

Annual Work Group Reports

Ferry Work Group

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Accomplishments 2005/2006

1. The Ferry Work Group collected information on safety issues as they relate to high speed ferry routes in the Bay. After much discussion and study it was clear that there is a need for improved procedures among the affected parties (i.e., ferry companies and their employees, the Coast Guard) regarding ingress/egress from the terminals at the Ferry Building. The work group is developing protocols for safe approach and berthing to bring to the Harbor Safety Committee.

Future Goals

1. The Ferry Operations Work Group will work with a ferry routing model developed by George Washington University to identify risks associated with the proposed traffic lanes. The agreed routes will create greater predictability for the captains and VTS, and will be identified on nautical charts. The work group also will focus on communications protocols.

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Accomplishments 2005/2006

1. The "Sharing the Bay" video enjoys national distribution.
2. Wrote kayak warning sticker, "Kayakers, Be Alert" and began distribution.

Future Goals

1. Continue to work with paddlesport groups, meet and confer about safety issues.
2. Produce safety documents for paddlesport groups as needed or desired.
3. Update "Where The Heck Is Collinsville" brochure, to indicate new dock nomenclature.
4. Produce one-page laminated safety message, for carriage aboard recreational vessels.
5. Continue distribution of video (now international).

Tug Escort Work Group

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Accomplishments 2005/2006

The Tug Escort Work Group met several times during the year to discuss the following topics as referred by the full Harbor Safety Committee.

1. Escorts for chemical ships:

In early 2005, new legislation was drafted to revisit the idea of escorting chemical carriers in state waters. While the legislation, revised to require the OSPR Administrator to appoint a task force to consider the need for tug escort of certain hazardous materials, is not currently moving forward, the work group will continue to monitor it for further development.

2. Bollard Pull testing for escort tugs:

Following on the need in Los Angeles for a new testing location for conducting bollard pull testing, the SF Tug Escort Work Group wanted to ensure that testing remained consistent throughout California ports. Working with Los Angeles tug operators and OSPR, the bollard testing requirements were amended to establish a supplemental inspection program to coincide with regular dry dock examinations.

Future Goals

Continue to monitor legislation in Sacramento, particularly as it may apply to new escort regulations and/or requirements.

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Accomplishments 2005/2006

1. The work group met on a regular basis to rewrite most of the HSC Plan chapters. The HSC Plan is now relevant with present practices, more concise and easier to navigate.
2. The work group met several times to discuss a proposed California Air Resource Board (CARB) regulation that requires ships to switch to Low Sulphur Fuel Oil on shipboard diesel-electric auxiliary engines. The work group discussions led to CARB changing the proposed regulation to include a safety clause. Additionally, CARB wants to use the work group as a resource for future issues and regulations.

Future Goals

1. The workgroup had intended to address problems with swimmers in the Bay; however, the situation remedied itself. The work group will monitor swimmer activities.
2. Continue to work with the ACOE for timely and accurate soundings in SF Bay.

PORTS Work Group

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Accomplishments 2005/2006

1. Acquired \$363,000 from OSPR/WSPA for PORTS maintenance and operation in San Francisco Bay region.
2. Additional funding of \$30,000/year for three years from Boating and Waterways.
3. Installed current meter for PORTS at the Tesoro Amorco wharf, all installation fees paid for by CS Marine and Tesoro Refining and Marketing.
4. Conducted study for optimal SF Bay PORTS system.
5. Began re-deploying PORTS April/May 2006.
6. Initiated statewide effort to develop, fund and operate a statewide PORTS.

Future Goals

1. Obtain permanent statewide legislated funding for PORTS to be administered by OSPR.
2. Develop fully operational PORTS to support the San Francisco Bay Marine Transportation system.
3. Lead and develop the PORTS work group to find a workable, easy-to-use communication system for the mariner.
4. Obtain additional community support for PORTS, i.e., installation of new sensors and operational costs that can be picked up such as maintenance support from local users, i.e., dive services, boat services.