

Northern California Area Maritime Security Committee

2025 1st Quarter Meeting (unclassified) Minutes

Port of Oakland, Exhibit Room

530 Water Street, Oakland CA

January 14, 2025

1. **Welcome** – Mr. Nic Samonte, USCG: Called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM and welcomed the committee members in attendance.
2. **Quorum Call** – Mr. Nic Samonte: Confirmed the presence of a meeting quorum.
3. **Approval of the Minutes** – A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2024, AMSC meeting. The minutes were approved without dissent.
4. **Opening Remarks by the Chair** – Capt. Jordan Baldueza, USCG COTP: The San Francisco New Year's Eve fireworks SEAR2 event was held successfully with coordinated multi-agency security. Upcoming local events include a Sail Grand Prix race in March, SF Fourth of July fireworks, Fleet Week in October, the FIFA World Cup, and the 2026 NFL Super Bowl. Readiness and resiliency are priorities. A regional Tsunami Warning was issued on December 5, 2024, after an offshore earthquake. The SF Harbor Safety Committee is establishing a Work Group to develop best practices for tsunami response. Tsunami plans are needed to minimize confusion and direct appropriate action. The CGS website includes maps indicating local tsunami risk.
 - a. **New Members** – Capt. Baldueza swore in six new members to the AMSC: Capt. Samar Bannister, Cal Maritime; SGT Mike Bushnell, SFPD Marine Unit; Heather Geldart, OSPR Administrator; Peter Gollnick, APL Maritime; Meaghan Horton, Chevron; LT John Kirkham, Contra Costa Sheriff's Office.
5. **Subcommittee Reports:**
 - a. **PRND Subcommittee** – Mr. Nic Samonte advised that PRND CON OPS and SOPs are being updated as part of the AMSP five-year review. PRND training has been moved from San Francisco to Contra Costa.
 - b. **CYBER Subcommittee** – Mr. Fred Ellison, USCG: There was an increased number of cybersecurity incidents reported in 2024. Protecting maritime facilities is a priority. Cyber hygiene is critical to prevent attacks. A recent cyber-attack spread to multiple USCG AORs. Capt. Baldueza advised that USCG Cyber Protection Teams are available to assist with cybersecurity assessments and incident response. PSGP funding can be used to address cybersecurity vulnerabilities. The CYBER Plan is being reviewed and updated as part of the AMSP five-year review.
 - c. **Neptune Coalition Brief** – Sector SF: The San Francisco New Year's Eve fireworks show was a SEAR2 rated event with multi-agency security including bomb sweeps and counter WMD. An estimated 200,000 spectators were in attendance and a temporary flight restriction was put in place with counter UAS. Sixty-seven drones were detected resulting in eight mitigations. Security will be coordinated for the SailGP race in March. A Drone Working Group has been established by the Neptune Coalition and will meet tomorrow. Participants are welcome.
 - d. **Security Breach Report** – Sector SF: Reviewed the Security Breach/Suspicious Activity Report. Nine breaches and two suspicious events were reported in the previous quarter. A facility breach and theft were reported in Crockett on December 2, 2024.

6. General/Member Agency Reports - AMSC Membership

Troy Hosmer, Port of Oakland: The port is focused on readiness and resilience. There are security concerns related to the upcoming presidential inauguration.

Steve Larson, Global Grant Services: Grant funding is being sought in support of Marine Exchange projects.

Bob Butchart, Cal OES: Introduced Travis Lieberman, Cal OES, working on maritime intelligence and security issues. Maritime Domain Awareness continues to be a priority including development of a Common Operating Picture. An award was given to the State of California for MDA efforts. A public safety website similar to HSIN is being developed to share less sensitive information. Cal OES is providing logistical support for firefighting in Southern California.

Henry Russell, SSA: New security requirements are being implemented. There has been a reduction in trespassing and transient related incidents.

Andrea Tenner, San Francisco Dept. of Public Health: Biological threats are being monitored. A Rwandan Marburg virus outbreak is under control. An H5N1 influenza case has been reported in San Francisco. H5N1 is primarily transmitted by cattle and birds. The risk remains low.

MOTCO: Relationship building and information sharing are priorities.

Dominic Moreno, Port of San Francisco: The SF New Year's Eve event was safe and successful. Vehicle attacks on pedestrians are a major concern and mitigation measures were put in place for the event. Upcoming events include the NBA All Stars and Chinese New Year. Tsunami warning response would benefit from increased communication. Potential First Amendment protest activity is being monitored.

Matt Devine, Bay Area UASI: Rad/Nuc detection training is available for agencies. PRND is a regional priority. Security planning is underway for the 2026 Super Bowl and FIFA World Cup.

