

Northern California Area Maritime Security Committee  
Meeting (unclassified) minutes  
Pier 35 San Francisco, California  
October 16, 2012

**1. Quorum Call**

Mr. Paul Martin, USCG, called the meeting to order at 10:14  
Mr. Martin confirmed that a quorum was present.

**2. Approval of the minutes – Mr. Martin, USCG**

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting of April 1, 2012 and July 10, 2012. 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**

It has been an extraordinarily busy few months for the ports, the Coast Guard, and for our law enforcement partners. Looking back at America's Cup it was a truly amazing partnership demonstrated on the water as everyone worked together. What was gained carries forward in so many positive ways. Initial port assessment meeting took place last week with some of the San Francisco partners which will give a deliverable product before the 2013 America's Cup races. Spoke with Port of Oakland about some anniversaries coming up with Occupy events. There may be some kind of changing of the name to Decolonize Oakland. Spoke with Marc Ayers who just came off the refinery fire. They spoke about security issues. Chevron believes it was a safety issue not a security issue.

**4. Member Agency/Industry Reports – AMSC Membership**

Mr. Looper, Metro Cruise Service: Cruise season winding down. There is one more day with two ships coming to Pier 35 during America's Cup. Part of the Embarcadero in front of the terminal gets closed down. It is a change that started this year. It has been challenging but went well. Next year we will have 65 calls versus the 66 this year.

Charlie Bills, Hornblower: Made an introduction of Captain Ed Jerebic. He is the Port Captain of Hornblower and drives the San Francisco Belle for the past 10 years. He introduced Marshall Newberry. He is an active duty Lt. Commander in the Coast Guard. As part of an industry training program, he will be with Hornblower for about one year.

Jim Swindler, Golden Gate Ferry: Receive a PSGP to conduct another drill exercise. They've teamed with Cal Maritime and Captain Clark to help put it together. The exercise will take place within the next year and will have something to do with an evacuation to do with America's Cup.

Jack Murphy, APL: nothing to report

Paul Londynsky, Matson: second round of 5 year plan renewals for their vessels. Half of the fleet is due this coming year. He was appointed by Secretary Napolitano for a two year term on the National Maritime Security Advisory Committee.

Pete Bonebakker, Phillips 66: nothing to report

Curtis Shaw, PMA: representing Ed Hughlett on vacation. Ports America and PMA advises the National Maritime Safety Association annual meeting will be hosted in Napa in June 2013. It is a large safety event for the cargo handling industry. It offers an opportunity for all mariners to come in and hear some interesting and current perspectives.

Mark Ayers, Chevron: they are still trying to recover from the fire incident and understand exactly what happened. They believe the cause is high temperature sulphidation which is the attacking of carbon steel under high temperatures when there is sulphur in the product. There was very low silicon content in the carbon steel which is something they don't look for. Chevron alerted the industry that the piping failure that occurred may have been caused by this. They are diligently working to on getting permits to move forward in the next few months. Chevron thanks the shipping company and Coast Guard who have worked with them in changing the way they've moved their products. They are bringing in a lot of crude ships and not a lot of finished product ships. They are thankful that working with the Coast Guard and other agencies they have been able to bring in some finished product. Chevron finally has a signed Memorandum of Agreement between Cal Maritime and Chevron to complete all the work on two different training centers. The law enforcement training center will be located at the shooting range and the hazardous materials and safety marine training center which will be on the backside of Chevron property. The property is about six acres and will be leased to Cal Maritime and they will be the owner operator of the training facility. Sometime in 2014 they should have an operational training center.

Chris Beckwith, CA State Lands: Prevention First Symposium will be next Tuesday and Wednesday in Long Beach. They will be participating in the Richmond inner harbor security exercise that Terry Joslin and Blue Water are coordinating. Wanted to thank the Fleet Week Association and the Coast Guard for putting on an excellent show, it was impressive.

Dave Sullivan, Northern CA Regional Intelligence Center: Thanked Captain Stowe and the rest of the command staff at Sector San Francisco. They were integrated with the Sector command center for the entire Fleet Week and it worked very well.

