



## Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Meeting

**1000 - 1200  
Wednesday, January 8, 2014**

**Venue: USCG Marine Safety Unit  
6767 N. Basin Street  
Portland, Oregon**

<b>Managing Board Members Present</b>					
Name of Member and Alternate	Agency/ Industry/ Organization	Sector	Name of Member and Alternate	Agency/ Industry/ Organization	Sector
<b>Liz Wainwright Robin Wright</b>	Merchants Exchange	Associations	<b>Eric Burnette</b>	Port of Portland	Ports
<b>Paul Amos Anne McIntyre</b>	Columbia River Pilots	Pilots	<b>Susan Johnson</b>	OR Board of Maritime Pilots	State Agencies
<b>Jon Gornick</b>	US Army Corps of Engineers	Federal Agencies	<b>Jim Townley</b>	P.I.E.	Association
<b>Dennis Corwin</b>	Portland Spirit	Vessel Operators	<b>Ernie Quesada</b>	Clean Rivers Cooperative	Port & Vessel Services
<b>Roman Geigle</b>	NWFF Environmental	Port & Vessel Services	<b>Mike Titone</b>	CRSOA	Associations
<b>Dan Jordan Gary Lewin</b>	Columbia River Bar Pilots	Pilots	<b>Andy Meyer</b>	Columbia River Yachting Assn.	Associations
<b>Hans Meere</b>	Export Grain Terminal	Terminal Operators	<b>Mike Zollitsch</b>	Oregon Dept. of Environ. Quality	State Agencies
<b>Capt. Jones Capt. Ropp</b>	US Coast Guard	Federal Agencies	<b>Heather Stebbings</b>	Pacific Northwest Waterways Assn.	Associations
<b>Lars Uglum</b>	Port of Vancouver	Ports	<b>Brian Fletcher</b>	Tidewater	Vessel Operators
<b>Guests in Attendance</b>					
Name	Organization	Name	Organization		
Sean Morrison	USCG	Ed Irish	Tesoro Corp.		
John Dasler	David Evans & Assoc.	Crescent Moegling	NOAA		
Chris Satalich	COLRIP	Tony Sellers	USCG		
Mitchell Allgower	COLRIP	Stu Sanborn	Tidewater		
Steve Dobbins	COLRIP	Tim Heintz	LCR Resident		
Timothy Westcott	USCG	John Moriarty	USCG		
Jon Hellberg	USCG	Sonny Gomez	USCG		
Audrey Gurule	CRSOA	Randy Clark	USCG		
Holly Robinson	MFSA	Cmdr. Peloquin	USCG		

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair: Jim Townley  
Vice-Chair: Anne McIntyre  
Secretary: Susan Johnson



Welcoming remarks by Capt. Ropp; Managing Board and Guest Introductions; Thanks to Roman Geigle for his work as Chair in 2013.

#### **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the Managing Board and General Membership Minutes for the November 13, 2013 meeting was seconded and carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was discussion at the November meeting to expand the role of the HSC to increase the effectiveness of the organization. The Managing Board discussed how that would happen, including funding for operations. The committee can expect future reports on this issue. Also discussed at the Managing Board meeting was the formulation of a "Past Chair Committee" so that incoming executive officers could benefit from their experience. This subcommittee was approved by vote of the Managing Board.

#### **AIDS TO NAVIGATION REPORT**

Commander Peloquin from USCG District 13 gave a presentation on proposed changes to aids to navigation on the Columbia River, noting that they have been trying to reduce the number of overall aids over the last six years. He gave an overview of the aids that have been identified for removal. The USCG will be seeking input from stakeholders in future working sessions to guide this process.

#### **ACTIVE WORKING COMMITTEES REPORTS**

**Anchorage** – The committee has met to discuss additional anchorages and seek phase two of additional stern buoys. Eric Burnette introduced Tim Heintz, a resident who lives adjacent to the Cottonwood Anchorage at river mile 70 about two miles up from Rainier. He will be offering some input to the committee on any proposals. Mike Titone will be providing the subcommittee with some economic data to justify new stern buoys.

**Bridges** – Nothing new to report.

**Extreme Water** – Nothing new to report.

**Harbor Safety Plan** – Dan Jordan advised that it was agreed to start a review of the chapters of the HSP, which he noted is done annually in San Francisco. Mike Titone volunteered to lead the effort to ensure the chapters are current, with a goal of completion by the end of the year. The plan is available on the website at [lcrhsc.org](http://lcrhsc.org).

**Make Way** – Nothing new to report.

**Navigation** – Paul Amos referred to the navigation software the pilots use that was developed with the CRSOA. The software gives them the ability to download Army Corps of Engineers surveys. Now they are able to incorporate privatized surveys of berths.

**Outreach** – Heather Stebbings advised that recreational user contacts would be useful and asked for those from Andy Meyer and any others who have a broader reach to those individuals. She added that there is an opportunity for congressional and stakeholder outreach during some tours that will be conducted during the annual lock closures in March.



### **USCG REPORT ON VESSEL INCIDENTS**

- A commercial fishing processing vessel caught on fire.
- A commercial fishing vessel ran aground and was a total loss.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Ways to Improve Effectiveness of the HSC**

- A discussion was opened to share ideas to improve the committee's effectiveness and influence, including activities that may require funding. Outreach and improved communication through the website was most apparent, and it was noted that COLRIP had volunteered to pay the annual fee for the site this year. It was suggested that with some funding, someone could be hired to manage the website, which has more functionality than is currently being used. A potential future agenda item on the kinds of improvements needed on the website was discussed; as well as reviewing HSC websites in other states for ideas.
- It was suggested that the committee should be discussing the impact of the Willamette River Superfund decision and clean-up. Eric Burnette offered to pull together a presentation on the issue within the next year.
- A question of measures of efficiency or success: establish deadlines; install a counter to see how many people are accessing the website.

