRANS or NCM Construction.

- (3) The Gerald Desmond Bridge permit package has reached the Commandant for review. When issued, The District Bridge Administration Office will forward the permit to the Bridge owner and coordinate start times and other pertinent construction milestones.
- (4) Regarding the Vincent Thomas Bridge, the owner notified the District Bridge Administration Office on 30 May of the need to replace some defective rail on the underside of the bridge. Work will be conducted on a not to interfere basis with ship transits. A 90 day advance notice will be provided before repairs commence.
- (5) The USS Iowa will proceed up the LA Main Channel on 9 June to it's final berth. A safety zone will be imposed around the ship during its transit.
- (6) There are an estimated 20-25 Fourth of July Fireworks events planned with 10-12 expected to be conducted from barges. The barges are inspected for safety, Coast Guard Auxiliary will augment for safety where large waterborne congregations are expected and a local Notice to Mariners will be promulgated where appropriate.
- (6) **Captain Jennifer Williams** has reported as the new Sector Deputy. She comes from USCG Headquarters and has a strong background in the Prevention specialty. **LCDR Francis Fazio** is leaving and will be replaced at Waterways Management by **LCDR Radiah Jones**.

(C) Update on OSPR Activities:

Captain Scott Schaefer, OSPR Administrator, commented:

- (1) The Marine Oil Spill count of one barrel or more has been consistently improving for the last few years: 2009 – 43, 2010 – 32, 2011 – 22, 2012 - 8 (Jan-May), a great downward trend.
- (2) He provided some stats on loss of propulsion due to CARB regulations: through April this year there have been 24 actual Loss of propulsion incidents. In 2011 there were 93. Of these, 33 are related to fuel switching per USCG. Twenty eight percent of ships having a loss of propulsion were visiting California for the first time.
- (3) With the implementation of AB1112, (the fee increase) the Governor proposed 16 new permanent positions.
- (4) SB1192 (Evans) authorizes funding for the Oiled Wildlife Care Network from the Oil spill Prevention and Admin fund. This increases the per barrel fee from 6.5 to 6.8 cents a barrel and non-tank vessel fee from \$3,250 to at least \$3,500 to fund OWCN. This was accomplished with the cooperation of WSPA and PMSA.
- (4) AB 2005 (Garrick) eases requirements on non-commercial vessels greater than 300 gross tons allowing contingency plans to be submitted up to 14 days after arrival in California waters. OSPR would prefer to see plans submitted before entry and is working with the Assembly on this wording.
- (5) AB1601 (Huffman) would cap the biennial non-tank fee at its current level but would allow it to increase based on cost of living data.
- (6) There is increased scrutiny on bunkering and lightering. The primary requirement is to deploy 600 feet of boom in thirty minutes and another 600 feet of boom in the next thirty minutes. The industry recommendation to have this observed during scheduled training has been accepted and was held as an example of cooperative effort benefiting both sides.
- (7) He cited some best practices: a standardized Pacific States/British Columbia Oil spill Task Force video based on a Washington State video to be used Coast wide; also, new procedures causing face to face meetings in which bunkering companies will go aboard receiving vessels to discuss safety prior to transfer.
- (8) He discussed funding. The Oiled Wildlife Care Network funding is covered by interest and is good through 2012-13. Fund 207, sustainable funding for the Inland spill response program has been reduced from 17 people in 2011 to 10.5 this year and only 4 in FY 2012/13. The fund will be exhausted at the end of the year. Since 21 of 25 of the most recent spills were linked to production, they are working with industry to arrive at an appropriate fee. Without funding next year the program will go away. Also, the Environmental Enhancement Fund, a \$2M fund dedicated to working on restoration projects, is only authorized to be spent at the \$350K annual level. OSPR is seeking greater spending authority to match the current identified need.
- (9) He cited the Clean Pacific Conference held May 16-17 in Long Beach. It was a success, with just under 1000 participants. Also in May, a workshop for spill management teams was held in Los Alamitos for 65 participants. This will be followed by another in Martinez on July 10. The program includes an OSPR update,

streamlined non-tank contingency plans, vessel notification drills, possible changes to drill regulations and a discussion on unannounced plan holder drills to assess spill management.

(10) He then thanked the Harbor Safety Committee for all of their support and announced that he would be departing OSPR within two weeks. His relief has not yet been named.

(D) Update on California State Lands Commission Activities:

Mr. Robert Chatman commented:

(1). He indicated that revised ballast water regulations are still under review.

(2) As a matter of general interest, he mentioned the recent demise of **Captain Isaiah J. (John) Jones**, the last Commanding Officer of Naval Station Long Beach.

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

No Comments.

(F) Update on NOAA/NOS:

Cdr. Gerry Wheaton discussed the Japanese tsunami debris field. NOAA is providing forms for sighting and reporting of same. Marine Exchange will be provided with forms for promulgation on their website.

NOAA is also distributing through the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) the locations and background material of the various whale species inhabiting the Pacific. This is an ongoing project that will continue to expand. **Ms. Elizabeth Petras** of NMFS was invited to make comments. She discussed a May 8 whale strike conference held at the Marine Exchange, at which industry representative met with leading scientists in the study of whales to exchange information and ideas relating to their protection and the reduction/avoidance of ship strikes. The collaborative came up with several issues to pursue in the forms of educating, reporting and ship routing. **Executive Secretary McKenna** suggested that there may be an effort to request companies with ships using the Santa Barbara Channel to participate in a sighting program to improve the present data base. **Cdr. Wheaton** announced that **Captain John Lowell**, NOAA's Director of Coast Survey has retired. He is expected to be replaced by **RADM Garret Blaine**, an increase in seniority for the position.

(G) Update on the Area Maritime Security Committee:

Captain Jenkins reported that the Port Security Grant Program continues moving forward, but at a lower level of funding. Also, the Ports of LALB must compete for \$50M in funds with other Tier One Ports. That being said, the Port Complex submitted requests for 21 separate projects to various projects throughout the Harbor. The award decision will be made by FEMA.

He continues to chair the Area Maritime Security Committee. He co-chairs with the FBI, that person being **Ms. Voviette Morgan**, Assistant Agent in Charge of Counter-terrorism. The next Area Maritime Security Committee will meet here at the Port of Long Beach on 1 August at 0930. The Public is invited to attend.

He reiterated the concerns for the Panga threat, the high speed boats coming up from Mexico with human and drug related contraband. A cooperative effort of many agencies has been assembled at the POLB Joint Command Center, known as the Maritime Coordination Center. (MCC) This has increased interdiction rates substantially.

USCG will be participating in an Exercise called Coastal Friday next week in Port Hueneme. This should not impose any impediments to commercial traffic.

ITEM III - New Business:

(A) Sub Committee Reports:

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

The Sub Committee met one time since the last meeting. There is not a lot of business before the Committee. It will meet the last time before summer this afternoon at the Marine Exchange.

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 the annual review of the Harbor Safety Plan. Although much has been completed, there are five chapters still requiring a formal review and sign off. He assigned applicable chapters to appropriate members of the Committee.

Mr. Mike Coyne discussed recent efforts in the bunker monitoring program. The program is up and running and producing results. Pulling from a world wide data base and working from an approved formula, ships of interest are being identified and addressed for scrutiny.

ITEM V -- MEETING SCHEDULE:

The next regular meeting for the LA/LB HSC will be held on Wednesday, the third of October 2012, at the Port of Long Beach at 1000.

ITEM VI -- ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, **Chairman Strong** adjourned the 140th Harbor Safety Committee meeting at 10.46 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Capt. R.B McKenna
Executive Secretary

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