



Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee

LCRHSC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting—January 13, 2016

The regular meeting of the Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee (LCRHSC) General Membership was held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at the Port of Kalama. Vice Chair Fred Myer called the meeting to order at 1025hrs.

In attendance:

Fred Myer, <i>Chair</i>	Susan Johnson, Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots, <i>Secretary</i>
Cale Karrick, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Dan Jordan, Columbia Bar Pilots
Duffy Daniels, Wilhelmsen	Holly Robinson, Maritime Fire and Safety Assn.
Liz Wainwright, Merchants Exchange	Mike Zollitsch, Oregon DEQ
Brian Kirk, WA Dept. of Ecology	Hans Meere, EGT
Heather Stebbings, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association.	Jon Gornick, US Corps of Engineers
Fred Harding, Shaver Transportation	Capt. Rick Gill, Columbia River Pilots
Kate Mickelson, CRSOA	Pete Pawlicki, Kirby Offshore Marine
Laura Springer, USCG MSU Portland	Ernie Quesada, Clean Rivers Cooperative
Ashley Helenberg, Port of Longview	Brian Fletcher, Tidewater Barge Lines
Crescent Moegling, NOAA	Jon Aschoff, Columbia River Pilots
Randy Clark, USCG	Carl Obermeier, BP Shipping
Ed Irish, Tesoro	Rick Williams, OR Military Dept
Chris Springer, USCG	Doug Coburn, General Steamship
Sean Clark, Port of St. Helens	Erika Barron, USCG Command Center
Pat Ropp, USCG	Mark Bailey, NOAA
Rosemary Firestine, USCG Response	

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Fred Myer at 1015hrs and self introductions were made.

1. Review of Minutes:
 - a. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as presented. No further questions or comments.
2. Administrative Update:
 - a. Liz Wainwright gave a brief administrative update. The updated database and attendance rosters have been uploaded onto the website and the website remains current. A Port host is still needed for the May 2016 meeting—volunteers are encouraged to notify Bekah as soon as possible.

- b. The LCRHSC ended 2015 at 43% of the financial budget goal which covered basic expenses. 2016 invoicing will begin in January 2016 and the Managing Board has set a goal of 80% participation.
3. National Harbor Safety Conference 2016:
- a. A review of the conference call minutes from the National Harbor Safety Committee Planning Committee was discussed. The title of the event will be: “21st Century Waterways, the Changing Tide in Harbor Safety”.
 - b. Fundraising for the National Conference continues to be actively pursued. \$10k has been raised from five ports towards a fundraising goal of \$60k.
 - c. Ashley Helenberg reported that the fundraising request has been updated and distributed to the small working group tasked with outreach.
 - d. Volunteers for people willing to work on specific topics are currently being sought.
4. Review of Active Working Committee Reports:
- a. Harbor Safety Plan Update: Kate reported that the Anchorages chapter has been reviewed and approved by the Managing Board. Randy Clark is currently reviewing the Severe Weather and Natural Disasters section and present at the March meeting. All of the chapters of the HSP will have been reviewed by the March meeting. A complete Harbor Safety Plan Update will be presented and uploaded on the website by May 2016.
 - b. Anchorages: Capt. Gill reported that there are two projects currently underway: 3 anchorages are being designated and 3 stern buoys to be sited. The USCG is currently going through proper rulemaking channels to set designations. Heather Stebbings added that the Corps found that three new stern buoys are justified to be placed (cost \$1.3M); ports are looking for local sponsor support (\$330K/\$75L per port).
 - c. Make Way: CDR Firestine, USCG gave an update on patrol boat ops in Longview and Vancouver areas rather than the usual offshore ops in an attempt to mitigate recreational vessels impeding commercial traffic.
 - d. Outreach: Heather Stebbings attended the Walla Walla Corps District Annual Meeting—there is an interest there in partnering more with the Coast Guard and Harbor Safety Committee and attending a meeting.
 - e. Navigation: Capt. Dan Jordan reported that routine maintenance will be occurring in March 2016 with an extended outage expected for 14wks starting December 2016.
 - f. CRVTSA Work Group: “Columbia River Vessel Traffic Safety Assessment”. Capt. Rick Gill, Chair reported that a meeting was held last week and a charter between the DOE and HSC Work Group is in progress. The Managing Board will vote on the Charter in the next week via eVote and the results will be presented at the March meeting.