Patrick Koenecker representing Mike Dayton, Cal EMA: nothing to report

Catharine Hooper, San Francisco Fleet Week Association: Fleet Week is requiring more and more year round planning. The purpose of Fleet Week is to develop relationships and communication among all the entities. Special thanks to the Coast Guard for the 67 plus assets

out on the water that came from all over CA and the State of Washington and the Neptune Coalition. Special kudos to the Coast Guard auxiliary who were out in uniform on the sidewalks by the piers all during Fleet Week so that one of the ports concerns about safety on their property was supported by the auxiliary. There were several small incidents and one including a Canadian seaman who was injured in an attack. Law enforcement responded quickly and handled the incidents well.

Dave Trombino, Lawrence Livermore Laboratory: will talk during the subcommittee reporting

RADM Frank Johnston, State Board of Pilot Commissioners: Thank you to the Coast Guard. There was no disruption of commercial operations. Kudos to Captain Clark at Cal Maritime. The Board of Pilot Commissioners has signed a long term contract with Cal Maritime to supply training to all the Pilots. This will save them from sending their pilots to Baltimore.

Captain Bruce Clark, Cal Maritime: They have a new president at the campus. Rear Admiral Thomas A. Cropper, US Navy retired has been on board as of July and was officially sworn in by Secretary Ray LaHood last week from the DOT. Administrator David Matsuda of MARAD was also in attendance as well as several committee members. 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Cal Maritime Leadership Symposium will be offered in Sacramento on February 20 - 21, 2013. They are currently in the process of setting the program agenda so if anyone has any items of interest they would like to see presented in a panel format for discussion that impacts the State of California specifically the maritime transportation system please feel free to contact Captain Clark. Join with Chief Ayers in communicating the fact that it was a long process but the formal MOA is signed and it will move them forward towards the Maritime Safety and Security Training Center "MSSC". It is the only entity of its type that will exist in the Western part of the U.S. The MSSC is funded largely in part with two port security grants. One that was authorized in fiscal year 2009 with Chevron as the lead and the other was a 2011 grant provided to Cal Maritime. This is a collaborative efforts and high hopes for construction to begin in June 2013 with full capability in place by June 2014. Today is also the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cuban missile crisis.

Steve Baxter, Customs and Border Protection: location change for some staff. About 30% are leaving the maritime location and moving over to Alameda around the end of October.

Hank Ryan, Maritime Administration: Ready reserve ships are offered for exercises and training familiarization to all the organization in the AMSC. In the fiscal year that just ended September 30<sup>th</sup> they had 75 training events through the year. Total number of training days was 208 and number of attendees was nearly 2000. Following the commissioning of Admiral Cropper on Thursday, Friday there was an event at the Suisun Bay reserve fleet where President Cropper and Secretary LaHood were present. They wanted to announce they are ahead of schedule on complying with a consent decree that came of a lawsuit against MARAD in terms of removing the obsolete ships and cleaning up the ships that are left.

Clark Settles, Homeland Security: nothing to report

SA Andrew Myers, FBI: working in conjunction with Lawrence Livermore. First vessel will be coming on line probably in the first quarter of next year so they can assist more in the PRND search processes

Office of the Sheriff, Contra Costa County: It has been a busy summer. They are winding down in the Delta. Military Ocean Command Terminal in Concord will no longer have their police land presence there. Their maritime boat unit will continue to stay there. Governor's reorganization plan merged California Boating and Waterways with the Department of Parks and Recreation. If the governor's tax plan does not pass, CA marine sheriffs may lose 50% of their funding. This would include funding for boating classes and their daily operation.

Scott Maberry: Sacramento County Sheriff: They've just completed class 1 of the NASBLA tactical operator course from Sept 17-21, 2012. They had the opportunity to utilize their new SAFE boat. The second class will be in Oakland next week. Class 3 and 4 will be in spring. They are working on the purchase of radiation detection equipment. The Blue Force tracking was purchased using 2007 PSGP funds. 12 AIS units were purchased. They will be allocated to San Joaquin County, Contra Costa County, Solano County, Yolo County, Marin S.O., Sacramento PD, Oakland PD and San Francisco PD.

Sidonie Sansom, Port of San Francisco: We had an amazing month between Fleet Week and America's Cup, and other events. Thank you Federal, State, Local agencies and auxiliary volunteers.

Mike O'Brien, Port of Oakland: Would like to echo what everyone has said about Fleet Week and America's Cup. A few events coming up are October 25<sup>th</sup>, the one year anniversary of taking down the camp. November 2<sup>nd</sup> is the anniversary of the general strike. RFP published for the joint city domain awareness center on Sunday. A lot of work was involved with Renee Domingo at City of Oakland (OES), Oakland PD and Oakland FD. They completed the conceptual design which included con-ops and security system linkage. On the TWIC extension process, advice is to call the help desk after 3pm. Total process took about a week.