**Request for Public Comment / Future Agenda Items/For the Good of the Order – Nothing new.**

#### **Future Meeting Dates:**

March 12, 2014 – Port of Vancouver, WA  
May 14, 2014 – Merchants Exchange  
July 9, 2014 – Astoria (no managing board meeting)  
September 10, 2014 – Tentatively Longview, WA  
November 12, 2014 – Portland Spirit

**Adjourned 11:30 a.m.**



## Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Meeting

**1000 - 1200  
Wednesday, March 12, 2014**

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

<b>Managing Board Members Present</b>					
Name of Member and Alternate	Agency/ Industry/ Organization	Sector	Name of Member and Alternate	Agency/ Industry/ Organization	Sector
<b>Robin Wright</b>	Merchants Exchange	Associations	<b>Eric Burnette</b>	Port of Portland	Ports
<b>Anne McIntyre</b>	Columbia River Pilots	Pilots	<b>Susan Johnson</b>	OR Board of Maritime Pilots	State Agencies
<b>Jon Gornick</b>	US Army Corps of Engineers	Federal Agencies	<b>Jim Townley</b>	P.I.E.	Association
<b>Roman Geigle</b>	NWFF Environmental	Port & Vessel Services	<b>Philip Brotherton</b>	Transmarine Navigation	Shipping Agents
<b>Dan Jordan</b>	Columbia River Bar Pilots	Pilots	<b>Andy Meyer</b>	Columbia River Yachting Assn.	Associations
<b>Hans Meere</b>	Export Grain Terminal	Terminal Operators	<b>Kirk Bonnin</b>	Olympic Tug & Barge	Vessel Operators
<b>Capt. Ropp Lt. Morrison</b>	US Coast Guard	Federal Agencies	<b>Lars Uglum</b>	Port of Vancouver	Ports
<b>Andy Meyer</b>	Columbia River Yachting Assn.	Associations	<b>Steve Shaver</b>	Shaver Transportation	Vessel Operators
<b>Michael Zollitsch</b>	Oregon DEQ	State Agencies	<b>Peter Pawlicki</b>	Kirby Offshore Marine	Vessel Operators
<b>Guests in Attendance</b>					
Name	Organization	Name	Organization		
Brad Korpela	Shaver Transportation	Geoff Koefler	Tidewater		
Phil Matteo	Columbia River Bar Pilots	Lon Cain	Norton Lilly		
Cale Karrick	Transmarine/MFSA	Debbie Bischoff	City of Portland		
John Veentjer	MEX/HSC Puget Sound	Rick Gill	COLRIP		
Chris Satalich	COLRIP	Joy Baker	City of Nome, AK		
John Schneider	Tesoro Corp.	Tim Heintz	LC Resident		
Crescent Moegling	NOAA	Geoff Doerfler	Tidewater		
Tony Sellers	USCG/Licensing	Lon Cain	Norton Lilly		
Sean Orr	WA DOE	Doug Coburn	General Steamship		
Pete Bonesbakker	Phillips 66	Christina Neiss	USCG Investigations		

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair: Jim Townley

Vice-Chair: Anne McIntyre

Secretary: Susan Johnson



Thanks were given to the Port of Vancouver for hosting the meeting. Roman Geigle introduced guest Joy Baker, the Assistant Port Director of the Port of Nome, Alaska.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There were no outstanding items requiring follow-up from the January meeting.

#### **ACTIVE WORKING COMMITTEES REPORTS**

**Anchorage** – Eric Burnette advised that Steve Dobbins and Anne McIntyre of COLRIP have been working with a group from the Prescott/Cottonwood area, including Tim Heintz, to draft proposed changes to anchorage guidelines to provide more direct guidance in anchoring in that area. He added that they have been working with the four signatory ports for the intergovernmental agreement for the stern buoys; and contacted the Army Corps of Engineers to find out what it would take to restart the project. They will be able to seek funding for up to an additional four stern buoys. Finally, they have been working on defining some new anchorages for Coast Guard designation.

**Extreme Water** – Eric Burnette is going to be checking with Sebastian Degans to see if he is going to remain in charge of this subcommittee. By the May meeting we are attempting to get an early river forecast.

**Harbor Safety Plan** – Mike Titone volunteered to lead the subcommittee. It was agreed to try to identify the appropriate people previously involved with the HSP and contact them to find volunteers to review each chapter of the plan to ensure they are up-to-date. Mr. Townley agreed to contact Mr. Titone to see what progress has been made.

**Make Way** – We'll be looking for a presenter for the May meeting on this year's efforts for Operation Make Way.

**Navigation** – Dan Jordan advised that the Washington State Legislature has proposed a bill that would require escort tugs for tankers on the Columbia River. The bill (HB 2347) has gone through several revisions and must pass before the session ends tomorrow. Even if the tug escort requirement doesn't pass, proponents will likely raise the issue again in the near future. The bill as it is currently written would require the Dept. of Ecology to make recommendations to the Legislature by December, which would likely require a risk analysis of vessel traffic on the Columbia River. There was a subcommittee meeting yesterday where they discussed what the role of the HSC should be in this process. As the State of Washington looks to provide recommendations for tanker escort tugs, HSC needs to be a forum of stakeholders to contribute to that discussion. There was discussion of the differences between the Columbia River and Puget Sound, and the importance of a risk assessment study. HSC members will be asked to participate in various working groups as we move forward on this issue.