5. USCG Vessel Incidents, Laura Springer. Nothing to report.
6. New Business/Good of the Order
 - a. Rick Gill is now the President of the Columbia River Pilots and Jon Aschoff is the Vice President. At a vote of the Managing Board, Jon Aschoff is now the alternate representative for Colrip on the Managing Board.
 - b. Rick Williams, OR Military Department, advised that there has been a formally designated danger zone at Camp Rilea for live fire ops—the designation is listed in the Coast Pilot. There will be a deployment next summer of a new wave energy device. The test deployment of a device a year ago is what helped to win a grant from the USDOE based on that performance.
 - c. Holly Robinson, Maritime Fire and Safety Assn, announced that the MFSA Annual Meeting will be held January 26, 2016 in Vancouver.
 - d. USCG Air Station Astoria will be getting a MH-60 Helicopter in yellow instead of orange. They will be celebrating their 100 year anniversary.
 - e. Capt. Ropp, USCG announced that the industry breakfast will be held Thursday January 21, 2016.
 - f. Kate Mickelson, CRSOA announced that the CRSOA Industry Luncheon on 2/11/16 will now be held at the Columbia Edgewater Country Club.
7. Motion to Adjourn: General Membership Meeting adjourned at 1115hrs.

The next meeting of the LCRHSC will be held at MSU Portland on March 9, 2016.



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LCRHSC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting—March 9, 2016

The regular meeting of the Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee (LCRHSC) General Membership was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at the United States Coast Guard MSU Portland. Chair Fred Myer called the meeting to order at 1025hrs.

In attendance:

Fred Myer, <i>Chair</i>	Susan Johnson, Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots, <i>Secretary</i>
Cale Karrick, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Dan Jordan, Columbia River Bar Pilots
Jon Aschoff, COLRIP	Holly Robinson, Maritime Fire and Safety Assn.
Rick Gill, COLRIP	Mark Bayer, Tesoro
Pat Ropp, US Coast Guard	Steve Ackerman, Columbia River Bar Pilots
Heather Stebbings, PNWA	Josh Nichols, Tidewater
Ashley Helenberg, Port of Longview	Paul Hendriks, Foss Maritime Co.
Eric Burnette, Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots	Sean Clark, Port of St. Helens
Tim Patching, COLRIP	Tony Sellers, US Coast Guard Rec
Bob McFarland, USCG D13	Lars Uglum, Port of Vancouver
Carl Obermeier, BP Shipping	Fred Harding, Shaver Transportation
Kirk Bonnin, Olympic Tug and Barge	Robin Wright, Merchants Exchange
Sam Shogren, Shogren Consulting	Duffy Daniels, Wilhelmsen Ship Services
Carl Bertepelle, Talon Marine	Scott Ferguson, WA DOE
Erik Swenningson, Port of Kalama	Brian Kirk, WA DOE
Ken Lawrenson, US Coast Guard	Liz Wainwright, Merchants Exchange
Andy Meyer, Columbia River Yachting Assn.	Mike Titone, Columbia River Bar Pilots
Jon Gornick, Army Corps of Engineers	Hans Meere, EGT LLC
Kate Mickelson, CRSOA	Bekah Canfield, Merchants Exchange
Mike Zollitsch, Oregon DEQ	

The meeting was called to order by Chair Fred Myer.

1. Introductions and Abbreviated Agenda

- a. Chair Fred Myer started self-introductions of all Managing Board members and guests in attendance

2. Administrative Update

- a. 2016 Contributions Update—Liz Wainwright reported that 24 of the listed 40 members have contributed to the Membership general fund amounting to a total of \$8800. Last year the committee collected \$7400 total. This year's goal is 80% in participation contributions. Contributions to the general fund cover the Merchants Exchange's administrative overhead and go toward officer travel to the West Coast and National Harbor Safety Committee Conferences.

