

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA MARITIME SECURITY COMMITTEE

MEETING (UNCLASSIFIED) MINUTES

Pier 35 San Francisco, California

October 18, 2011

1. Quorum Call

Mr. Paul Martin, USCG, called the meeting to order at 1014

Ms Kaitlin Ortega, Marine Exchange, confirmed that a quorum was present..

2. Approval of the Minutes – Ms Ortega

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting of July 12, 2011. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made and seconded. It passed without discussion or dissent.

3. Comments by the Chair – Capt. Cynthia L. Stowe

The recent Fleet Week event had been the largest in the nation this year and it was a tremendous success. Two MSRAM support teams had come out to provide support and it was a great experience to cross-train with them.

Preparation for America's Cup events continued. Out reach to industry and recreational boaters had been completed and the Notice of Proposed Rule Making process would begin at the end of the current week. The proposed rules should be published in January for public comment. Due to Federal law, the USCG cannot comment until the proposed rules are published.

4. Member Agency/Industry Reports

Ms Margot Brown, National Boating Federation: She had attended the recent Small Vessel Security Conference in San Francisco where the America's Waterway Watch Program was much discussed. She had mentioned to several people in that program that the contact phone number listed in their brochure contain actual numbers since many cell phones no longer include letters and the other hand, some people might find it difficult to translate letters to numbers in the event they were witnessing something they felt needed to be reported. **Ms Brown** said that everyone she spoke to had been supportive of the change.

Mr. Mike O'Brien, Port of Oakland: They were finishing up their 2007 supplemental. On September 27 they had held a port security round table with CBP, FBI, USCG, and stakeholders. **Mr. Eric Napralla**, formerly of the Port of Redwood City, had been hired as their new security projects manager.

Ms Sidonie Sansome, Port of San Francisco: Thanked everyone for their support during Fleet Week. They were finishing up their CCTV security project and planning to move on to waterborne all hazards response. **Ms Sansome** thanked everyone that participated in the Small Vessel Security Conference.

Mr. Hank Ryan, MARAD: stated that MARAD vessels are available for port stakeholder training.

Mr. Dan Vigna, CBP: **Mr. Reginald Manning**, the new Port Director for San Francisco, had looked forward to attending the AMSC meeting but was called back to Washington, D.C. San Francisco and Oakland were not yet on the website for their small vessel reporting system and the problem was being worked on. The program is based on the citizenship of the passengers and crew of the vessel rather than its flag. Citizens of the US and Canada, and permanent residents are required to register in person with an representative of CBP.

Ms Kaitlin Ortega, Marine Exchange of the San Francisco Bay Region: There was nothing to report aside from Fiduciary Agent report later in the agenda.

Ms Cynthia Chimonyo, Oakland OES: Their '09 and '10 grant projects are nearly complete. They were having some problems with '08 because items that had been specified were now obsolete and typically replaced by more expensive items.

Mr. Bob Chedsey, California State Lands Commission: **Mr. Don Hermanson** is their new division chief. He was in the process of reviewing existing policies, MOU's, and the like. No big changes were expected.

Mr. Jim Swindler, Golden Gate Ferries: They were looking forward to the western regional meeting of the Passenger Vessel Association to be held in San Francisco the third week in July. They were beginning to work with the Coast Guard and California Maritime Academy on a security exercise with an America's Cup theme.

LT George Wright, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department: Thanked the Marine Exchange for their Port Security Grant workshop. They had just finished a busy quarter with Neptune Coalition activities. Operation Delta Blitz had gone well, there were no fatalities or major collisions. They were proud to have helped out on Fleet Week and it was an enjoyable operation. A meeting of sheriffs departments with

waterside responsibilities scheduled for the fourth week in October to discuss how to find funds to remove derelict vessels.

CDR John Ostrander, California Maritime Academy: Planning for marine fire-fighting curriculum was due to completed soon. They continue to offer a slate of grant funded courses free to first responders. They were moving ahead with their port security grant to secure their waterfront.

Chief Mark Ayers, ChevronTexaco: They continue to make security upgrades. They had attended a useful meeting that included Coast Guard, marine oil terminals, and local agencies to discuss issues of common concern from grant opportunities to copper theft.