#### **USCG REPORT ON VESSEL INCIDENTS**

Since the last meeting there were three deep draft vessel incidents:

- Mokpo Star grounded in the Astoria anchorage
- Clipper Lasko was trying to set anchor in Longview it's engine wouldn't start in reverse
- Westwood Columbia crew member was knocked overboard as a longshoreman was operating a gantry crane



#### NEW BUSINESS

- **Debbie Bischoff, Central Reach Project** – Ms. Bischoff, Senior Planner, River & Environmental Planning Team, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, gave a presentation on the status of planning for the City of Portland's Central Reach Project. They are in the process of updating a plan that was last adopted in 1988. The Central Reach covers an area of the Willamette River from the Fremont Bridge to the Ross Island Bridge and South Waterfront District. Ms. Bischoff circulated maps of the draft urban design concept, which focuses on celebrating the river and increase human access that is compatible with fish and wildlife habitat. More information about the project can be found on their website at [HTTP://WWW.PORTLANDOREGON.GOV/BPS/42544](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/42544).
- **Capt. John Veentjer (USCG Retired), Executive Director Puget Sound Marine Exchange and Chair, Puget Sound Harbor Safety Committee (PSHSC)** – Capt. Veentjer gave a presentation on the PSHSC which was incorporated about 2000 as a not-for-profit, but existed in many forms long before then. Challenges they have faced include voluntary participation of stakeholders, funding (donations about \$6K/year), and recognition that the committee provides any value to the community. They also struggle to get their Harbor Safety Plan to vessels in advance of arrival. They make a point to annually review and republish their HSP. Current projects include a Vessel Traffic Risk Assessment (VTRA), which uses a George Washington University model based on 2010 vessel traffic data. The VTRA was done because of some major projects being proposed that include oil, coal, container and bulk facilities. There are reports available online at [WWW.PSHSC.ORG](http://www.pshsc.org). There was discussion of Washington State NDZ. If an NDZ is established, no vessel could discharge treated sewage anywhere within the designated zone. The waste water would have to be discharged at on-shore facility. The issue is that towboats would have to be retrofitted to accommodate holding the waste water. The public comment period runs through April 21, 2014. It was noted that Grays Harbor is also starting their own HSC and have created their own HSC. They could have their chair give a presentation at a future LCRHSC meeting. Regarding getting the HSP plans to vessels, it was suggested that a digest of ship specific issues be created that would not overload vessel staff in searching for guidelines.

#### REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Regarding the upcoming review of the HSP chapters, reviewers do not have to be limited to Managing Board members. Anyone who wants to take a lead on reviewing a chapter is welcome to do so.
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> is opening day of yachting season. There will be parades on the Columbia River at 42<sup>nd</sup> Street about 1100 through 1500 hours. There will be boats lining up at the I-5 bridge going east

#### FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- May 14, 2014 – Merchants Exchange
- July 9, 2014 – USCG Astoria (no managing board meeting)
- September 10, 2014 – Longview, WA (place TBA)
- November 12, 2014 – Portland Spirit

Adjourned 11:45 a.m.



## Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Meeting

**0900 - 1000  
Wednesday, May 14, 2014**

**Venue: Merchants Exchange  
200 SW Market Street  
Portland, Oregon**

<b>Managing Board Members Present</b>					
Name of Member and Alternate	Agency/ Industry/ Organization	Sector	Name of Member and Alternate	Agency/ Industry/ Organization	Sector
<b>Robin Wright Liz Wainwright</b>	Merchants Exchange	Associations	<b>Eric Burnette</b>	Port of Portland	Ports
<b>Anne McIntyre Paul Amos</b>	Columbia River Pilots	Pilots	<b>Susan Johnson</b>	OR Board of Maritime Pilots	State Agencies
<b>Jon Gornick</b>	US Army Corps of Engineers	Federal Agencies	<b>Jim Townley</b>	P.I.E.	Association
<b>Roman Geigle</b>	NWFF Environmental	Port & Vessel Services	<b>Philip Brotherton</b>	Transmarine Navigation	Shipping Agents
<b>Dan Jordan</b>	Columbia River Bar Pilots	Pilots	<b>Andy Meyer</b>	Columbia River Yachting Assn.	Associations
<b>Hans Meere</b>	Export Grain Terminal	Terminal Operators	<b>Kirk Bonnin</b>	Olympic Tug & Barge	Vessel Operators
<b>Capt. Ropp Lt. Morrison</b>	US Coast Guard	Federal Agencies	<b>Lars Uglum</b>	Port of Vancouver	Ports
<b>Andy Meyer</b>	Columbia River Yachting Assn.	Associations	<b>Steve Shaver</b>	Shaver Transportation	Vessel Operators
<b>Michael Zollitsch</b>	Oregon DEQ	State Agencies	<b>Fred Harding Rob Rich</b>	Shaver Transportation	Vessel Operators
<b>Heather Stebbings</b>	Pacific Northwest Waterways Assn.	Associations	<b>Michael Titone</b>	Columbia River Steamship Operators	Associations
<b>Dennis Corwin</b>	Portland Spirit	Vessel Operators	<b>Carl Boelter</b>	Clean Rivers Cooperative	Port & Vessel Services
<b>Brian Fletcher Stu Sanborn</b>	Tidewater Barge Lines	Vessel Operators	<b>Holly Robinson</b>	MFSA	Associations
<b>Scott Ferguson</b>	WA Dept. of Ecology	State Agencies			
<b>Guests in Attendance</b>					
Name	Organization	Name	Organization		
Crescent Moegling	NOAA	Lt. Neiss	USCG		
Ed Irish	Tesoro Corp.	Bryan Smith	Gensteam		
Doug Coburn	Gensteam	Russ Lyzell	Gensteam		
John Doucette	Westway Terminal Co.	Sencer Under	NCB		



