

MINUTES

HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

9:30 a.m., Thursday July 8, 1993

Port of Oakland, 350 Water Street, Oakland, CA

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Arthur Thomas at 9:45. The following committee members or alternates were in attendance. Art Thomas, San Francisco Bar Pilots; Dave Adams, Port of Oakland; Margot Brown, National Boating Federation, Bob Clinton, Harbor Tug & Barge Co.; Morris Croce, Chevron Shipping Co.; Mike Goebel, Exxon Shipping Co.; Burr Heneman, Center for Marine Conservation; Lynn Korwatch, Matson Navigation; Alexander Krygsman, Port of Stockton; Gunnar Lundberg, Sailors' Union of the Pacific; Joan Lundstrom, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission; Roger Peters, Port of San Francisco.
2. J. McCarthy, Marine Exchange, confirmed that a quorum was present.
3. The minutes from the previous meeting of June 10, 1993 were corrected to show that Lt. Kirsch was from OSPR, not from the State Lands Commission. The minutes were approved as corrected.
4. Chair A. Thomas announced, in Ann Notthoff's absence for the summer, Joan Lundstrom will be temporary chair of the Harbor Plan Subcommittee .
5. Chair A. Thomas announced that he would be meeting that afternoon with Dr. Stanley Wilson NOAA and the State discussing possible development of a PORTS system for the San Francisco Bay Region.
6. **COAST GUARD REPORT**, M. MacDonald. There were 51 reported spills during the period of 6/1 - 6/30, 1993. Only 1 involved a deep draft vessel and two were military vessels. Captain MacDonald plans to go over reporting procedures with the Navy. It was reported that the Coast Guard plans on Zip Code targeted safety training which will target all boat owners by zip code area. A letter written to Rear Admiral Gilbert from the Army Corps of Engineers authorizing the channel lowering project was presented. It appears that the project requires an act of law to implement. A kick-off study on the San Francisco Bay Protection Strategies Project by RPI with Miles Hays and Jacqueline Meyer was announced. The Coast Guard budget has been decreased by the House from 3.4 billion to 2.9 billion. However, the Commandant is still committed to the VTS 2000 program but the decreased budget may cause delays. Captain MacDonald is forwarding a draft proposal for federal regulations to Chair A. Thomas. The proposal was made available so the Harbor Safety Committee may make comments to the Coast Guard . The Coast Guard is interested in these comments so that they can develop a matrix file which will attempt to follow the "Zone Concept" in developing guidelines for safe navigation in the areas of speed, visibility, overtaking, etc.. Chair A. Thomas commented that the draft was well-received ; each subcommittee may utilize this proposal as they update Harbor Safety. However, to concentrate solely on this proposal could delay the plan update.
7. **OSPR REPORT**. Bud Leland announced that the state budget had good news for his department, and that the contract with the Marine Exchange has been approved. It was also announced that Thomas Crowley, Jr. will replace James Macaulay representing tug and barge companies. Two cases of tug escorting were being investigated with good cooperation. Mr. Carlton Moore reported on the tug escort workshop meeting to be held July 13 at Port of San Francisco. He stated that he would provide a written summary of the process and schedule of permanent regulations of both the May hearing on interim regulations and on the July 13 workshop on permanent regulations. At the July 13th workshop Arco will present a study of tug escorts in Prince William Sound. The goal of this open forum is to cut time and get the final regulations developed and approved. Concerns were expressed that the committee was unclear regarding how the outcome of the workshop was to integrate with the plan previously adopted and submitted to OSPR in February and that this workshop would duplicate issues already covered. C. Moore stated the Harbor Safety Committee issues paralleled with those of OSPR , however, the administrator felt that issues still remained to be resolved ; based on testimony of prior public hearings. C. Moore said the administrator felt the work shop would bring a closer agreement on those issues, and reduce the amount of need for public input or

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hearings . M. Goebel stated his worries that impending deadlines may effect the quality of final regulations. C. Moore responded that thought given to permanent regulations avoid future revisions. Chair A. Thomas commented that he felt the workshop will revisit issues previously addressed by the committee. C. Moore responded it would be up to the committee to decide if changes will be needed on the Harbor Safety Plan after the workshop.

8. CLEARING HOUSE REPORT. A. Steinbrugge announced that this was the first full month of mandatory tug escort. The report format is the same as for May, with a full months statistics. He reminded the committee that tanker movements in the second portion could be counted multiple times as the vessel traveled through multiple zones. The total number of tankers arriving in San Francisco Bay for the month was 90. The question was asked what materials were monitored. Was the OSPR listed included? A. Steinbrugge commented that it was still in study due to product "gray area" resulting from similar products being identified by different names and new definitions dealing with non-edible products and non-animal oils. An effort is being made for a scientific method of product identification.

9. Chair A. Thomas announced that Jim Faber's daughter passed away recently thereby prohibiting him from attending today's meeting. A memorial fund has been set up - additional contributions can be sent to 225 Tilden, San Mateo, CA 94401. Call Mr. Rodney Ganda at (510) 891-3990 for further information.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS. Chair A. Thomas and J. Lundstrom met on the draft document for Harbor Safety Plan Update and Chair A. Thomas made the following assignments.:

Vessel traffic Information update J. Lundstrom and M. Hensley

Ch. II General Weather, Tide, Current and Depth Conditions : C. Bowler & A. Thomas

Ch. III Harbor Conditions : J. Lundstrom, & C. Bowler

Ch. IV Vessel Traffic Patterns:

a. Review of laws: C. Bowler

a. Recommendation 9:, Coast Guard and VTS reporting :M. Hensley

b. Recommendation 10:, Coordination of 1992-93 herring season J. Lundstrom

c. Recommendation 15:, Mailer on rule 9: M. Hensley

d. Recommendation 16, Contingency routing: D. Adams

Recommendation 17 thru 21, Public Education of Waterway: M. Brown

Ch. V Vehicular Bridge Management: J. Lundstrom

Ch. VI Aids to navigation: M. Croce and Cmdr. Dolan

Ch. VII Communications: C. Bowler and Cmdr Dolan

Ch. VIII Tug Escorts: R. Peters

Ch. IX Pilotage: A. Krygsman

Ch. X : Project Funding: T. Crowley, Jr. and J. Gosling

Ch. XI Competitive Aspects: Incorporate chapter

Ch. XII Plan Implementation and Enforcement: J. Lundstrom

Chair A. Thomas also asked that recommendations of each assignment be in draft form by the August 12 meeting so the Harbor Safety Committee can vote and deliver them to the administrator after the September meeting.

11. Roger Peters announced his subcommittee would participate in the OSPR workshop next week to see what its outcome will be and if the Tug Escort Subcommittee can accomplish it in the current Harbor Safety Plan. Marina V. Secchitano, Regional Director of Inlandboatman's Union of the Pacific, read a letter dated 6/24 to Chair A. Thomas requesting a clarification of the Interim Tank Vessel Requirements on staffing of deckhands. The section in question was unclear as to weather both of the required deckhands must be awake to be readily available to respond to an emergency. The meaning of "Full Readiness" was discussed. A motion was made to interpret "full readiness" as both deckhands being awake. It was seconded and was passed unanimously.

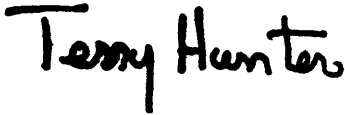
12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

13. NEW BUSINESS None

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14. The next full committee meeting will be held at the Port of San Francisco on August 12, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. Please note the time change.
15. Mike Goebel of Exxon Shipping presented a video of escort assist trials.
16. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Secretary

