

Northern California Area Maritime Security Committee  
Meeting (unclassified) Minutes  
Port of Oakland, Exposition Room  
530 Water Street, Oakland CA  
October 18, 2022

- 1. Opening Remarks** - Mr. Paul Martin, USCG: Called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM and welcomed the committee members in attendance. Announced that Capt. Lynn Korwatch is retiring and will be missed.
- 2. Quorum Call** – Mr. Paul Martin: Confirmed the presence of a meeting quorum.
- 3. Approval of the Minutes** – Capt. Lynn Korwatch, Marine Exchange: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2022, AMSC meeting. The minutes were approved without dissent.
- 4. Comments by the Chair** – Capt. Jordan Balduenza, USCG Deputy COTP: San Francisco Fleet Week was held successfully despite heavy fog. Over 40 partner agencies participated to provide safety and security for the SEAR event. New Year’s Eve fireworks will also be a SEAR event with coordinated security. PSGP funding award letters were published on August 24<sup>th</sup> and our region received 3.85 million dollars. CISA and FBI cybersecurity advisories have been issued related to phishing and ICS threats. USCG Cyber Protection Teams are available to provide cybersecurity assessments and assistance to partner organizations. Capt. Lynn Korwatch will be retiring as Executive Director of the San Francisco Marine Exchange at the end of the year and leaving the AMSC. Capt. Korwatch helped form the AMSC and has been a dedicated member since January 2003. As Executive Director of the Marine Exchange, Capt. Korwatch serves as AMSC Secretariat and was the initial PSGP fiduciary agent helping to provide security funding for the region. Her service has been greatly appreciated.
- 5. Member Agency/Industry Reports - AMSC Membership**

Henry Russel, SSA: There have been fewer issues with transients recently and less drone activity reported.

Jessica Feil, City of Oakland: Nothing to report.

Joe Reilly, Port of San Francisco: Fleet Week was held successfully. Agency partnerships are critical as demonstrated by an incident during Fleet Week when Navy vessel line handlers did not have required PFDs. Calls were made and the USCG was able to quickly provide suitable lifejackets.

Dave Chellson, Marin County SO: The RBRA Richardson’s Bay cleanup and boat buyback program is ongoing.

Troy Hosmer, Port of Oakland: Nothing to report.

Bob Butchart, Cal OES: A California Maritime Security Council meeting will be held on November 1<sup>st</sup> and includes a tour of the training vessel Golden Bear. The California State Transportation Agency is concerned with lowering emissions and seaport environmental issues.

Jim Vick, CBP: Nothing to report.

David Trombino, LLNL Retired: Erik Swanberg, LLNL, has joined the Radiological Assistance Program.

Jim Swindler, Golden Gate Ferry: PSGP funding has been awarded for the 2023 Bay Ferry exercise. Planning is underway. The exercise will include an active threat situation aboard a ferry requiring coordinated response from the USCG, law enforcement, and emergency management agencies. An exercise consultant will be hired, and participation is welcome. A USCG VMAP drill will also be held.

Lynn Korwatch, Marine Exchange: Nothing to report.

Paul Martin, USCG: Thanked the Port of Oakland for hosting the AMSC meeting.

Bill Aboudi, Oakland Maritime Support Services: Excess empty containers continue to be a problem as returns are not being accepted. Homeless related issues are a concern.

Gustav Hein, MARAD: There are ongoing weekly supply chain disruption meetings being held which now include the Port of Oakland. MARAD will be attending the Cal Maritime Security Council meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Funding has been approved for maritime infrastructure and port investment.

Nancy Navarro, PBF Energy: Homeless related issues are increasing.

Chris Gallup, Hornblower Cruises: New security plans are being developed and a cybersecurity assessment is being performed.

Rick Salsedo, Port of Stockton: A new law has been passed by the Stockton City Council prohibiting drone flying from port property.

Dave Sullivan, NCRIC: Fleet Week security was successfully provided by collaboration between the USCG, Neptune Coalition, Port of San Francisco, and other agencies.

Darron Epperson, Sacramento County SO: The governor has vetoed SB 1065 which would have created a system to address abandoned and derelict vessels. Work on the issue will continue.

Keith Matthews, San Francisco Police: Thanked Capt. Korwatch for her service. A PSGP funded ROV was recently used in a victim search. Fleet Week went smoothly with 20 agencies assisting with Navy vessel protection. UASI funded training has been approved.

David Connolly, Sailor's Union of the Pacific: Nothing to report.

## **6. Subcommittee Reports:**

- a. PRND Subcommittee – Mr. David Trombino: The PRND Subcommittee charter was distributed. Planning is underway for the Bay Ferry field exercise to be held in March 2023. The exercise will include PRND. Participants and observers are welcome.
- b. CYBER Subcommittee – Mr. Paul Martin: The subcommittee met last month. The latest Cybersecurity Newsletter has been published and is available on the HOMEPORT website. Information is provided on data loss prevention best practices, ICS advisories, and funding opportunities. The CYBER Subcommittee is seeking new members and nominations are welcome. The CYBER subcommittee charter was distributed and will be updated.
- c. Neptune Coalition Brief – LCDR Hernandez, Sector SF: Over 40 agencies participated in Fleet Week security enforcement which included Navy vessel protection, securing the Parade of Ships, and shore patrols. A counter UAS system was deployed which recorded 19 detections. Recreational water safety was a priority

with over 23 boardings and 9 cases prosecuted during Fleet Week. A meeting will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup> with the FBI to plan for a November active shooter tabletop exercise.

- d. Security Breach Report – MST1 Badger, Sector SF: Reviewed the Security Breach/Suspicious Activity Report. Trespassing and transient related issues continue to be reported. Report drone issues to the FAA. New Cybersecurity Annex regulations went into effect on October 1<sup>st</sup> requiring security plans.

**7. General Reports: None**

**8. Public Comment: None**

**9. Old Business: None**

**10. New Business: None**

**11. Closing Remarks from the COTP:** Capt. Baldueza thanked all in attendance and announced that the USCG VTS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at YBI.

**12. Next Meeting:** The next AMSC meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, January 10, 2022. The meeting will be held at the Port of Oakland, Exposition Room, 530 Water Street, Oakland, CA.

**13. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.