



Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Board Meeting

**1000 - 1200
Wednesday, September 11, 2013**

**Venue: Port of Vancouver
3103 NW Lower River Rd.
Vancouver, Washington**

Managing Board Members Present					
Name of Member	Agency/ Industry/ Organization	Sector	Name of Member	Agency/ Industry/ Organization	Sector
Robin Wright	Merchants Exchange	Associations	Eric Burnette	Port of Portland	Ports
Anne McIntyre	Columbia River Pilots	Pilots	Susan Johnson	OR Board of Maritime Pilots	State Agencies
Dan Jordan	Columbia River Bar Pilots	Pilots	Mike Zollitsch	Oregon DEQ	State Agencies
Dennis Corwin	Portland Spirit	Vessel Operators	Duffy Daniels	Wilhelmsen Ship Svc.	Shipping Agents
Roman Geigle	NWFF Environmental	Port & Vessel Services	Mike Titone	CRSOA	Associations
Fred Harding	Shaver Transportation	Vessel Operators	Lars Uglum	Port of Vancouver	Ports
Ray DeBuhr	Columbia River Yachting Assn.	Associations			
Guests in Attendance					
Name	Organization	Name	Organization		
Tony Sellers	USCG	Pete Bonebakka	Phillips 66		
Sean Clark	Port of Kalama	Matt Rea	Corps of Engineers		
Kim Ogren	Corps of Engineers				

A quorum was present for the meeting.

Call to Order

Chair: Roman Geigle
 Vice-Chair: Jim Townley
 Secretary: Susan Johnson

Introductions



Review of Minutes

Minutes for the July 10, 2013 meeting were approved by the managing board.

Old Business

2013 Harbor Safety Plan Electronic Charts Guidelines were approved by the managing board. A paragraph was added defining the use of electronic chart use on approved ECDIS systems in the Harbor Safety Plan, which models USCG language.

Committee Reports

- **Anchorage**

Eric Burnette advised that he was behind on preparing a draft letter to PNWA to officially start the planning process for more stern buoys.

- **Bridges**

There is nothing new to report.

- **Extreme Water**

There is nothing new to report.

- **Harbor Safety Plan**

The revised electronic charts guidance will be posted to the 2013 version on the website.

- **Upriver Ports and Navigation**

The managing board voted to stand down this committee because there are no active issues at this time.

- **Make Way**

A new issue was raised regarding hog-lines in the St. Helens area that were preventing the Army Corps from completing surveys. The Coast Guard will not intervene because they are not violating navigation rules. The Corps won't publish incomplete surveys, creating a safety issue for especially now during low water.

- **Navigation**

There was nothing new to report beyond the approval of the revised electronic chart guidelines.

- **Outreach**

There was nothing new to report. Roman Geigle made a request to the general membership for involvement on the managing board, particularly for unrepresented stakeholders. It was noted that Vigor is coming in with a new dry dock soon, bringing a different class of operation to the river – suggest outreach to see if they have any interest in participating on the committee (Ken Swingle?).

USCG Report on Vessel Incidents

- Fishing boat sank about two weeks ago.
- The dredge Essayons recently ran aground and is in dry dock.
- A barge was found floating loose on the river, but was secured before causing any damage. News reports suggested the ILWU strikers may be implicated. The pilots continue to have security issues with the ILWU in the form of harassing encounters. There have been reports of fish hooks found in working lines.



New Business

- **Make Way** – The USCG continues to conduct outreach and education with recreational boaters; and maintains communications with the pilots to identify problem areas.
- **Columbia River Water Treaty** – Matt Rea and Kim Ogren of the Army Corps of Engineers gave an update on the 2014-2024 Columbia River Treaty review. This 60-year agreement goes on in perpetuity; or can be changed or terminated if notice is given by 2014. The presentation covered the draft regional recommendation, navigation impact assessment summary, regional goals, and recommendation timeline. The Department of State will be visiting on September 13 for a listening session at the BPA in Portland. A handout was circulated with the presentation and contacts for more information.
- **Oil Export Facilities in the Columbia River System** – Speakers on this topic did not materialize for this meeting. DEQ noted that there were no permits being processed for such facilities in Oregon. An emergent risks report will be available by the first of the year.

Public Comment/Future Agenda Items

A general call was made for November agenda items.

For the Good of the Order

The next meeting is November 13, 2013; Location: Portland Spirit, Portland, OR

Adjourned 11:45 a.m.