

SAN DIEGO HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE
DRAFT - Full Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 28, 2011
TIME: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
PLACE: **Port District of San Diego**
Administration Building
3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101
First Floor Admin Training Room

- I. Introductions: Voting Members: Robin Blanchfield, Capt. Debra Marks, Bruce Cummings, Capt. Ken Guyer, Capt Rich Goben, Gary White, Ilias Katsanis, Jim Peugh, , Capt. Paul Borde`
Non-Voting Members: Gerry Wheaton, Brian Weisman, BM1 Michael Tapp, Tanya Honeycutt, Jack Prescott, Dinah Kilcoyne
- II. Minute Review: May 25, 2011 – Minor changes, motioned by: Robin Blanchfield and second by Capt. Ken Guyer, abstained by Jim Peugh. July 27, 2011 – Looks good, motioned by Paul Borde`, second by Bruce Cummings, abstained by Jim Peugh.
- III. Presentation from Jeff Brown of the America's Cup World Series: San Diego Sea is a Non Profit group that brings in events into San Diego. There is a 350 ft Ship that holds containers, boats and sail boats for the America's Cup World Series that travels all over the world. The event will be televised live. Public can watch from the shore, November 11 – 20th. 8-15,000 people will view this event in designated viewing areas 1pm – 8pm. Boats are 45ft. Catamarans. (Please see attached chart)
- IV. Presentation to Capt. Richard Goben, Recognizing Assistance with Harbor Police Maritime Fire Training – by Chief John Bolduc
- V. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents: Gary White: a body was found in Mission Bay, SD Life Guards reported that a swimmer went missing the day before, no information given if the two incidents relate to each other. Recreation Lobster Fishing officially started September 30th. Capt. Goben: Fire on Hornblower Vessel, the Emerald. The vessel made it back to the dock and was able to get passengers and crew off safely. It was a generator and electrical failure. Harbor Police were called as well as USCG and safely put out the fire.
- VI. USCG, San Diego Sector: BM1 Tapp: Established Shelter Island buoys 2 unlit with mixed results. They need to determine light characteristics. Was reported as a person in distress. USCG is working with Harbor Police and others to establish a center line and correct. The Navy contacted the USCG on very short notice that they were going to do a dive on a submerged barge in the middle of the channel. The Navy has determined that they will try and bring the barge up over time. Between buoys 8 and 10 and may have been there since WWII. The big power outage didn't have too much effect on the bay, only Tom Hams light was out.
- VII. NOAA – Mr. Gerry Wheaton: Two items to bring up – 1. Naval Ocean Graphic Command contacted NOAA with concern about sounding and how old they are on the chart. Last HSC meeting Wheaton asked if there were any major changes. Consensus is that it's pretty consistent 2. NOAA Fisheries attended the meeting to discuss Ship strikes on Marine Mammals. They are very aware of this issue and are trying to increase their database. Please contact 1-877-SOS-WHAL or NOAA.GOV if you know of any incidents. They are trying to coordinate responses throughout the region. Right now blue whales are out in force, so please keep an eye out for them.
- VIII. OSPR Update – Jack Prescott: HSC needs to fill some positions. Currently we need a Labor Organization Rep and a few others will be opening. If these positions do not get filled they could be subject to removal and that could affect our quorum. If you know of anyone please have them contact Mr. Prescott.

- IX. Review/Update Annual Plan – Jack Prescott: Working group is meeting and working on Best Practices as well as Heavy Weather.
- X. Sub-Committee Reports – A. Education – Bruce Cummings (nothing to report) B. Navigational Safety and Pilotage – Capt. Bill Bartsch (not in attendance - nothing to report)
- XI. Public Comment: Debra Marks: is the Chair for the Federal Navigational Safety Advisory Council in DC and they are having their next meeting here in San Diego at the Catamaran Hotel in Mission Bay on November 1st and 2nd, the goal of the meeting is to apply a new rule to a unmanned autonomous vessel. Robin Blachfield: asked if there will be presentation on Tsunami Warnings for the bay.
- XII. Staff and liaison Announcements:
- XIII. Next Meeting: November 16, 2011
- XIV. Adjourn