3. Action Items:

a. Review of Minutes from March meeting

On a motion made and duly seconded, the minutes of the March 2016 meeting were approved as presented. No further discussion.

b. Vote on status of Bridges subcommittee

Following discussion of the purpose of the subcommittee which was stood up to monitor the now complete Tri-Met bridge construction on a motion made and duly seconded the committee's activities have been suspended pending any major span projects to be reported on in the future.

c. After a brief discussion concerning scheduling and goals the board moved to hold a **Post** NHSC committee meeting following the USCG captains breakfast on September 22, 2016 at MSU Portland; scheduling is pending USCG confirmation

4. Status Update, Harbor Safety Plan—Kate Mickelson.

The Harbor Safety Plan is expected to be completed at the end of May, formatting , Glossary and Table of contents need to be completed.

5. New Business/Good of the Order

a. Stern Buoys Fred Myer reported that under project under section 107 of the continuing authorities program the Army Corps 75% funding for three Stern Bouys on the Lower Columbia River provided matching funds are produced by the area Ports. In order to contribute the their share of the Funds the Port of Portland is writing off channel deepening project share debts owed by the Washington side Ports. Provided the federal funding goes through new buoys will start going in in the fall of 2017.

b. Dan reported that the member meeting schedule, minutes and agendas had been moved to the secure area of the website, they need to be moved to the public section. Liz will follow up with Bekah to correct this by the end of the week.

6. Motion to Adjourn

Managing Board meeting adjourned at 1006hrs. m/s/a

General Membership Meeting Follows Immediately After (1015hrs-1200hrs)



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Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Meeting Minutes

1030-1230hrs

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Venue: Portland Spirit, 110 SE Caruthers St, Portland, OR 97214

Officers

Chair: Fred Myer

Vice-Chair: Cale Karrick

Secretary: Susan Johnson

Administrator: Bekah Canfield, Merchants Exchange

In attendance: Scott Ferguson (WA DOE), Kirk Bonnin (Olympic Tug and Barge), Crescent Moegling (NOAA), Dennis Corwin (Portland Spirit), Noa Lidstone (McCall Oil), Dusten Wilson (McCall Oil), Dan Jordan (Columbia River Bar Pilots), Josh Nichols (Tidewater Barge Lines), Holly Robinson (MFSA), Brian Fletcher (Tidewater), Jon Aschoff (Colrip), Capt. Timmons (USCG), Capt. Berliner (USCG), Capt. Griffiths (USCG), LCDR Springer (USCG), Ken Laurenson (USCG), Steve Ackerman (CCBP), Lars Uglum (Port of Vancouver), Mark Bailey (NOAA), Milt Buker (Pacific Power), John Sample (Pacific Power), Sharon Matlock (Pacific Power), Carl Obermeier (BP Shipping), Michele Schallip (USCG), Sean Clark (Port of St. Helens), David O'Neil (Pacific Power), Ross McDonald (Sause Bros.), Tony Sellers (USCG), Christian Jones (Port of Portland); Kate Mickelson (CRSOA); Hannah Zaayer (CRSOA).

1. Meeting Called to Order, Chair: Fred Myer

Fred Myer called the meeting to order at 1030 and introductions of all attendees, guests and speakers were conducted.

2. Officers for 2017

The Managing Board meeting elected the Officers for 2017 and they were introduced to the membership:

President: Cale Karrick

Vice President: Sean Clark

Secretary: Susan Johnson

3. Review of Minutes from July Meeting

July meeting minutes were distributed via email or via download from the website. In the future, they will also be attached to the agenda for ease of access.