<b>Guests in Attendance</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Salvatore Ali	NCB	Steve Dobbins	COLRIP
Carol Bua	Tidewater	Kevin Buffum	Pacific Terminal Svcs.
Tom Colby	BP Shipping	Torrey Bertheau	USCG
Jim Horne	CRSOA/NLI		

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair: Jim Townley

Vice-Chair: Anne McIntyre

Secretary: Susan Johnson

Introductions: Members and Guests

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Managing Board Minutes for the March 12, 2014 meeting approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Status update on Washington State HB 2347; NDZ initiative** – HB 2347, the Oil Transportation Safety Act, did not pass the session. However, the WA Dept. of Ecology was directed to conduct a Marine and Rail Oil Transportation Study that will analyze the risks to public health and safety and the environmental impacts associated with the transport of oil. A draft petition to designate Puget Sound as a No Discharge Zone (NDZ) is posted on WA Dept. of Ecology's for public comment. Andy Meyer referred to a Seattle Times article that noted that this petition may unfairly target recreational boaters and create expensive retrofit costs for towboats.

**ACTIVE WORKING COMMITTEES REPORTS (Items for Managing Board discussion or decision only)**

- **ANCHORAGES** – Eric Burnette advised that the four signatory ports to the past anchorage projects have been asked for authorization to update the economic analysis and permitting process to show feasibility for four more stern buoys. Mike Titone is getting agents to retrieve data on how many ships have been inconvenienced with no place to go and the economic impact of delays. The River Pilots are also looking at where to designate new anchorages. The Managing Board approved the changes to the Anchorage Guidelines, which will be posted on the HSC website.
- **Bridges** – Nothing new to report.
- **Extreme Water** – A report from the River Forecast Center will be forthcoming as we get closer to the freshet in mid-June. A forecast should be available by mid-July to predict this year's low water windows.
- **Harbor Safety Plan** – Mike Titone is the lead on updating separate sections of the plan and looking for volunteers to help with a technical review. He has met with the Coast Guard and they are also going to help routinely go through the plan and cross-reference sections to the appropriate regulations. Bunkering and lightering guidelines review with help from Shaver, Tidewater and Olympic representatives. Incident management guidelines review with help from Anne McIntyre and Holly Robinson. Navigation practices review with help from Dan Jordan. Charts and publications review with help from Dan Jordan and Crescent Moegling.





- **Make Way** – Torrey Bertheau, USCG Enforcement in Warrenton, gave an update on enforcement efforts being planned for this year. Joining the effort will be Multnomah, Columbia, Clark and Clatsop county marine patrols; and the Oregon State Marine Board (OSNB). Areas of focus in late August and early September will be Warrior Rock to the Lewis & Clark Bridge. Similar Make Way efforts at the mouth of the Columbia (buoy 10) will be treated as a separate operation. The tactical effort will be in three parts: (1) Multiple surface assets on the water in problem areas for 2-4 days at a time; (2) USCG observers on vessels for outbound transits; and (3) OSMB/USCG created fliers to hand out in a boater education campaign prior to fishing season at boat ramps and marinas. There was discussion of updating the Make Way section of the harbor safety plan with the new fliers. There was also a question of whether Make Way could be extended from I-5 Bridge to Bonneville – possibly with CG Auxiliary support. Stakeholders should notify the USCG to report any additional problem areas. It was noted that the July meeting is usually dedicated to a broader Make Way discussion.
- **Navigation** – Dan Jordan explained that the committee deals primarily with unusual incidents on the river. A committee meeting tomorrow will be about a heavy lift submersible ship arriving sometime in August with a dry dock for Swan Island.
- **Outreach** – Heather Stebbings advised that in conjunction with the Lower Columbia River Infrastructure meetings, they have formed a subcommittee to develop a PR campaign to disseminate positive press on navigation on the lower Columbia River.

#### **US COAST GUARD REPORT ON VESSEL INCIDENTS**

Reports have been received on incidents involving loss of propulsion and a couple of injuries. Yesterday the Coast Guard detained a new vessel under flag of Singapore with steering problems. Last week they also received training from an NTSB investigator.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **July 9<sup>th</sup> HSC Meeting in Astoria** – The meeting will be held at the Training Deck at the USCG Air Station in Warrenton. A list of potential attendees to the meeting is being drafted.
- **International Oil Spill Conference** – Liz Wainwright gave a briefing on this conference which is held every three years on a rotation between the United States, Europe and Asia. The focus is prevention, preparedness, and response. There were on-water demonstrations of equipment, a trade show, and training sessions.
- **Update – PNWA Mission to WA, DC** – Heather Stebbings gave an update on their annual mission to WA, DC for a week in March to do advocacy work. They took 60 stakeholders for meetings on Capitol Hill. She noted that the Lower Columbia did well in securing funding for maintenance dredging and to continue the jetty rehabilitation.
- **OBMP Executive Director Briefing** – Eric Burnette gave some insight into his new role as E.D. for the Board of Maritime Pilots. His two immediate tasks are to contract for independent incident investigations and put in place a mechanism for providing greater medical oversight of pilot fitness. He is currently working half-time for the Board and half-time for the Port of Portland until his replacement is hired.



- **Marine and Rail Oil Transportation Study** – Scott Ferguson of WA Dept. of Ecology gave a briefing on the status of this study. The focus is public health and safety and environmental impacts. Findings and recommendations are due to the Governor in October and an interim report to the Legislature by December 1. More information about the study can be found on their website at [WWW.ECY.WA.GOV](http://WWW.ECY.WA.GOV). There will be a meeting about the study later today at the Merchants Exchange.
- **Would LCRHSC benefit from having a budget?** – The Managing Board will take a serious look at this and try to have something for the July 9 meeting. Some investigative work and analysis needs to happen to get to a resolution.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

It was agreed to get an update on the Marine and Rail Oil Transportation Study at the July 9 meeting in Astoria.

