SAN DIEGO HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE
Full Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: November 16, 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 Boardroom

I. Introductions: Voting Members: Capt. Debra Marks, Bruce Cummings, Capt. Rich Goben, Gary White, Capt. Ilias Katsanis, Marc Schouwe, Sterling Stires, Steve Frailey, Vanessa Metz, Capt. Ken Guyer
Non-Voting Members: Brian Weisman, Jack Prescott, Dinah Kilcoyne, Gerry Wheaton, Josh Gaylord, Mike Palmer, Dan Kenley, LCDR. Michael Leon Guerrero, Capt. Lyle Donovan, Shay Lawry

II. Minute Review: September 28, 2011 – Approved with minor changes.

III. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents: Cruise ship Oosterdaam blocked by small unidentified vessel on a Saturday. CS honked over 20 times at vessel which didn't clear the way attracted attention at marina. South Bay channel markers need attention; green markers have faded to white and some are down and missing. The first green marker on the left side, #7 needs to be repaired; it needs to be determined if these are maintained by the Coast Guard.

IV. USCG, San Diego Sector: America's Cup taking place no incidents to date. Safety zone allows escorted vessels to pass during the Cup between heats. It is suggested that the moving safety zone is more confusing to boaters than a firm no entry zone. The conditional allowance of some boats vs. others makes the rule unclear. Complaints have been made about the White Star yacht blocking the view of races for observers. Port of San Francisco is interested in learning about the Port of San Diego's experiences and lessons learned with America's Cup. The Ports will be meeting to discuss this.

V. NOAA: Gerry Wheaton: Humboldt Bay Harbor Safety Committee has received funding to purchase and O&M funding to support a new Physical Oceanography Real Time Systems (PORTS). This will be the third California HSC to have access to the PORTS in California which reports real time winds, tides, and currents.

VI. OSPR Update – Jack Prescott: HSC needs to fill some positions. Currently we need two labor organization representatives. 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. NOAA has been requested to have the Non-Tank Vessel requirements for both the Federal 400 gross Ton & the California 300 gross Ton added to the next up date. Capt. Goben referred the issue to the Navigation work group to draft a letter in support of the Non-Tank Vessel up date if they were in agreement.

VII. Review/Update Annual Plan –
Action item – Navigation work group to make their recommendation to the full committee on the letter regarding the Non-Tank Vessel update in the Coast Pilot to be voted on at January's meeting
Discuss HSC Summit in Northern California

VIII. Sub-Committee Reports –
A. Education – Bruce Cummings (nothing to report)
B. Navigational Safety and Pilotage – Capt. Bill Bartsch (nothing to report)

IX. Public Comment: Debra Marks –reported on the last Navigation and Safety Federal Advisory Council meeting, and mentioned that the USCG is considering eliminating sound signals as part of the ATON mix. Citing as an example that Alaska, Florida, and Ireland have no sound signaling ATONS.

X. Staff and liaison Announcements: IMO full speed ahead

XI. Next Meeting: January 25, 2012 (Boardroom)

XII. Adjourn