

**Northern California Area Maritime Security Committee**  
**2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Meeting (unclassified) Minutes**  
Port of Oakland, Exhibit Room  
530 Water Street, Oakland CA  
April 8, 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 January 14, 2025, AMSC meeting. The minutes were approved without dissent.
4. **Opening Remarks by the Chair** – Capt. Jordan Baldueza, USCG COTP: The March Sail Grand Prix race was held safely and securely. Security was in place for planned protests on April 5<sup>th</sup>. The new Drone Working Group met to enhance collaboration on UAS issues. Upcoming regional events include the San Francisco Fourth of July fireworks show, Fleet Week in October, the FIFA World Cup, and the 2026 NFL Super Bowl. The barque training vessel USCG Cutter Eagle will be visiting the region in June and tours will be available. The Marine Exchange is conducting a Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment (PAWSA) workshop next week with USCG participation. There is an increased enforcement focus on the southern border and maritime approaches. USCG servicemembers have been receiving suspicious solicitations from drug cartels.
  - a. **New Members** – Capt. Baldueza swore in three new members to the AMSC: Michael Giffin, CBP; Sean Moppin, CPB; Meredith Albert, City of Santa Cruz.
  - b. **Re-Appoint/Swear-In Previous Members** – Capt. Baldueza swore in ten continuing AMSC members.
5. **Subcommittee Reports:**
  - a. **PRND Subcommittee** – Mr. David Trombino, LLNL Retired: PRND CON OPS and SOPs have been updated and are being finalized. The PRND update is part of the AMSP five-year review.
  - b. **CYBER Subcommittee** – Mr. Fred Ellison, USCG: Preventing cyber-attacks is a priority. Be wary of email addresses that do not match the sender's company. Increased phone security is recommended. New USCG cybersecurity regulations will go into effect on July 16<sup>th</sup>. The new regulations will require NRC reporting of cyber incidents. Guidance is being developed. Cybersecurity training will also be mandated. Capt. Baldueza advised that USCG Cyber Protection Teams are available to assist with cybersecurity assessments and incident response.
  - c. **Neptune Coalition Brief** – Sector SF: The Sail Grand Prix race was held in March with coordinated security. Seven exclusion zone incursions were reported during the event. The next Neptune Coalition meeting will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. **Security Breach Report** – Sector SF: Reviewed the Security Breach/Suspicious Activity Report. A suspicious UAS drone incident was reported. A drone flew over regulated oil facilities and posted photographs online. An unauthorized person was caught entering a regulated facility and trespassing incidents were also reported.

## 6. General/Member Agency Reports - AMSC Membership

Mike Giffin, CBP: Introduced himself to the committee as the San Francisco Acting Assistant Director of Border Security.

Sean Moppin, CBP: Introduced himself to the committee as the San Francisco Border Security Coordinator. Maritime security is a priority.

Meredith Albert, City of Santa Cruz: Introduced herself to the committee. Thanked the USCG and partners for response to the recent Santa Cruz pier collapse. The Naval Post Graduate School is working on counter drone regulatory issues and a report can be provided.

Jessica Feil, City of Oakland: The Oakland Fire Department is expecting a new fire boat to be delivered soon.

Port of Stockton Police: An agency police dog recently passed away. The K9 was the first to be acquired in the county with PSGP funding. A new K9 will be brought in to expand the program.

Marcus Feeling, Marine Exchange: Nothing to report.

Mike Bushnell, SFPD Marine Unit: Security for San Francisco Giants games is a priority. The Alcatraz swim season is approaching. Copper theft activity has increased at shipyards along the southern waterfront. A vessel involved in the theft capsized on March 12<sup>th</sup> with one individual drowning and another unaccounted for.

Meaghan Horton, Chevron: Drone images of the Chevron refinery were found online, and the incident was reported.

Brandon Chapman, Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District: A security breach occurred on March 24<sup>th</sup> and charges will be pressed against the perpetrator. Ferry service is provided for Giants games with enhanced security. NPS Public Safety Day is tomorrow, April 9, 2025. Ferry fire training will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Larkspur Ferry. Golden Gate is hosting the next California Maritime Security Council meeting in September.

Todd Piantedosi, FBI: Security planning for the FIFA World Cup and 2026 Super Bowl are ongoing. The Drone Working Group will meet on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to consider counter UAS issues. The first meeting focused on agency drone programs. Drone interdiction is extremely complicated. The Drone Working Group is under the Neptune Coalition and participation is welcome.

Nancy Navarro, PBF Energy: Trespassing and transient related incidents have been reported.

