

Executive Summary 2018/2019

The Harbor Safety Committee continued its collaborative process to engage the maritime community in supporting navigation safety in the Bay, including reviewing the locations of the Bay's Critical Maneuvering Areas to confirm their continued applicability.

Also during 2018-2019:

- The Navigation Work Group initiated a discussion with NOAA on CATZOG and its impact on vessel passage planning in the Bay. Progress has been made between NOAA and USACE to have necessary data acquired in a manner consistent with NOAA's standards. The work group continues to monitor the issue.
- The Prevention through People Work Group chair formed a regional group for marina and harbors managers to discuss common issues such as abandoned watercraft and to receive training on compliance activities.
- The Dredging Issues Work Group monitored the San Francisco to Stockton deepening project and continued to act as a clearinghouse for dredging concerns of the regional maritime community.
- All PORTS IP modems were upgraded to maintain functionality and to improve connection to real-time marine condition reports.

The Committee also received a number of presentations related to a diverse range of topics including:

- An on-water trial of a hydrogen fuel cell powered ferry that is expected to begin transiting Bay Area passengers in October 2019;
- New regulations proposed by the CA Air Resources Board to extend at-berth powering requirements to tankers and Ro-Ro vessels in addition to container and cruise ships already covered. The State Board hearing is scheduled in December 2019;
- An overview of the Central and Northern California Ocean Observing System (CeNCOOS), which measures surface currents, temperature, water quality and waves; and
- A description of a new major league baseball stadium proposed to be developed in a marine terminal at the Port of Oakland.

See Appendix C, Annual Work Group reports, for activities conducted over the previous year.