



LOWER COLUMBIA REGION
HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE

Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Meeting Notes

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 | 1422-1508hrs
Virtual Meeting via GoToWebinar

In attendance virtually:

Jon Hellberg, Shaver Transportation Chair	Susan Johnson, OBMP Secretary
Pete Pawlicki, Kirby Offshore Marine Vice Chair	Bekah Canfield, Merchants Exchange Administrator
Captain Moore, USCG	Captain Bailey, USCG
Jeremy Nielsen, Colrip	Dan Jordan, CRBP
Liz Wainwright, Merchants Exchange	Steve Ackerman, CRBP
Holly Robinson, Maritime Fire & Safety Assn	Curtis Cannizzaro, Clean Rivers Cooperative
Mike Greenburg, Oregon DEQ	Josh Emerson, OR DEQ
Scott Smith, Oregon DEQ	Wesley Risher, Oregon DEQ
Brian Kirk, WA ECY	Ken Esplin, WA ECY
Kate Mickelson, CRSOA	Kristin Meira, PNWA
Samuel Diedrick, Foss	Hans Meere, EGT, LLC
Ken Lawrenson, Colrip	Denise Baldwin, Merchants Exchange
Crescent Moegling, NOAA	Fred Myer, Port of Portland
Sean Clark, Port of Columbia County	Cale Karrick, Transmarine
Dena Horton, PNWA	Lars Uglum, Port of Vancouver
Dave Berliner, USCG	Dixon Whitley, USCG
LCDR Woods, USCG	LCDR W. Geyer, USCG
Jim Merten, USCG	LCDR Duffy, USCG
Pete Gardner-Cox, Witt O'Briens	Tom Griffiths, OBMP
Larry Landgraver, Port of Longview	Ross McDonald, Sause Brothers
Brian Fletcher, Tidewater	Phil Jordan, Olympic
Jim Morris, Crowley	Tereza Edwards, CRSOA
Carl Obermeier, Foss	Bruce Lambert, MARAD
Scott McMullen, Oregon Fisherman's Cable Committee	

1. Meeting Called to Order—*Presiding Officer*

Jon Hellberg, Chair and Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order at 1422hrs. The roll was called.

2. Review of Meeting Notes from November 4, 2020 (*attached*)

The meeting notes from the November 4, 2020 meeting were presented. There were no additions or corrections.

3. Board of Directors Report

Jon Hellberg gave the Board of Directors report to the Membership, noting that the Board voted to approve 2021 budget, including keeping dues the same for 2021. Dues have remained the same for five years; Jon said we should look at increasing dues by \$50 per year to cover increased costs.

4. Financial Report & Administrative Update—*Merchants Exchange*

a. 2020 Financial Report & 2021 Billing Schedule

There was a brief overview of the Association's Statement of Financial Position. Accounts Payable and Receivable are current. Dues collected were above budget and expenses are down due to there being no travel this year; this means that net assets are higher than they were at the beginning of the year.

5. Working Committee Standing Reports: Committee Representatives

a. USCG:

There has been significant interest from a couple of ports regarding using port facilities for Covid vaccination operations. Can issue temporary security waivers in support of this effort. 2 anchors lost in lower Columbia:

- i. Hammond - two attempts to retrieve this have failed. This does not seem to present any great danger.
- ii. Near Rice Island (Mile 20.5, mid channel): A search was done a couple of weeks ago without finding it; it may be buried in mud. This one is also more of a concern because this area is dredged more often. There is a virtual marker on where they think the anchor is.

Both these operations are weather-sensitive. There was discussion on how anchors get accidentally dropped. Most incidents happen on the way downriver; very rarely will one happen going upriver.

Annual lock closure dates are out.

National waterways harbor safety - there is a possibility there will be a virtual setting this year; details to come.

MSU Portland will have a virtual security industry breakfast in February.

Captain Bailey: Captain Scott Jackson will be the new sector commander beginning in August. Beginning process of chain of command. There is question about whether COBALT will happen; how it happens this year is in discussion and the decision will be communicated.

b. MARAD

Bruce Lambert noted that there will be an industry call to discuss updates on Covid.

c. NOAA:

Crescent commented that hydrographic services review panel is putting out a call for new



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membership; open until 4/26, term starting on 1/1/22. Applicants with navigation experience are encouraged to apply.

