

**SAN DIEGO HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Full Committee Meeting Minutes**

DATE: January 26, 2011  
TIME: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM  
PLACE: **Port District of San Diego**  
**Administration Building**  
3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101  
**First Floor Training Room**

I. Introductions

Voting Members: Capt. Rich Goblen, Ms. Jessica Drewnowski, Mr. Marc Schouwe, Sterling Stires, Esq., Mr. Harvey Vallier, Ms. Robin Blanchfield, Mr. Paul Borde, Capt. Ken Guyer, Capt. Debra Marks.

Non-Voting Members: Mr. Paul Patricio, Mr. Dan Kenley, Mr. Brian Weisman, Capt. Josh Garlord, CMDR. Michael Dolan, CMDR. Michael Tapp, LT. Twito, Mr. Jack Prescott, Ms. Dinah Kilcoyne, Ms. Taree Hines.

II. Minute Review: November 17, 2010

Motion Approved.

III. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents: Nothing to Report.

IV. USCG, San Diego Sector:

Dolan: Captain of the Port, Captain Ferris will retire this year and I will be re-assigned to Alameda in a few months.

We had the parade of lights since our last meeting. The first night went well, despite a couple of ship movements during the parade. A NOAA vessel, a tank ship from NASSCO and a Scripps vessel moved right through the parade. The second night was cancelled due to bad weather. Contrary to rumors, the Coast Guard did NOT cancel the second parade, the Sponsor made the decision. Goblen: We did go out on the second night that was cancelled, and all we could do was make as many announcements as possible to let the people that the parade had been cancelled. But there were still boats out, even though it wasn't an organized parade.

Blanchfield: I would like clarification for the record, I understand from this discussion that the HSC has just raised the question of whether we should add discussion of standards/best management practices (BMPs) for safe operation of vessels under adverse weather conditions into the next Update of the Harbor Safety Plan. Prescott: Yes, we discussed BMPs under Adverse

Weather conditions at the Statewide HSC Summit. The OSPR Administrator would like the HSCs to add BMPs for vessel safety under a Adverse Weather Section to the HSPs for consistency the San Francisco language could be used as boiler plate with the Navigation working group. Blanchfield: The San Francisco and LA/LB Harbor Safety Plans have sections for Safe Operating Standards under Adverse Weather Conditions standards, which this HSC can use as templates for the proposed SD HSP section. Wheaton: NOAA helped SF with information for their MPs/standards for vessel safety under Adverse Weather Conditions. We can expand on the SF model for SD, and we can work with the Weather Service.

Dolan: The Splendor departed smoothly. Goben: How much higher was she than the bridge. Drewnowski: 215 feet. Blanchfield: I read recently that Carnival was pulling out of San Diego. Dolan: It's already happened.

Drewnowski: Holland America is our biggest customer now. We're down to 61 cruise ships for next year.

Dolan: As of February 10<sup>th</sup>, I'm deleting the regulation for the safety/security zone around the USS MIDWAY pier. I plan to leave San Diego with fewer regulations than when I got here.

Dolan: On February 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting the Centennial of Naval Aviation. This will be a massive party with displays of generational aircraft. If you have any operational concerns, please give me a call.

Tapp: As you know, we've been trying to LED as many Aids to Navigation as we can. We have the ranges, Shelter Island "S", and now we're at the big principal ones. The Coast Guard is looking to put in LED range lights and lighthouses. It reduces the normal range because LEDs are brighter when you see them, however they don't carry the light as well. Right now it's at 22 nautical miles, and it will be reduced to 14 miles. Blanchfield: I know the USCG has converted some Aids to Navigation to LED lights along the northern California coast. Have you got any feedback from the maritime community about any problems with the new LED lights? Tapp: They have received nothing. It's almost surprising. Blanchfield: Did you put notice out to local mariners? Tapp: We put out flyers and it was in the LOG too. Marks: This is preparation for our Navigation and Safety Federal Advisory Council in D.C. One of the issues that was put before us, was at a Federal level, they would like to eliminate as many as possible physical aids to navigation. Starting with "Why do we need lighthouses and buoys?". They were very forceful it. We spent three days arguing why we need buoys. Blanchfield: Do you think the buoys are more important to the recreational boaters than to the commercial maritime vessels? Marks: Our council for commercial mariners wanted the actual buoys there also. People still want to verify it by looking out

the window.

- V. NOAA - Mr. Gerry Wheaton: First item is, Coast Pilot 7 has just been released for 2011, the 43<sup>rd</sup> edition is available for those who are interested. If you need to look at the Coast Pilot on the web, it's free. You can also download it, though I don't recommend it as it's a huge file. The website is: [www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownload.htm](http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownload.htm). All the Coast Pilots are on there also along with their critical corrections. Second, we now have a new Assistant Administrator for the National Ocean Service. His name is Dave Kennedy and he was the Acting Administrator and he was also at the Gulf Oil Spill representing NOAA.
- VI. OSPR Update - Mr. Jack Prescott: Scott Shafer is now our Acting Administrator and he'd like to be here within the next two meetings, but he hasn't confirmed. He will be coming up with some proposals. One of the things we addressed last year, was the Harbor Safety Committees were to be looking at any weather plans as mentioned in our earlier discussion. If anyone can convince the Pilots to activate a second member to augment Capt Ryan, it would be appreciated. We're down to 4 Pilots now, but we need a representative present for the meetings. Please be aware we need to confirm alternates so we can reach quorums if you have someone that you recommend let me know & I will provide them with an application. There will be updates on the Plan and posted on the Port's website. Your contact information will be included, so be sure you are listed correctly. We're going to have a National Response Exercise/Drill in north county. It will be May 10-12, 2011. This will be our big Area Drill. If anyone wishes to go, you will need a sponsor contact me.
- VII. Review/Update Annual Plan – Mr. Jack Prescott: If anyone has something to add to the Plan, please let me know. We will be updating our plan more regularly and web postings will be more timely.
- VIII. Sub-Committee Reports –
- A. Education – Ms. Jessica Drewnowski:  
Nothing to Report
  - B. Navigational Safety and Pilotage – Capt. Bill Bartsch:  
Nothing to Report
- IX. Public Comment: None

X. Staff and Liaison Announcements: None

XI. Next Meeting

March 23, 2011

XII. Adjourn