4. Brief Administrative Update—Bekah Canfield

a. 2017 Schedule and Meeting Times

Upon discussion with the Membership, the meeting times for the 2017 meetings have shifted from morning on the 2nd Wednesdays of the Odd Number Months to afternoon to best accommodate the needs of our Port members. The schedule for 2017 is as follows:

- January 11

- March 8

- May 10

- July 12

- September 13

- November 8

5. Financial Report—Chair, Fred Myer

a. **2016 Contribution and Budget Report**

Fred gave a brief overview of the importance of the voluntary contributions and what they have accomplished this year. 2017 invoicing will be going out soon.

6. National Harbor Safety Conference 2016: Hotwash

The next NHSC will be held in 2018 in Houston. Representatives from the Lower Columbia Region will be participating in the National Planning Committee to help facilitate some lessons learned etc... For future events, local press and legislative representatives should also be contacted.

7. Working Committee Reports: Committee Representatives

a. **Standing Committee Reports:**

1. Anchorages –Capt. Rick Gill/ Jon Aschoff—No report
2. Extreme Water – Jon Gornick
3. Harbor Safety Plan – Kate Mickelson
 - a. Notice of the newly updated Harbor Safety Plan is live and available for download on the website.
 - b. USCG has recommended an amendment to the Incident Management Guidelines in relation to Medical Emergency Response. A workgroup is being formed to create a new section to address this.
4. Make-Way – USCG/Pilots: Following the summer focus and onset of crabbing season, the cutter fleet is recapitalizing and new cutters are being built with assignments of some to Astoria and Columbia River.
5. Outreach – Heather Stebbings: Some upriver interest and tribal/environmental outreach but so far none have attended meetings. Inviting Port of Morrow.
6. Navigation – Capt. Dan Jordan: Nothing since last meeting.

8. CRVTS Update, Washington Department of Ecology

Scott Ferguson introduced himself and his colleagues. A draft of the upriver characterizations has been given to Rick Gill and looking for more feedback with a meeting tentatively scheduled for early January. A scenario workshop is being developed and the project timeline includes: January 2017 meeting, draft report to Olympia by May 2017, budget recommendations to Olympia by June 30, 2017, final report goal June 2018.

9. Storm Safety and Anchorages: Pilots Report, Capt. Dan Jorden (CR Bar Pilots) and Capt. Rick Gill (COLRIP)

Columbia River Bar Pilots: the bar has been closed twice during this period, vacating the lower anchorages and moving vessels up river during storms.

Columbia River Pilots: During the storm period there was a manpower issue in relation to the fatigue rules due to the number of vessels; Rice Island was used as an anchorage to test out how the ship handles. Currently 3 vessels are at Rice. According to Cale, the cost to move a vessel upriver can be ~\$35k plus daily lay berth fees. Shaver has a standby tug ready to assist.

10. Pacific Power Presentation

Representatives from Pacific Power presented about submerged cables in the river and the importance of “call before you dig!” Of particular note: the Centennial Bridge cable and the Broadway Bridge cable.



11. Union Pacific Railroad: Steel Bridge Construction Project Presentation & Update, Jerad Harmsen, P.E., Union Pacific Railroad

Representatives from Union Pacific Railroad presented on the required upcoming maintenance of the Steel Bridge (constructed in 1911). The control system and the electrical system both need to be updated. The Steel Bridge is a vertical lift bridge with 2 levels (one for light rail and car traffic, one for bikes, pedestrians and railroad) each level can operate independently of the other. The requested marine outage has been moved from November to December and now proposed in January 2017. The USCG D13 is considered the "Bridge Administrator."

12. USCG Update: PAWSA Study and Waterfront Park Task Force

The USCG updated the LCRHSC on the purpose of the PAWSA study (shows trends on water and risk based management practices). The Waterfront Park Task Force (Willamette River Safety Committee) is being formed. This will bring a team approach to deconflicting waterways in partnership with the Navigation Safety Committee Task Force which includes the Harbormaster as a member.

13. New Business/Good of the Order.

Announcement: Derelict vessels in the river who stay in place more than 30 days will be given a trespassing notice as per Dept. of State Lands ruling.