Currently Buoy 46209 is out of service, Buoy 46089 was adrift and recovered in October, planned to return to service in March.

No reconstitution plan in place yet for survey ships to get back to work; this is up in the air due to Covid.

d. **Navigation**

Dan Jordan noted that there has been an increase in incidents of propulsion loss in ships. There have been at least 10 in the last 11 weeks. Some have resulted in groundings and others were near misses. This often happens when the crew has done maintenance

e. **Harbor Safety Plan Review Update:**

Kate Mickelson reported that the Harbor Safety Plan will undergo its triennial review and update this year. She noted that Bekah had sent an email asking for participants and requested that people sign up on the website. Approvals will be staggered so that everyone knows when chapters will be due.

6. New Business/Good of the Order

The date for National Harbor Safety Committee conference date has moved to June 2022 in Boston. There may be a virtual meeting sooner; details to come.

MCC has an autonomous vessels virtual luncheon sometime next month.

Fred Myer commented that the Port of Portland is working with OHSU to set up an area at the airport (red lot) on 1/19 to provide 10,000 vaccinations. This is for high-priority people still.

Dan Jordan thanked the officers for their service, noting that it's often a thankless task.

Mike Greenburg, OR DEQ, noted that there have been a number of staff changes.

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.



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Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Meeting Notes

**Wednesday, March 10, 2021 | 1422-1522hrs
Virtual Meeting**

In attendance virtually:

Jon Hellberg, Shaver Transportation Chair	Susan Johnson, OBMP Secretary
Pete Pawlicki, Kirby Offshore Marine Vice Chair	Bekah Canfield, Merchants Exchange Administrator
Captain Moore, USCG	Captain Bailey, USCG
Ross McDonald, Sause Brothers	Cale Karrick, Transmarine Navigation
Jim Merten, USCG	Josh Emerson, Oregon DEQ
William Crabbs, P66	Dave Berliner, USCG
Tom Griffiths, OBMP	Holly Robinson, MFSA
Larry Landgraver, Port of Longview	Scott Smith, Oregon DEQ
Fred Myer, Port of Portland	Steve Ackerman, CRBP
Kristin Meira, PNWA	Brian Kirk, WA ECY
Sean Clark, Port of Columbia County	Jeremy Nielsen, Colrip
Curtis Cannizzaro, Clean Rivers Coop.	Lars Uglum, Port of Vancouver
Tereza Edwards, CRSOA	Ken Lawrenson, Colrip
Scott McMullen	Jim Morris, Crowley
Kate Mickelson, CRSOA	Cassie Davis, MultCo/HDR Engineering
Brian Carrico, Interstate Bridge Project	Steve Fischer, USCG Bridge Admin
Ray Mabey, Interstate Bridge Project	

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2. Review of Meeting Notes from January 13, 2021 (*attached*)

The meeting notes from the January 13, 2021 meeting were presented. There were no additions or corrections.

3. Board of Directors Report

Jon Hellberg gave the Board of Directors report to the Membership, noting that the Board is

continuing to seek volunteers to participate in the review process for the Harbor Safety Plan.

4. Financial Report & Administrative Update—*Merchants Exchange*

a. Financial Report

There was a brief overview of the Association's Statement of Financial Position. Accounts Payable and Receivable are current. Dues collected were above budget and expenses are down due to there being no travel this year; this means that net assets are higher than they were at the beginning of the year.

5. Presentations:

a. Burnside Bridge Update: *Cassie Davis*

An overview of the project was presented to the Committee including background about the potential for seismic events. The project is working on a draft Environmental Impact Statement with the comment period extending to March 22. Virtual participation is available via the website.

b. Interstate Bridge Replacement Program: *Brian Carrico and Ray Mabey*

An overview of the project was presented to the Committee including background and key dates to look for. The Interstate Bridge Replacement Project is currently working on a Purpose & Need Statement with the goal of finalizing by May 2021. An overview of the project and goals can be found on the project website. A River User/Navigation Impact Report will be forthcoming as part of the USCG Permit process. Community meetings are available to be livestreamed via the website.