George Lerner, Port of Stockton: Several very large construction projects underway. One is a co-generation plant. They have a gavlion bulk liquid terminal coming in. It is coming along very quickly. They have been working with Coast Guard to make sure they have permits for palm oil.

John Cindery, SF Bar Pilots: Pilots were pleased to assist in the port assessment exercise.

## **5. Work Group Reports:**

- a. Mr. Mike O'Brien, Port Evacuation Workgroup: Port Evacuation Workgroup work is complete. They started and finished with 31 pages. It is now better organized and more comprehensive. There is more clarity on responsibility.

- b. Bruce Clark, PSGP Equipment Standards Subcommittee: speaking among committee members they thought it may make sense to roll the existing subcommittee in the proposed new coordination group. Reason being that there are three primary alignments for UASI where it would match up. Equipment and communication discussions, policy and planning and training and exercise. Captain Clark put himself forward as the chair of the new committee. Mike O'Brien volunteered to be on the committee.

Paul Martin: The chair would then open up the issue of rechartering the current Equipment Standards Subcommittee as the new UASI Coordination Subcommittee.

Discussion: Question was asked if the FA concept is coming back. Is that something we are hoping for?

CAPT Stowe: We don't know at this point in time. Every year is a different situation for the program.

Comment from a committee member was that it would be a great leadership role to help focus and if it is upon all the individual organizations at least there is some place to talk to. Sidonie Sansom commented that the coordination of AMSC and UASI should be kept strategic.

Captain Clark proposed a motion to integrate the Equipment Subcommittee and recharter it as the proposed UASI/ AMSC Coordinating Committee.

Paul Martin: Advised the chair has a motion to recharter the existing Equipment Standards Subcommittee to the UASI coordination committee. It passed without dissent.

- c. Neptune Coalition, LCDR Andy Vanskike- positive resolution on the kidnapping case. Would like to continue to have Coast Guard Presence on NASBLA.
- d. PRND Subcommittee, Mr. Trombino, LLNL. There have been a couple radiation detection training drills involving several agencies including SFPD, Contra Costa County Sheriff, Oakland PD, CHP and Alameda County Sheriff. One was exclusively Neptune Coalition boats off of Yerba Buena Island. The other included FBI, US Coast Guard MSST, Pacific Strike Team, Coast Guard San Francisco, and others. Draft Conops is available for review on their website.

Paul Martin asked if other jurisdictions are as far along putting a RAD detection capability in the field.

Dave Trombino: Los Angeles, Port of LA/Long Beach has the capability. They have some scan off detection capabilities on their boats and a lot of handheld as well. San Diego has pagers and hand held detectors and backpacks. Seattle had a similar pilot program to the San Diego pilot. New York has some capabilities. As far as the standoff detection linked to the network communications we really are leading and that has a lot to do with the Naval Post-graduate School.

## **6. General Reports**

- a. FA report – read by Paul Martin: 2007 Sup PSGP is coming to a close – December 15, 2012. FA worked with FEMA to re-allocate over \$600,000 to regional partners after discovering several projects came in under budget. FEMA extended our grant year to December 15, 2012. 2007 Sup PSGP funded 37 projects in 2007. We are returning only \$40,000 to FEMA out of a total grant of \$6,126,549. 2008 Grant year has been extended to June 30, 2013. 2009 Grant year has been extended to June 30, 2013 and the FA is submitting a request to extend it to June 30, 2014. Grant years 2010 and 2011 are moving forward and are on time.
- b. AMSP Exercise, Paul Martin: AMSP exercise held August 21-26 was used to satisfy. Lessons learned include issues on communications. Best practice briefings were conducted before and after the race day. Race area security zone has to be maintained until the race boats have departed the area.
- c. Richmond Inner Harbor MTSA Exercise: document distributed to the committee, attached to minutes.

**7. Public Comment:** none

**8. Old Business:** none

**9. New Business:**

Mark Ayers, Chevron advised there is a protest planned on October 30<sup>th</sup>, Occupy and Anonymous. Anonymous was quoted as saying they are going to try to hack Chevron.

**10. Next Meeting:** 10:00 AM, JAN 8, 2012, Pier- 35.

**11.** Special Closed Door Session

**12.** Adjournment at 1206.