#### **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- July 9 – USCG Astoria
- September 10 – potentially Longview
- November 12 – Portland Spirit

**Adjourned 11:20 a.m.**

**Save for managing board minutes -**



## Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Meeting

**1000 - 1200  
Wednesday, July 9, 2014**

**Venue: USCG Sector Columbia River/Air Station Astoria  
2185 SE 12<sup>th</sup> Place – Training Deck  
Warrenton, Oregon**

<b>Managing Board Members Present</b>					
Name of Member and Alternate	Agency/ Industry/ Organization	Sector	Name of Member and Alternate	Agency/ Industry/ Organization	Sector
<b>Robin Wright</b>	Merchants Exchange	Associations	<b>Susan Johnson</b>	OR Board of Maritime Pilots	State Agencies
<b>Anne McIntyre</b>	Columbia River Pilots	Pilots	<b>Jim Townley</b>	P.I.E.	Association
<b>Dan Jordan Gary Lewin</b>	Columbia River Bar Pilots	Pilots	<b>Andy Meyer</b>	Columbia River Yachting Assn.	Associations
<b>Capt. Travers Lt. Morrison</b>	US Coast Guard	Federal Agencies	<b>Kirk Bonnin</b>	Olympic Tug & Barge	Vessel Operators
<b>Andy Meyer</b>	Columbia River Yachting Assn.	Associations	<b>?Steve Shaver</b>	Shaver Transportation	Vessel Operators
<b>Michael Zollitsch</b>	Oregon DEQ	State Agencies	<b>Fred Harding Rob Rich</b>	Shaver Transportation	Vessel Operators
<b>Heather Stebbings</b>	Pacific Northwest Waterways Assn.	Associations	<b>Michael Titone</b>	Columbia River Steamship Operators	Associations
<b>Brian Fletcher</b>	Tidewater Barge Lines	Vessel Operators	<b>Ernie Quesada</b>	Clean Rivers Cooperative	Port & Vessel Services
<b>Bob Troyer</b>	WA Dept. of Ecology	State Agencies	<b>Holly Robinson</b>	MFSA	Associations
<b>Ashley Helenburg</b>	Port of Longview	Ports			

<b>Guests in Attendance</b>			
Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Scott McMullen	OR Fisherman's Cable	Christine Neiss	USCG
Chantel Schneider	USCG	Aaron McClellan	USCG
Rick Williams	OMD	Doug Coburn	Gensteam
Corey Deck	USCG Auxiliary	Bryan Smith	Gensteam
Ken Lawrenson	USCG	Elroy Olsen	COLRIP
Tim Heintz	Laurelwood Resident	Sean McKenzie	USCG
Tim Patching	COLRIP	Corey Bertheau	USCG
Don Bybee	COLRIP	Chris Boyce	COLRIP
Ross McDonald	Sause Bros.	Mike Tierney	COLBAR



### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair: Jim Townley

Vice-Chair: Anne McIntyre

Secretary: Susan Johnson

Introductions and opening remarks: Jim Townley and Capt. McKenzie

### **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Managing Board and General Membership Minutes for the May 14, 2014 meetings were approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Budget for LCRHSC** – Anne McIntyre gave an update on the status of this item. At a meeting of the Past Chairs committee it was agreed that with the expanding mission of the HSC that it would be appropriate to adopt a more formal administration. HSC's in other areas have budgets that are administered by Marine Exchanges in those regions. They proposed adopting a similar model funded by donation-based dues and have basic administration tasks performed by the Portland Merchants Exchange. They would attend the meetings, draft the agendas, take the minutes, update and maintain the website, pay expenses, invoice and collect member assessments, and generate financial reports. Funding could also be set aside for the Chair to attend the National Harbor Safety Committee conference; and for LCRHSC to sponsor one luncheon a year. Funding these activities will likely cost less than \$12,000/year. Work will continue with the Merchants Exchange to identify the costs of this administrative activity.

### **ACTIVE WORKING COMMITTEES REPORTS *(Items for Managing Board discussion or decision only)***

- **ANCHORAGES** – Nothing new to report.
- **Bridges** – Nothing new to report.
- **Extreme Water** – Nothing new to report.
- **Harbor Safety Plan** – Mike Titone advised that the section on Incident Management Guidelines is currently under review. It has been suggested that state reporting requirements (in addition to federal) should be included in this section, and to put contact information into one section of the document rather than scattered throughout. The plan is to review each section in a systematic and continuous way. Once the legal cites and contact information have been reformatted, the completed sections will be forwarded to managing board members for further comment and finally a vote of approval on the changes to each section at upcoming meetings. The sections on Aids to Navigation and Required Charts are next in line for review.
- **Make Way** – Corey Deck with the USCG Auxiliary gave an update on information re-education activities to prevent Rule 9 violations. Coast Guard, Sheriffs and Auxiliary have all been making efforts to educate to recreational boating public to stay out of the way of commercial vessel traffic. The Columbia River Pilots have also been coordinating with MSO Portland to conduct a Coast Guard ride along on an outbound vessel in September, targeting fishing boats at the confluence of the Lewis and Columbia Rivers. A flyer is also being updated that will be incorporated into the Make Way section of the Harbor Safety Plan. There will also be two separate Make Way operations in August and September that will include eleven agencies out on the water to conduct an aggressive education campaign. The operation will also coincide with the heavy lift operation of the dry dock in August.