6. Working Committee Standing Reports: Committee Representatives

a. USCG Update + Cybersecurity:

Captain Moore drew attention to the recent MSIBs released regarding COVID-19 update and the Solar Winds incident.

Local Notice to Mariners are listed on the Navigation website.

A formal investigation is underway concerning the *Coastal Rain* incident on February 20.

Navigation Locks are closed for maintenance as of March 22.

Jim Merten reported that a cyberincident with Microsoft email vulnerability impacted a Columbia River organization; Coast Guard is investigating.

b. Harbor Safety Plan Review Update:

Kate Mickelson reported that the Harbor Safety Plan will undergo its triennial review and update this year. She noted that Bekah had sent an email asking for participants and requested that people sign up on the website. Approvals will be staggered so that everyone knows when chapters will be due.

7. New Business/Good of the Order

There was no new business or good of the order to bring before the Membership.

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1522hrs.



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Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Meeting Notes

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 | 1419-1525hrs
Virtual Meeting

In attendance virtually:

Jon Hellberg, Shaver Transportation Chair	Susan Johnson, OBMP Secretary
Pete Pawlicki, Kirby Offshore Marine Vice Chair	Bekah Canfield, Merchants Exchange Administrator
Ross McDonald, Sause Brothers	Josh Emerson, Oregon DEQ
William Crabbs, P66	Holly Robinson, MFSA
Tom Griffiths, OBMP	Steve Ackerman, CRBP
Larry Landgraver, Port of Longview	Brian Kirk, WA ECY
Sean Clark, Port of Columbia County	Scott McMullen, OFCC
Curtis Cannizzaro, Clean Rivers Coop.	Lars Uglum, Port of Vancouver
Tereza Edwards, CRSOA	Jim Morris, Crowley
Andy Bryant NWS Portland	Alex Scott, Anchorage Launch
Art Dahlin, Foss	Anthony O'Reilly, Merchants Exchange
Carl Bertapelle, Merchants Exchange	Bob Sanguinetti, CRWWD
Cedric Barrett,	Carl Obermeier, Foss
Crescent Moegling, NOAA	Cheryl Vezzani, Northwest Alloys
Dan Jordan, Columbia River Bar Pilots	Dale Lough, CRWWD
Shad Huber, Advanced American Construction	Evan Clemson, Advanced American Construction
Jill Lazo, USCG District 13	Dena Horton, PNWA
Pete Gardner-Cox, Witt O'Brien's	Bruce Lambert, MARAD
Russell Nichols, USCG	Randy Reinhofer, Tidewater
Treena Jensen, NOAA	Dustin Johnson, Columbia River Pilots

1. Meeting Called to Order: *Presiding Officer*

Jon Hellberg, Chair and Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order at 1419hrs. The roll was called.

2. Review of Meeting Notes from March 10, 2021

The meeting notes from the March 10 2021 meeting were presented. There were no additions or corrections.

3. **Board of Directors Report: *Presiding Officer***

Jon Hellberg gave the Board of Directors report to the Membership, noting that the discussion centered around the Harbor Safety Plan and the existing subcommittees for Anchorages, Extreme Water, Bridges, Make Way and Navigation. Any members who are interested in participating or who have expertise in these areas were urged to please sign up and participate, further solicitation will be sent out.

4. **Financial Report & Administrative Update: *Merchants Exchange***

a. **Financial Report**

Financial Statements: There was a brief overview of the Association's Statement of Financial Position. Accounts Payable and Receivable are current. It was reported that there has been no change since the last meeting.

b. **Administrative Update**

Members were asked to email Bekah if they would like to be added or removed from notification lists rather than unsubscribing.

5. **Standing Committees & Harbor Safety Plan Update**

Dan Jordan gave an update to the Committee for both the Navigation Subcommittee and the Harbor Safety Plan Subcommittee.

Navigation:

He informed the group that recently an LNG powered ship came in to the river system, the ship was dual powered and switched between diesel and LNG power at different speeds. The question was posed are we prepared to deal with any incidents relating to a ship of this kind.