CAPT Paul Londynsky, Matson Navigation: Sector San Francisco had been very helpful and expeditious as they brought two ships out of mothballs to replace one in drydock for repairs. They were gearing up for the first renewal of TWICS that are soon due to expire. They were also preparing for revisions to the ENOA that would add country of origin to the required crew information.

CAPT Pete Bonebakker, ConocoPhillips: They continue to maintain vigilance. They had found the firefighting workshop and security training provided by the California Maritime Academy.

Mr. Charles Bills, Hornblower Yachts: Thanked the Marine Exchange for their Port Security Grant workshops.

CAPT Bruce Horton, San Francisco Bar Pilots: Thanked Capt. Stowe for inviting him to attend the meeting and said that the Bar Pilots would be represented in the future.

5. Work Group Reports

a. PRND Subcommittee Report – LT George Wright

There were now five vessels equipped with detection equipment in the Bay Area. Their first exercise in September had gone well. **CAPT. Stowe** thanked them for their great progress.

b. PSGP Equipment Standards Subcommittee – Chief Mark Ayers

They were focusing on three areas: One is maritime domain awareness and interoperability. Two is a surface and sub-surface vessel capability matrix. Three is land-side assets. For the latter two concerns they are also focusing on coordination among the various granting processes. They requested space on the Home Port site to store asset recommendations.

d. Neptune Coalition Brief – LCDR Matt Rudick

Their most recent meeting had been devoted to planning for Fleet Week. Fifteen separate Coast Guard Units had participated alongside twenty-three other agencies. They had recently held a successful vessel-based exercise involving MARAD, Coast Guard, FBI, the Bar Pilots, and the Marine Exchange. Urban Shield had been a successful exercise this year with thirty teams participating from around the region, the country, and from as far away as Jordan and Israel. Delta Blitz operations had been held at three locations during the summer. There were 341 boardings, 139 citations, 11 DUI citations, and one arrest.

6. General Reports

a. MSRAM Update – Mr. Greg Lingle

The MSRAM database for Sector San Francisco identifies 175 local maritime targets, takes 16,500 measurements, and scores them against various types of threats up to worst-case scenarios. Local scoring is based on a nation-wide standard that is regularly updated. Over 200 comments were submitted this year to improve scoring. The results are used to assess economic consequences as well as to create training scenarios. **Mr. Lingle** thanked all who had participated in this year's update. The 2012 survey will begin in January and run through August.

c. FA Report – Mr. Robert Strahan

The 2007 grant period will come to an end in June 2012. All participants were reporting that they expected to complete their projects by then. Eighty million dollars is being spent on 102 projects in the area. The only problems with any of the projects has been a few incidents involving historical buildings. Site visits will begin as projects begin to complete. Of the 2011 projects submitted to FEMA they had sought additional information on ten and had rejected one for lack of maritime orientation. So far, forty grant recipients had attended five workshops sponsored by the Marine Exchange to discuss management, administration, and record keeping. **Mr. Strahan** introduced **Ms Patricia Stroebel** of the marine Exchange, who helps out on the program.

CAPT Stowe thanked the Marine Exchange for its efforts and complimented them on the tremendous job they have been doing.

7. Public Comment

Ms Katherine Hooper, Fleet Week Association, thanked everyone for their help in making this Fleet Week so successful. Information of the economic impact was anecdotal so far, but 1.6 million dollars had been spent on local agents, tugs, and the pilots while many sailors and marine were reporting that all of their drinks were free. On a more serious note there had been senior leadership seminars to discuss humanitarian and disaster response in the first 72 hours after an event while military and local first responders had trained together on search and rescue operations following an earth quake.

8. Old Business

There was none.

9. New Business

a. Port Evacuation Plan Review Work Group – Mr. Paul Martin

Mr. Martin reported that the current plan is six years old and in need of a review and update. **Mr. Mike O'Brien** would chair the work group but a motion was needed to create the group. A motion to create a Port Evacuation Plan Review Work Group was made and seconded. It passed without discussion or dissent. **CAPT Stowe** encouraged active participation from the community for this work group to get everyone on the same page.

10. Next Meeting

Mr. Martin announced that the next meeting was scheduled for 1000 January 10, 2012 at Pier 35. A change of schedule for the annual October meeting would be discussed at that time. The proposal would be to hold the October meeting on the third Tuesday of that month to avoid Fleet Week.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Martin adjourned the meeting at 1118