- **Navigation** – The planned movement of a dry dock to its Swan Island facility has been delayed until mid-August. There is a draft restriction in the Longview area (41.06') – a 35-foot shoaling hump was found yesterday. The Army Corps is bringing in a hopper dredge to address that situation.
- **Outreach** – Heather Stebbings offered to contact representatives of environmental and tribal groups to invite to HSC meetings. It was suggested that the volunteer coordinator for Columbia Riverkeeper would be an important addition to the HSC.
- **Past Chairs** – The committee has met since the last meeting and proposed changing their status to that of an Executive Steering Committee made up of past chairs and current officers, to do more in-depth research on issues and bring back recommendations to the managing board. A committee description is being drafted in concert with the budget discussion, which may require revisions to the bylaws (charter) to support.

#### **US COAST GUARD REPORT ON VESSEL INCIDENTS**

Reports have been received on incidents groundings and fires. The most significant marine casualty was on June 20 involving a guide boat passing over the Columbia River bar. A wave flipped the boat over and a passenger died.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Marine and Rail Oil Transportation Study** – Bob Troyer of WA Dept. of Ecology gave a briefing on the status of this study. The focus is public health and safety and environmental impacts. They have hired a contractor who will write the report. They would like stakeholders in the HSC to review the draft report and provide feedback. More information about the study can be found on their website at [WWW.ECY.WA.GOV](http://WWW.ECY.WA.GOV).

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Scott McMullen with the Oregon Fisherman's Cable Committee expressed interest in seeing the Coast Guard grant approval for virtual AIS aids to navigation. Potential topic for Navigation Subcommittee – suggested a letter from the HSC encouraging adoption of virtual AIS. There was discussion of having an expert on the topic give a presentation on the capabilities of virtual AIS at a future meeting. Robin Wright offered to look into on behalf of the HSC.
- Rick Williams announced that there is a wave energy demonstration pilot project being planned for late August, off the south end of Camp Rilea. He offered to give an update on wave energy at a future meeting.
- Portland MSU is hosting the next industry breakfast on 7/17. The scheduled speaker is Sam Johnson, Executive Director of the Columbia River Maritime Museum.
- Capt. Travers, the new USCG COTP for Sector Columbia River, introduced himself and thanked everyone for attending.
- Mike Titone advised the CRSOA will be conducting a COBALT training session in the near future.
- The first organizational meeting was held for the USS Portland commissioning ceremony in Portland in 2017.
- The annual Columbia River Maritime Picnic will be July 29 at Frenchman's Bar in Vancouver.
- The Portland Merchants Exchange Annual Open House will be July 31.

#### **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- September 10, 2014 – Longview, WA (place TBA)
- November 12, 2014 – Portland Spirit

**Adjourned 11:05 a.m.**



## Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Meeting

1000 - 1200

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

**Venue: Millennium Bulk Terminals  
4029 Industrial Way  
Longview, Washington**

<b>Managing Board Members Present</b>					
Name of Member and Alternate	Agency/ Industry/ Organization	Sector	Name of Member and Alternate	Agency/ Industry/ Organization	Sector
Robin Wright	Merchants Exchange	Associations	Fred Myer	Port of Portland	Ports
Anne McIntyre	Columbia River Pilots	Pilots	Eric Burnette Susan Johnson	OR Board of Maritime Pilots	State Agencies
Jon Gornick	US Army Corps of Engineers	Federal Agencies	Jim Townley	P.I.E.	Association
Jon Hellberg	US Coast Guard	Federal Agencies	Andy Meyer	Columbia River Yachting Assn.	Associations
Michael Zollitsch	Oregon DEQ	State Agencies	Kirk Bonnin Bryon Fletcher	Olympic Tug & Barge	Vessel Operators
Duffy Daniels	Wilhelmsen	Shipping Agents	Stu Sanborn	Tidewater Barge Lines	Vessel Operators
Ashley Helenburg	Port of Longview	Ports			
<b>Guests in Attendance</b>					
Name	Organization	Name	Organization		
John Moriarty	USCG	Xochitl Castaneda	USCG		
Ken Morrison	USCG	Bryan Smith	General Steamship		
Toby Jacobsen	Foss Maritime	Don Bybee	COLRIP		
Chris Boyce	COLRIP	Peter Bennett	Millennium Bulk		
Rick Williams	OMD	Doug Coburn	Gensteam		
Heather Sievers	Millennium Bulk	Sean Clark	Port of Kalama		
Kevin Buffum	Pacific Terminal Svcs.	Ken Lawrensen	USCG		
Steven Ogle	WA DOE				

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair: Jim Townley  
 Vice-Chair: Anne McIntyre  
 Secretary: Susan Johnson

Introductions and opening remarks: Jim Townley thanks Peter Bennett and Millennium Bulk for use of their facility for this meeting.



**Added to the Agenda:**

- Update on the commissioning of the USS Portland
- Report on Board of Maritime Pilots action
- Update on Wave Energy Project at Camp Rilea

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Budget Proposal for LCRHSC** – Approval was given to move forward with letters to the Coast Guard, WA DOE, and OR DEQ seeking funding that is comparable to that being received by the Puget Sound HSC. Approval was also given to move forward in the time until the next meeting to identify private sector entities from which to request funding and how much to request. The Steering Committee will put together a strategy and report at the November meeting.