A possible upcoming scenario may be a Dead Ship Tow featuring a container ship over 1000ft in length, the guideline for this in the Harbor Safety Plan is due for review having last been reviewed in 2016.

The Navigation Subcommittee has been working on the Incident Management Guidelines within the Harbor Safety Plan. Part of the review is to make sure what is being written is what we are actually doing on the river. The next step after this review is to share the document with the Harbor Safety Committee for input.

Harbor Safety Plan:

Jon Hellberg added that there are a lot of good plain language examples and preparedness measures in the Harbor Safety Plan, so please look for the email and participate in the review of the Harbor Safety Plan document.

6. **Presentations:**

a. **Vessel Traffic Trends: *Bekah Canfield, Merchants Exchange***

Bekah presented a brief overview of the Merchants Exchanges Marine Intelligence Services followed by vessel movement and tracking trends. The presentation focused on grain and other cargo-type statistics provided by the Merchants Exchange.

b. **Washington Ecology Spills Program Update: *Brian Kirk, Washington Department of Ecology***

Brian Kirk presented a brief overview of the Ecology Spills Program to the Committee. He touched on subjects including impacts from COVID-19 to the number of calls received to respond to spills or incidents. Washington Ecology continues to carry out facility and oil transfer inspections both in person and remotely where possible. Brian also explained that



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they are in the final steps of delivering a report to Washington Legislature on vessel activity in the Northern Puget Sound, the report features some new methods for looking at vessel data that they have developed and would be willing to share the report when it has been published.

c. **Columbia River Outfall and Effluent Pipeline: *Dale Lough, Clark Regional Waste Water District***

Dale presented an overview of the project to provide an expanded outfall and effluent pipeline into the Columbia River. The project focuses on the replacement of the original outfall which was built in the 1970s and is due for replacement. He explained that the project benefits include the new system being placed deeper and further offshore allowing better mixing and not causing any obstructions. The project will also open up a shoreline travel lane for migrating salmonids. The project has a designated in-water work period of October 1 2021 through February 28 2022 and they intend to have all the work completed within that window. The Safety Zone map will be distributed to the group.

7. Working Committee Standing Reports: Committee Representatives

a. **USCG Update**

There were no representatives present to provide an update, Jon Hellberg noted this was due to scheduling conflicts, including ICS Training.

b. **NOAA**

Dan Jordan reported he had spoken with Crescent Moegling regarding a few issues prior to the meeting. There was a current study that was going to be performed by NOAA which has been postponed until 2022. There is still time to participate in conversation suggesting where those meters would be most useful. In addition, there is a discrepancy in the recording of the clearance under the Astoria Bridge between the Vector Chart and the outgoing Raster charts.

Andy Bryant, Service Hydrologist presented on behalf of NOAA/National Weather Forecast Office. Andy gave an overview of what services the National Weather Service provides, primarily through the Northwest River Forecast Center. Charts were presented to the group showing 2020 water supply volumes on the Columbia River compared with 30-year averages and predicted volumes for the remainder of the year.

c. **Army Corps of Engineers**

There were no representatives present to provide an update

d. **Bridges**

Dena Horton as PNWA Representative to the Citizens Advisory Group for the I5 Bridge Replacement Project reported that there is a survey for waterway users, all members are

encouraged to participate in the survey which will close on June 30th 2021. There will also be a listening session for freight movement, links to both items will be shared with the group.

8. New Business/Good of the Order

- a. Bruce Lambert, MARAD reported on a couple of available Grant programs: Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant and Raise Grant. Links to both will be shared with the group and Bruce encouraged anyone with questions or interest to make contact.

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1525hrs.