Edgar Castor, DHS: Advised that he is the Deputy Federal Coordinator for 2026 Super Bowl security.

Mark Mauberret, SF Fire Department: Announced that he will be joining the NCRIC. Report suspicious activity.

Dave Sullivan, NCRIC: Announced that he will be retiring from the NCRIC. Aircraft can be used for tsunami monitoring.

Bill Aboudi, Oakland Maritime Support Services: Cybersecurity is a concern for the eModal trucking system which is currently offline. Outages of the eModal system reduce port efficiency. Graffiti at the Port of Oakland should be removed.

Chris Hicks, Marine Exchange: USCG Cyber Protection Teams assessed Marine Exchange systems to identify cybersecurity vulnerabilities.

Scott Humphrey, Marine Exchange: The Marine Exchange is conducting an IALA Maritime Risk Assessment of the SF Bay region. An in-person PAWSA will be held on April 14-16, 2025. Participation is welcome. A Marine Exchange communications backup trailer has been acquired.

Brandon Chapman, Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District: PRND equipment is in use. Presidential inauguration protests are expected. A security breach occurred at the GGB North Tower. Ferries will not stop service if a Tsunami Warning is issued. A maritime security exercise is being planned.

Kevin Krick, Matson Navigation: The National Tsunami Warning Center is responsible for issuing Tsunami Warnings. Matson is able to push emergency information to crews using an internal communications system. A cybersecurity meeting was hosted yesterday. The next NMSAC meeting will be held on March 24-26, 2025.

Samar Bannister, Cal Maritime: Transient issues are a concern. A card reading system has been installed to increase training ship security.

Mike Bushnell, SFPD: Event security planning is a priority. The SFPD dive team is adding new members.

Heather Geldart, OSPR Administrator: There are oil spill concerns related to tsunamis.

Peter Gollnick, APL Maritime: Nothing to report.

Meaghan Horton, Chevron: Chief Gregory Bosworth has retired.

John Kirkham, Contra Costa Sheriff's Office: Contra Costa will be participating in the Drone Working Group.

Amir Sharifi, OSPR: OSPR is the coordinator for state oil spill response and restoration efforts. OSPR works closely with the USCG and local partners. Capt. Baldueza advised that the sunken vessel Aroua was removed from Little Potato Slough due to pollution risk.

Samuel Flores, Sacramento Sheriff's Office: Dive training will be hosted on June 10-20, 2025.

Cody Moxley, Alameda Fire Department: A water rescue team is available to assist other agencies.

Christy Coats, Port of Redwood City: Nothing to report.

Daryl Jackson, Chevron: Nothing to report.

Todd Piantedosi, FBI: Increased security will be provided for an upcoming healthcare conference. Planning for the Super Bowl is underway.

Rom Matthews, USCG: MTS recovery is a priority. A task force has been established to develop a Marine Firefighting Plan.

Jessica Feil, City of Oakland: There is a focus on community resilience and prepared response. A Tsunami Maritime Playbook is available and outlines tsunami mitigation measures. The December Tsunami Warning was a wireless alert sent to all coastal counties and not specifically targeted at the Bay Area where the tsunami risk was low. Tsunami alerts are also issued by local agencies. Oakland resources are deployed to Southern California to assist with firefighting. Three Oakland fire stations are closed until June. NBA All Star events are planned.

Cameron Bochman, WETA: A Ferry Building security incident was reported on December 27, 2024, involving an intoxicated person. Best practices for ferry tsunami response are being developed with Cal OES.

Simon Kiefer, Evergreen Shipping: Nothing to report.

7. Old Business:

- a. **Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) Update:** Nic Samonte advised AMSC members to submit completed NDAs. NDAs are required to maintain privacy and confidentiality during Executive Sessions.
- b. **Area Maritime Security Plan (AMSP) Update Working Group:** Nic Samonte advised that the five-year update of the AMSP is underway.
- c. **PRND Working Group:** Nic Samonte advised that the five-year PRND review is underway. PRND CON-OPS and SOPs are being updated.

8. New Business:

- Nic Samonte announced that the USCG Drone Working Group will be meeting tomorrow.

9. Public Comment:

- Dave Sullivan advised of HAZMAT issues with lithium EV batteries resulting from wildfires. An EV Battery Disposal Plan is being developed.

10. Closing Remarks by the Chair: Capt. Baldueza highlighted the dynamic partnerships within the maritime community. Training opportunities are available. Communication is critical and local information will be shared via the AMSC and HSC distribution lists.

11. Next Meeting: The next AMSC meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, April 8, 2025. The meeting location will be the Port of Oakland Exposition Room, 530 Water Street, Oakland, CA.

12. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.