**ACTIVE WORKING COMMITTEES REPORTS**

- **ANCHORAGES** – The committee is ready to submit an application for designation for additional anchorage areas to the U.S. Coast Guard. A draft letter of application identifying ten new anchorage areas received Managing Board approval.
- **Extreme Water** – Jon Gornick with the Army Corps of Engineers gave an update on the current status of maintenance dredging. Earlier this year COLRIP issued a draft restriction. Since that time, with the work of the hopper dredges *Yaquina* and *Essayons*, the restriction has been lifted. Capt. McIntyre advised that the extreme low water weekends have been identified, with the lowest on October 18-19; September 20-21 and October 4-5 will also be low water weekends. This information has been communicated to CRSOA to broadcast. COLRIP may have to institute some case-by-case draft restrictions.
- **Make Way** – John Hellberg with the USCG advised that they have shifted some surface assets and working with other government agencies to enforce Rule 9 violations. There were two operations conducted this year – one in conjunction with the arrival of the dry dock Vigorous. The trigger for writing a citation for obstructing the safe passage of a vessel is blowing the danger signal.
- **Navigation** – Robin Wright with the Merchants Exchange advised that she and Jim Hansen are working on a presentation on AIS for the November General Membership meeting. There was discussion of the use of virtual AIS.
- **Executive Steering** – Previously known as the Past Chairs committee, an amendment to the charter has been proposed to include this committee under the LCRHSC's structure and membership section. The proposed language states "The Executive Steering Committee is comprised of past HSC chairs and current HSC officers. The Executive Steering Committee performs strategic planning and makes recommendations to the Managing Board." This will be an agenda item for approval at the next Managing Board meeting.

**US COAST GUARD REPORT ON VESSEL INCIDENTS**

In the last two months, there was one uninspected passenger vessel lost; no lives were lost. For reportable marine casualties, loss of propulsion/steering dominated the types of casualties. There were a couple of collisions, a couple of allisions, a couple of groundings, a couple of vessels that flooded without sinking – mainly among commercial fishing vessels.



#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **USCG Proposed Manning Standard Changes for ATBs** – John Hellberg of the USCG advised that they are clarifying current Coast Guard policy with respect to articulating tugs and barges. The USCG's rules for seagoing barges, particularly those carrying oil, were envisioned with a typical stern tow. The current ATB configuration has the barge in front; and they have evolved in size and complexity over the years. They were intended to be inspected and certificated as manned vessels. The USCG wrote some new requirements that are being appealed.
- **Update on COBALT** – Fred Myer of the Port of Portland had some participation at this event (Columbia Basin Leadership Training) held in late August. This is a five-day indoctrination program for new Coast Guard leadership coming into the area. He noted that it was well-organized and well-attended. Mike Titone of CRSOA was not in attendance, but texted a brief report advising that the 14 Coast Guard employees attended including the Captain of the Port. The Ports of Longview, Kalama and St. Helens were added to the program. There was increased emphasis on oil spill prevention, emphasis on port facility tours, and clean rivers response equipment was also included in the tour.
- **Marine and Rail Oil Transportation Study** – Steve Ogle of WA Dept. of Ecology gave a brief summary on the status of this study. The first deliverable is due at the end of the month – a preliminary draft for the Governor with pertinent details and recommendations. Ecology has been doing a lot of outreach with stakeholder groups. There was discussion of conducting similar meetings for Columbia River stakeholders. The preliminary report will be posted on their website at [WWW.ECY.WA.GOV](http://WWW.ECY.WA.GOV).

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT/REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Rick Williams offered to give a presentation at a future on the background of wave energy development, noting that the Ocean Energy Conference will be held in September. There should be a lot of new information to share with the HSC at a future meeting.

#### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Andy Meyer gave an update on the commissioning of the USS Portland, the first vessel named after the city of Portland. It's a San Antonio class LPD (landing platform dock) 27 vessel being built in Pascagoula, MS. The commissioning is expected in 2017. A committee has been formed with the intent of getting the vessel to Portland for the commissioning. They are setting up a web site and looking for people with expertise to join, as well as donations in the near future to fund a commissioning in Portland. Requests for information can be sent to [WEBMASTER.PORTLAND@GMAIL.COM](mailto:WEBMASTER.PORTLAND@GMAIL.COM). They have a presentation they can give at a future meeting.
- Eric Burnette advised that the Board of Maritime Pilots has issued a Notice of Proposed Civil Penalty to the captain of the yacht D'Natalin IV, which came into the Columbia River on September 7 without a pilot, in violation Oregon law.
- Rick Williams gave an update on the Wave Energy Project at Camp Rilea, which was designated a renewable energy feasibility study area as well as a danger zone in the territorial sea for the gunnery range. The first project that has been permitted is a short-term (two-week) deployment of a bottom-mounted wave energy device that was put in place last week. He also advised that the Oregon Wave Energy Trust Conference will be happening the week of September 22.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES:** November 12, 2014 – Portland Spirit

