

# Harbor Safety Committee

of the San Francisco Bay Region

*Mandated by the California Oil Spill  
Prevention and Response Act of 1990*

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Subject: San Francisco Bay Area Harbor Safety Committee Final Report in Response to Governor Schwarzenegger's Directive to Analyze Cosco Busan Allision

Dear Mr. Edinger:

I forwarded your recent letter to the Harbor Safety Committee that you acknowledge the Committee's Final Report which analyzes the navigational safety implications of the November 7, 2007 Cosco Busan allision and of recommendations for preventative measures. The Committee is now in the process of developing further "Best Maritime Practices" for tugs and barges and commute ferries navigating in reduced visibility, guidelines for closing the bar channel due to inclement conditions and possible other issues. When adopted, the guidelines will be published in the Coastal Pilot, the San Francisco Harbor Safety Plan and other sources. We continue to have substantive discussions that have implications for other harbors on the West Coast.

That said, I believe it is vitally important the public learns of the thoughtful, proactive work of the maritime community of the San Francisco Bay Area to prevent vessel accidents thus preventing another oil spill affecting our sensitive resources. With the first anniversary of the Cosco Busan approaching, I would like to invite you to the November 13 Harbor Safety Committee meeting at the Port of San Francisco to further discuss our report.

I may be reached at (415) 461-4566, but will be out of town between October 1 and 13. I look forward to further suggestions in this regard.

Sincerely,

Joan L. Lundstrom, Chair  
Harbor Safety Committee of the  
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