Bob Butchart, Cal OES: Travis Lieberman, Cal OES, is a primary contact for intelligence sharing. Maritime Domain Awareness continues to be a priority including development of a Common Operating Picture.

David Trombino, LLNL Retired: Nothing to report.

Troy Hosmer, Port of Oakland: Nothing to report.

Matt Devine, Bay Area UASI: Active shooter training was held in March. Rad/Nuc detection training was also conducted. Participation in the BayEx exercise is planned. Security planning is underway for the FIFA World Cup.

Bill Aboudi, Oakland Maritime Support Services: Recent security incidents including assault and trespassing are a concern.

Gus Hein, MARAD: A new Administrator has been nominated. Guidance will be provided for Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grants.

Peter Gollnick, APL Maritime: Nothing to report.

Dominic Moreno, Port of San Francisco: The SailGP event was held successfully in March, and Fourth of July event planning is underway. Splash Industries is testing autonomous search vessel drones in the bay. No complaints have been reported.

Amir Sharifi, OSPR Assistant Deputy Administrator: Field operations and prevention are agency priorities.

Heather Geldart, OSPR Administrator: Nothing to report.

Chris Gallup, Hornblower: A June 2025 tabletop exercise will be hosted in partnership with the USCG and OSPR focused on maritime fire response. Participation is welcome.

John Kirkham, Contra Costa Sheriff's Office: Annual training has been completed. The switch to summer hours will be made next month with increased patrolling.

Erik Swanberg, LLNL: Nothing to report.

Scott Humphrey, Marine Exchange: The April Harbor Safety Committee (HSC) meeting is this Thursday at the Richmond MSSC. The IALA Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment (PAWSA) workshop will be held on April 15-17 at the Port of Oakland. The MTC funded PAWSA will consider regional maritime risk based on AIS data analysis. Continued maritime orientation training is being planned to provide an introduction to the San Francisco Bay region. AMSC meeting minutes, agenda, and important documents are posted to the Marine Exchange website: [www.sfmex.org/bay-area-committees/amsc/](http://www.sfmex.org/bay-area-committees/amsc/). The Working Waterfront Coalition is focused on maritime workforce development and a ceremony will be held this Friday for graduating students. Cal Maritime student interns are recommended.

Andrea Tenner, San Francisco Dept. of Public Health: Disease outbreak threats are being monitored including H5N1 influenza and measles. Risk remains low but there are information challenges.

MOTCO: Nothing to report.

Don Hester, CISA: Introduced himself to the committee.

## 7. Old Business:

- Nic Samonte advised AMSC members that NDAs are required to maintain privacy and confidentiality. AMSC membership is being updated.
- a. **Area Maritime Security Plan (AMSP) Update Working Group:** Nic Samonte advised that the five-year update of the AMSP is being reviewed and should be complete soon.
- b. **PRND Working Group:** Nic Samonte advised that the five-year PRND review is being finalized. PRND CONOPS and SOPs have been updated.
- c. **Cybersecurity Risk Plan:** Fred Ellison is leading efforts to update the Cybersecurity Risk Plan.
- d. **Annual AMSC Report Summary (CY 2024):** Nic Samonte advised that the Annual AMSC Report Summary for 2024 has been submitted.

**8. New Business:**

- Nic Samonte announced that the USCG Homeport website is being decommissioned on April 12<sup>th</sup>. A replacement is being developed but is not available yet. Information will be provided. Rom Matthews, USCG, advised that a third party can host non-classified material and documents. Scott Humphrey advised that the Marine Exchange website can host USCG plans and documents as needed.
- Fred Ellison advised that the suspicious drone footage posted of Chevron was detailed and focused on sensitive technology which adds to the concern. Report drone incidents to the FBI.
- Nic Samonte advised that the annual AMSTEP exercise is being planned. A tabletop exercise will be held this year on August 20, 2025. The exercise will test the AMSP, and more information will be provided. Participation is welcome.
- Travis Lieberman, Port of Oakland, advised that a public meeting will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> regarding the development of the new state Maritime Security Strategy.
- Scott Humphrey advised that the HSC Tsunami Ready Maritime Work Group has been established to develop non-regulatory best practices for tsunami alert response in the bay. Participation is welcome.
- Nic Samonte advised that PSGP details have not been released by FEMA yet. The program is expected to be announced soon. It is recommended that applicants start preparing 2025 grant packages now. The USCG will conduct the PSGP field review.

**9. Public Comments:** None

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

**11. Closing Remarks by the Chair:** Capt. Baldueza advised that enhancing readiness and resiliency are priorities. The new Drone Working Group was established to increase collaboration with industry partners. Ports are interconnected and communication is critical.

**12. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:21 AM.