**Adjourned 11:25 a.m.**





## Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Meeting

**0900 - 1000**  
**Wednesday, November 12, 2014**

**Venue: Portland Spirit**  
**110 S.E. Caruthers Street**  
**Portland, Oregon**

<b>Managing Board Members Present</b>					
Name of Member and Alternate	Agency/ Industry/ Organization	Sector	Name of Member and Alternate	Agency/ Industry/ Organization	Sector
<b>Liz Wainwright</b> <b>Robin Wright</b>	Merchants Exchange	Associations	<b>Fred Myer</b>	Port of Portland	Ports
<b>Anne McIntyre</b>	Columbia River Pilots	Pilots	<b>Eric Burnette</b> <b>Susan Johnson</b>	OR Board of Maritime Pilots	State Agencies
<b>Jon Gornick</b>	US Army Corps of Engineers	Federal Agencies	<b>Jim Townley</b>	P.I.E.	Association
<b>Jon Hellberg</b>	US Coast Guard	Federal Agencies	<b>Andy Meyer</b>	Columbia River Yachting Assn.	Associations
<b>Michael Zollitsch</b>	Oregon DEQ	State Agencies	<b>Kirk Bonnin</b>	Olympic Tug & Barge	Vessel Operators
<b>Duffy Daniels</b>	Wilhelmsen	Shipping Agents	<b>Heather Stebbings</b>	Pacific Northwest Waterways Assn.	Associations
<b>Dennis Corwin</b>	Portland Spirit	Vessel Operators	<b>Phil Brotherton</b>	Transmarine Navigation Corp.	Shipping Agents
<b>Hans Meere</b>	Export Grain Terminal (EGT)	Terminal Operators	<b>Dan Jordan</b> <b>Mike Titone</b>	Columbia River Bar Pilots	Pilots
<b>Pete Pawlicki</b>	Kirby Offshore Marine	Vessel Operators	<b>Fred Harding</b> <b>Steve Shaver</b>	Shaver Transportation	Vessel Operators
<b>Holly Robinson</b>	MFSA	Associations	<b>Scott Ferguson</b>	Washington State Dept. of Ecology	State Agencies
<b>Ernie Quesada</b>	Clean Rivers Cooperative	Port & Vessel Services	<b>Brian Fletcher</b>	Tidewater Barge Lines	Vessel Operators
<b>Guests in Attendance</b>					
Name	Organization	Name	Organization		
Sean Morrison	USCG	Rebekah Canfield	Merchants Exchange		
Dan Justice	USCG	Tony Sellers	USCG		
Rick Williams	OMD	Chuck Patching	COLRIP		
Doug Coburn	Gensteam	Justin Clure	Pacific Energy		
Jim Harrison	Merchants Exchange				



### CALL TO ORDER

Chair: Jim Townley

Vice-Chair: Anne McIntyre

Secretary: Susan Johnson

Introductions and opening remarks: Jim Townley thanked Dennis Corwin for use of the meeting space aboard the *Willamette Star*.

**Added to the Agenda:** Update on Wave Energy Project at Camp Rilea

### OLD BUSINESS

- Update on Budget Proposal for LCRHSC – The Merchants Exchange has agreed to provide administrative functions for approximately \$6,000/year. Funding would be similar to the Puget Sound HSC model, with a maximum voluntary contribution of \$750/year. The Executive Committee was authorized to move forward with this initiative. Requests for contributions will be going out in December.
- Charter Amendment – A proposed amendment to the Charter formally establishing the Executive Committee was approved. The Charter will also need further amendment for the new funding mechanism.
- WA State Oil Transport Study – Scott Ferguson related that preliminary findings and recommendations have been published and presented to the Governor on October 1. A larger draft report will be released on December 1. Detailed information can be found at the WA Dept. of Ecology's website. Among the recommendations will be the establishment of a rail safety committee based on the harbor safety committee model. On the maritime side will be recommendations for emergency response and escorts. There was discussion of conducting a stakeholder outreach session in the Portland/Vancouver area possibly after January 1.

### ACTIVE WORKING COMMITTEES REPORTS

- **ANCHORAGES** – An application for designation for additional anchorage areas was submitted to and accepted by the U.S. Coast Guard. A draft letter of application identifying ten new anchorage areas received Managing Board approval. Ken Lawrensen will be the point person for the application process. There is also a need to look into maintenance of the current anchorage areas to accommodate deep draft vessels.
- **Bridges** – Dennis Corwin noted that a construction phase for the Tillicum Crossing is done and no longer impacting the river.
- **Harbor Safety Plan** – Mike Titone advised that section reviews have been conducted for aids to navigation, Coast Guard incident management, and MFSA. He will be making contacts to recruit volunteers for other sections of the plan.
- **Navigation** – With the onset of winter weather, there will likely be vessel movement delays and bar closures expected.
- **Outreach** – Heather Stebbings advised that they are extending invitations to the environmental and tribal communities to become involved with the LCRHSC.



- **Executive Steering** – Jim Townley reiterated the work being done to secure funding and procure administrative services from the Merchants Exchange.

#### **US COAST GUARD REPORT ON VESSEL INCIDENTS**

In the last two months, there was a loss of propulsion incident and a couple of minor barge incidents. Also noted was an increase in drug/alcohol incidents. A rule change for the emission control area will go into effect January 1 for a low sulfur fuel requirement of less than .1% sulfur. They are monitoring loss of propulsion incidents related to fuel switching.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Introduction of 2015 Officers** – Anne McIntyre will be Chair, Kirk Bonnin will be Vice Chair, and Susan Johnson will continue as Secretary until such time as the Merchants Exchange assumes administrative services.
- **Virtual AIS Presentation** – Jim Harrison from the Merchants Exchange gave a presentation on the capabilities of virtual AIS.
- **Willamette Falls Locks** – Darlene Hooley and Lisa Naito gave a presentation on their efforts to reopen the locks for tourism. The locks were closed in 2011. They circulated an economic potential report, and plan to make the locks a federal priority with the congressional delegation.

#### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Rick Williams gave an update on the Wave Energy Project at Camp Rilea, which was designated a renewable energy feasibility study area as well as a danger zone in the territorial sea for the gunnery range. A wave energy device was successfully deployed off the Oregon Coast and in place for two weeks. He added that this was the first open ocean test of a submerged pressure differential wave energy device in the world. He introduced Bill Staby, CEO of Resolute Marine Energy, the company that made the device; and Matt Sanders with Oregon Wave Energy Trust. The next deployment will be for a year starting September 15, 2015.

#### **FUTURE MEETING DATES:**

January 14 – Venue TBD

March 11 – Venue TBD

May 13 – Venue TBD

July 8 – Venue TBD

September 9 – Venue TBD

November 11 – Venue TBD

**Adjourned 11:25 a.m.**