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Wednesday, July 14, 2021 | 1415-1537hrs
Virtual Meeting

In attendance virtually:

Jon Hellberg, Shaver Transportation Chair	Susan Johnson, OBMP Secretary
Pete Pawlicki, Kirby Offshore Marine Vice Chair	Bekah Canfield, Merchants Exchange Administrator
Ross McDonald, Sause Brothers	Kate Mickelson CRSOA
Ken Lawrenson, Columbia River Pilots	Holly Robinson, MFSA
Tom Griffiths, OBMP	Steve Ackerman, CRBP
Larry Landgraver, Port of Longview	Stephanie Prybyl, Business Oregon
Mark Curtis	Scott Smith, Oregon DEQ
Curtis Cannizzaro, Clean Rivers Coop.	Lars Uglum, Port of Vancouver
Tereza Edwards, CRSOA	Cale Karrick, Transmarine
Jessica Stokke, U.S. Army Corps	Eric Sigfridson, Shaver Transportation
Kristin Meira, PNWA	Anthony O'Reilly, Merchants Exchange
Carl Bertapelle, Merchants Exchange	Joshua Murdy, USCG
LCDR Sean Morrison, USCG	Fred Myer, Port of Portland
Crescent Moegling, NOAA	Casey O'Donnell
Dan Jordan, Columbia River Bar Pilots	ENS Joshua Murdy, USCG
Samuel Diedrick, Foss	Randy Henry Oregon State Marine Board
Jill Lazo, USCG District 13	Bruce Lambert, MARAD
Randy Reinhofer, Tidewater	

1. Meeting Called to Order: *Presiding Officer*

Jon Hellberg, Chair and Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order at 1419hrs. The roll was called.

2. Review of Meeting Notes from May 12, 2021

The meeting notes from the May 12 2021 meeting were presented attendees were asked to email and changes or suggested edits to Jon Hellberg or Bekah Canfield.

3. Board of Directors Report: *Presiding Officer*

a. Administrative Update

Jon Hellberg gave the Board of Directors report to the Membership, noting that there were three updates to the Harbor Safety Plan which were voted on and approved to be discussed in more detail later in the meeting.

b. Financial Report

There was a brief overview of the Association's Statement of Financial Position. Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable are current. It was reported that there are some dues outstanding for which payment reminders will be sent by the end of the month.

c. Save the Date - September Meeting in Astoria

Bekah Canfield announced that the final details for the in-person meeting on 1st September will be coming out in the first part of August once we are fully aware of any protocols or safety procedures that need to be followed. Jon Hellberg added that it is hoped to hold the meeting in a hybrid format to allow for online attendance and will announce details as soon as they are known.

4. Harbor Safety Plan Status

Dan Jordan gave an overview of the 3 chapters that were reviewed and briefly outlined the changes that had been made within each chapter to the Committee.

Navigation Practices:

When electronic charting was just starting up and vessels were seeing real time where they were in the channel and because of that felt like they needed to stay within the dotted lines of the channel which is the federally maintained channel. Ships don't have to stay within the dotted lines and smaller vessels shouldn't feel like they need to stay within the dotted lines. Dan advised this chapter was last updated when electronic charts were just starting to be used so the changes made brought the chapter up to present tense.

Aids to Navigation

Dan advised the changes to this chapter were mainly to bring the plan up to date with current information and some updates to definitions.

Incident Management

Dan Jordan continued by giving a breakdown of the changes to the Incident Management chapter detailing updates to phone numbers and some simple edits were made but the bulk of the changes were to do with medical emergencies aboard ships at anchorage. Guidance for launch boats has been updated to reflect that they are there to provide transportation and shouldn't be going aboard a ship to provide medical care. The chapter updates also include some input from Customs on transference of a person to shore in need of medical attention and requirements/contact information for making contact with Customs to advise of such an occurrence. Finally, Dan added that preferred docks to easily transfer a person in need of medical care were included in the chapter with input from the three launch boat companies.

Bruce Lambert questioned how this would be handled in a crew change scenario, Dan Jordan advised this would be considered an agent issue, the guidance specifically relates to a member of the crew becoming critically ill and needing to be transferred to shore for treatment.

