



# Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee

## Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Meeting Minutes

1415-1530hrs  
Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Venue: Port of Vancouver

### Officers

**Chair:** Cale Karrick

**Vice-Chair:** Sean Clark

**Secretary:** Susan Johnson

**Administrator:** Bekah Canfield, Merchants Exchange

### In Attendance:

Bekah Canfield, Merchants Exchange	Cale Karrick, <b>Chair</b> , Transmarine Navigation
Sean Clark, <b>Vice Chair</b> , Port of St. Helens	Susan Johnson, <b>Secretary</b> , Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots
Scott Brewer, Oregon Maritime Board	Carl Obermeier, BP Shipping
Jon Gornick, US Army Corps of Engineers	Hannah Zaayer, CRSOA
Kate Mickelson, CRSOA	Heather Sievers, Millennium Bulk
Josh Nichols, Tidewater Transportation	David Konz, Tidewater Transportation
Scott Ferguson, Washington DOE	Jim Morris, Witt O'Brien's
Robin Wright, Merchants Exchange	Paul Hendriks, Foss Maritime
Bo McCall, Foss Maritime	Capt. Tom Griffiths, USCG
Hans Meere, EGT, LLC	Christian Jones, Port of Portland
Lars Uglum, Port of Vancouver	Mike Zollitsch, Oregon DEQ
Kirk Bonnin, Olympic Tug and Barge	Liz Wainwright, Merchants Exchange

#### **1. Meeting Called to Order, Chair: Cale Karrick**

Cale called the meeting to order at 1415 and introductions of all attendees, guests and speakers were conducted. A safety briefing was conducted and all were welcomed to the meeting.

#### **2. Review of Minutes from March 8, 2017**

March meeting minutes were distributed via email or via download from the website.

#### **3. Managing Board Update—Cale Karrick**

General Membership attendees were briefed on the current business before the Managing Board as it pertains to the issue of Incorporation and the updates to the Towed Barge Guidelines in the Harbor Safety Plan.

*Towed Barge Guidelines:* clarity was requested on the updates to the Standards of Care. Changes will be made and submitted to the Managing Board for further review via email.

*Incorporation:* The Managing Board heard compelling information regarding the proposed incorporation, more information has been requested by the Managing Board. The provisional vote that was held today passed but in the interest of unity, an additional email vote will be held in the following weeks. The Officers will report the results at the July meeting.

#### **4. Financial Report—**

a. **2017 Contribution Cycle—Cale Karrick**

Cale gave a brief overview of the importance of the voluntary contributions and what they have accomplished this year. 2017 invoicing has gone out. The goal for participation continues to be 80%. Last year was 56% participation. Cale will be following up with those who have not contributed.

**2017 Financial Report: Liz Wainwright, Merchants Exchange**

Liz gave a brief overview of the financial standing of the Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee and went over the Statement of Activities with the membership.

**5. Working Committee Reports: Committee Representatives**

a. **Standing Committee Reports:**

1. Anchorages –Anchorages continue to be busy; extra Panamax size spot open in South anchorages.
2. Harbor Safety Plan – Kate Mickelson
  - a. Currently working with Dan Jordan/Columbia River Bar Pilots to assess the changes to the Anchorages Guidelines. Will report more in July.
3. Make-Way – USCG/Pilots: Update will be held at the Astoria meeting. Working with local officials regarding upcoming events like the Waterfront Blues Festival.
4. Navigation – River traffic continues with high water moving faster; shoaling heavy this year.
5. Extreme Water—Jon Gornick: Dredging operations will be available this summer with a heavy shoaling year expected. No current forecast for low water. The Port of Vancouver is doing a survey in May and maintenance dredging during October-December 2017 (Lars Uglum)

**6. CRVTS Update, Washington Department of Ecology**

A draft was released March 2017. Comments have been received on the draft. These are recommendations that are not leading to legislation. Currently working on incorporating comments into the report with contracts. Another meeting will be held in June when the draft has been revised. Washington DOE is coordinating with Capt. Gill to coordinate that meeting.

**7. Presentation: VIGOR Industrial, Melissa Wirthlin**

Melissa Wirthlin gave a presentation about the work Vigor is doing in the nine locations they have across the NW United States, with principal operations in Portland, OR.

**8. New Business/Good of the Order**

Nothing further to report.

**2017 Meeting Schedule:** (Managing Board: 1330-1400, General Membership: 1415-1530hrs)

<b>July 12, 2017:</b> Columbia River Maritime Museum—Astoria ** Meeting has been moved to 1000hrs; No Managing Board**
<b>September 13, 2017:</b> Millennium Bulk, Longview, WA
<b>November 8, 2017:</b> Portland Spirit, Portland, OR