

Northern California Area Maritime Security Committee
Meeting (unclassified) Minutes
Port of Oakland, Exposition Room
530 Water Street, Oakland CA
January 10, 2023

- 1. Opening Remarks** - Mr. Paul Martin, USCG: Called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM and welcomed the committee members in attendance. Introduced Scott Humphrey, new Marine Exchange Executive Director and AMSC Secretariat replacing the retiring Capt. Korwatch.
- 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 October 18, 2022, AMSC meeting. The minutes were approved without dissent.
- 4. Comments by the Chair** – Capt. Taylor Lam, USCG COTP: Recent weather conditions have been a challenge. The USCG is engaged with interagency partners on storm response including search and rescue operations. Capt. Korwatch is retiring and will be missed. Jim Swindler, Golden Gate Ferry, is also retiring after many years of service on the AMSC. New AMSC members will be sworn in at the April meeting. New Year’s Eve fireworks was a SEAR event with coordinated multi-agency security and deployment of counter UAS technology. Fourth of July fireworks will also be SEAR rated. A ferry boat active shooter tabletop exercise will be held on January 18th with the FBI and participation is welcome. PSGP funding is available in 2023 and a Notice of Funding Opportunity will be released. Cybersecurity is a federal priority with advisories regularly issued by the USCG, CISA, and FBI.
- 5. Member Agency/Industry Reports - AMSC Membership**

Lynn Korwatch, Marine Exchange: Thanked the AMSC for their support and partnership. Scott Humphrey is taking over as Executive Director of the Marine Exchange and AMSC Secretariat. The next Harbor Safety Committee meeting is on January 12th at the Richmond MSSC.

Todd Piantedosi, FBI: Nothing to report.

Erik Swanberg, LLNL: Nothing to report.

Bob Butchart, Cal OES: There have been unified multi-agency efforts on storm and earthquake response. Nancy Ward has been appointed as the new Cal OES Director.

Samaro Bannister, Cal Maritime: The crew is preparing for sailing of the Golden Bear.

Terence Candell, WETA: Introduced himself as the new AMSC representative for WETA.

Dave Sullivan, NCRIC: Nothing to report.

Darron Epperson, Sacramento County SO: Storm response is ongoing.

Mike Ha, Yolo County SO: Nothing to report.

Troy Hosmer, Port of Oakland: The port is hosting a maritime cybersecurity tabletop exercise on February 22nd as part of the National Cyber Exercise Program. Participation is welcome.

Dominic Moreno, Port of San Francisco: There has been an increase in burglaries and homeless related issues.

Rick Salsedo, Port of Stockton: Nothing to report.

Gregory Bosworth, Chevron: Nothing to report.

Henry Russell, SSA: COAs have been updated impacting maritime facilities. Homeless issues are a concern. PSGP preparation is underway.

Nancy Navarro, PBF Energy: There has been an uptick in security breaches and catalytic converter theft.

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

Kevin Krick, Matson Navigation: NMSAC is meeting in Baton Rouge on January 24-25. Topics to be covered include TWIC related issues, cybersecurity information sharing, and TSA mass shooter prevention.

6. Subcommittee Reports:

- a. PRND Subcommittee – Mr. Erik Swanberg: Nothing to report from David Trombino. Planning is underway for the Bay Ferry field exercise.
- b. CYBER Subcommittee – Mr. Paul Martin: The subcommittee met earlier today. The latest Cybersecurity Newsletter has been published and is available on the HOMEPORT website. Information is provided on cyber-risk management, CISA cybersecurity alerts, and CISA training courses. Participation in the subcommittee is welcome and new IT focused members are appreciated. The next CYBER Subcommittee meeting will be held online on March 28th. The Port of Oakland and CISA will be holding a cybersecurity tabletop exercise on February 22nd simulating an ICS attack. The USCG and FBI will be holding a ferry boat active shooter tabletop exercise on January 18th.
- c. Neptune Coalition Brief – LCDR David Herndon, Sector SF: A counter UAS system was deployed as part of New Year's Eve security. Sixty detections were made with forty-one mitigations. During Fleet Week in October, there were twenty UAS detections with thirteen mitigations. UAS security is a growing concern. The next Neptune Coalition meeting will be held on January 12th. The SailGP sailing race is scheduled for May 6-7 with a planning meeting to be held on January 26th. For more information on the Neptune Coalition contact: david.h.herndon@uscg.mil
- d. Security Breach Report – MST1 Badger, Sector SF: Reviewed the Security Breach/Suspicious Activity Report. There have been less reports than usual. Suspicious photography and video recording incidents were reported. Transient related issues continue to be a concern. Report drone activity to the FAA. Fence line patrols are recommended due to possible flood damage.

7. General Reports: None

8. Public Comment:

- Dave Sullivan advised that land based suspicious activity should be reported to the NCRIC in addition to the USCG.
- On behalf of the Port of San Francisco, Dominic Moreno thanked Capt. Korwatch for her service.

9. Old Business: None

10. New Business: None

- 11. Closing Remarks from the COTP:** Capt. Lam thanked all in attendance. The Marine Transportation System is growing in complexity and faces future challenges including wind farms, automated vessels, cyber-attacks, and public health threats. Increasing AMSC membership is a priority.
- 12. Next Meeting:** The next AMSC meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, April 11, 2023. 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 10:50 AM.