5. Regular Committee Reports & Stakeholder Updates

a. Army Corps of Engineers – (Jessica Stokke)

Jessica Stokke gave a presentation on changes in river bottom depth they are seeing occur in an area of the Columbia River near Reed Island where material is eroding from Reed Island and finding its way into the federal navigation channel. Jessica is seeking willing



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participants to provide input and participation in some technical focus meetings to discuss the best potential solutions to maintain the channel into the future.

b. USCG – Sector Columbia River Update (MSU Portland/Sector Columbia River Representative)

Captain Gretchen Bailey presented a brief overview of the Coast Guard Staff turnover and change of command before handing over to Dave Berliner who gave some details on the Coast Guard Boating Safety App, vessel inspection updates and waterways management updates including the Coast Guard Homeport.

c. MARAD – West Coast Update (Bruce Lambert)

- i. Bruce advised that the Port Infrastructure Development Grant program closes at the end of this month, if anyone has any questions or is seeking assistance Bruce encouraged that they reach out to him as soon as possible and he will do his best to get the answers or information needed.
- ii. US DOT has a responsibility for the ESF 1 response for FEMA should a Cascadia Subduction Zone Event occur so Bruce has been working on setting up a Maritime sub-committee to ensure that maritime needs are addressed in the FEMA response plans. Bruce asked if anyone has any reports or research on this subject they would like to share please get in touch with him.
- iii. Bruce has been taking a free course from UNCTAD on how they recommend addressing pandemic responses and will share the course information with the group.
- iv. Bruce announced that he and Stephanie Prybyl have been putting together a program called Maritime Minds where they talk about the business side of transportation to fill a gap in education on the economic side of transportation.
- v. Finally, Bruce announced that he has been cleared to travel again, he will be attending COBALT and the PNWA meeting.

d. NOAA – Office of Coast Survey Update (Crescent Moegling)

Crescent gave a presentation to update everyone on the sunset of Raster Charts which will discontinue all Raster Chart products and services associated with traditional NOAA paper nautical charts. An important point to note is that in time the online Raster Nautical Chart function will also no longer be available as of October 2021. NOAA will be focusing their efforts on the Electronic Navigational Chart (ENC). In addition, Crescent gave an insight into the Custom Chart Tool which was released in March of this year.

6. Presentation Topic: Make Way

a. Oregon State Marine Board (Randy Henry - Boating Safety Program Manager)

Randy talked to the group about Make Way and noted this has been a particularly busy season for the Marine Board. Randy advised that Make Way can be a difficult topic to forecast and is seeking input on particular areas and times to focus enforcement efforts/saturation patrols and shared his contact information with the group. He is available to present additional information at the September meeting.

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1537hrs.



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Wednesday, September 1, 2021 | 1030-1135hrs
Virtual Meeting

In attendance virtually:

Jon Hellberg, Shaver Transportation Chair	Susan Johnson, OBMP Secretary
Pete Pawlicki, Kirby Offshore Marine Vice Chair	Bekah Canfield, Merchants Exchange Administrator
Ross McDonald, Sause Brothers	Kate Mickelson CRSOA
Brett Bybee, CRLS	Holly Robinson, MFSA
Tom Griffiths, OBMP	Carl Obermeier, Foss
Cedric Barrett	Stephanie Prybyl, Business Oregon
Mark Curtis, Crowley	Scott Smith, Oregon DEQ
Ian Christy, Miller Nash	Joshua Emerson, DEQ
Tereza Edwards, CRSOA	Dan Ferguson, WA ECY
Jon Dasler, David Evans and Assoc.	Brian Kirk, WA ECY
Hans Meere, EGT	Anthony O'Reilly, Merchants Exchange
Carl Bertapelle, Merchants Exchange	Kyle Izatt, Advanced American Construction
LCDR Sean Morrison, USCG	Dan Jordan, Columbia River Bar Pilots
Jill Lazo, USCG District 13	Mary Wiley, Merchants Exchange
LCDR C. M. Fogarty, USCG	Edward Persichetti, OSMB
Russell Nichols USCG	Randy Henry, Oregon State Marine Board
Jill Lazo, USCG District 13	Sam Shogren, PNWMHC
Randy Reinhofer, Tidewater	Sean Clark, Port of Columbia County

1. Meeting Called to Order: *Presiding Officer*

Jon Hellberg, Chair and Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order at 1040hrs. The roll was called.

2. Review of Meeting Notes from May 12, 2021

The meeting notes from the July 14 2021 meeting were presented there were no additions or corrections.

3. Board of Directors Report: *Presiding Officer*

a. Administrative Update

Jon Hellberg gave the Board of Directors report to the Membership, noting that there were subtle changes to the mission statement to ensure we remain focused on our objective for the Harbor Safety Committee along with further conversations to take place on elected officers to the board of directors and if these can be designated as organizations versus individuals.

b. Financial Report

There was a brief overview of the Association's Statement of Financial Position delivered by Bekah Brinkmeier. Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable are current, the committee continues to operate on low expenses due to pandemic forced virtual event platforms.

4. PROTEAS Anchor Recovery – Ian Christy Miller Nash LLP

Ian Christy introduced himself to the group as an Attorney representing the owners of the *Proteas* and the London P&I Club. Ian gave a background on the efforts to date to recover the vessel's anchor from the riverbed and with the assistance of Kyle Izatt, Advanced American Construction and Jon Dasler, David Evans & Associates the group were given a detailed location for the anchor retrieval and explanation of the planned operation to recover the anchor over 1-3 days in November/December. Further details on the operation will be announced by way of a local notice to mariners, any further information received will be shared with the group.

5. Harbor Safety Plan Status

a. Harbor Safety Plan Subcommittee Update (Kate Mickelson, Dan Jordan)

Kate Mickelson detailed the sections of the Harbor Safety Plan and the parties which typically take responsibility for updating the content in each section. Kate urged all attendees to consider volunteering to participate in at least one of the Harbor Safety Plan section updates. Kate invited willing participants to send an email to Bekah Brinkmeier, Kate Mickelson and Dan Jordan expressing their interest indicating which section or sections they would be willing to assist with.

Jon Hellberg expressed thanks and appreciation for anyone who has contributed to date or is willing to help out with the sections of the plan that are yet to be updated.

6. Regular Committee Reports & Stakeholder Updates

a. Navigation Subcommittee (Dan Jordan)

Dan Jordan explained that there was nothing to report from the Navigation Sub Committee this time around but wanted to give a shout out to both the Coast Guard and the Sheriff Departments for assisting with escorting of ships through the fishing traffic this year.

b. Army Corps of Engineers

There were no representatives present to provide an update

Jon Hellberg reported from the last meeting that the Army Corps of Engineers provided information on shoaling at Reed Island and noted that the Coast Guard had relocated the green can to indicate the location of the shoaling.

c. USCG – Sector Columbia River Update (MSU Portland/Sector Columbia River Representative)

LCDR Sean Morrison introduced Captain Gretchen Bailey who provided opening remarks to the group, Captain Bailey updated the group on the Coast Guards COVID 19 protocols and policies in place for masks and vaccinations. Captain Bailey advised that Captain Scott Jackson is the new Sector Commander, he was unable to attend the meeting today but is excited to get to meet and work with everyone in the group.

LCDR Sean Morrison then gave a presentation to the group on Pacific Coast PARS (Port Access Route Study) and the Disestablishment of Legacy RACON equipment. This presentation will be shared with the group through the LCRHSC meeting debrief email.

Jon Hellberg queried what the impetus for the Port Study was and Sean explained that the Port Access Route Study is not a new study but has typically been handled on a port-by-port



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basis and this is the first time the Coast Guard has looked at an entire coast area as one project.

- d. **MARAD – West Coast Update (Bruce Lambert)**
There were no representatives present to provide an update
- e. **NOAA – Office of Coast Survey Update (Crescent Moegling)**
There were no representatives present to provide an update

7. Presentation Topic: Make Way

- a. **USCG - LCDR Colin Fogarty Sector Columbia River Enforcement Division**
LCDR Fogarty gave a presentation to the group on the topic of Make Way and explained the Enforcement Options available when recreational fishing vessels fail to move out of the way for larger vessels. LCDR Fogarty detailed the main objectives of the Coast Guard operations at Buoy 10 and explained what is being done in the way of outreach to promote Make Way.

Randy Henry from Oregon State Marine Board advised that with anglers now starting to move upstream he has boats and assets and has seen successes from coordinated, saturation patrols in an effort to change behaviors and is willing to do so again if needed.

Jon Hellberg offered thanks to both parties for their efforts on this subject.

8. New Business/Good of the Order

- a. Jon Hellberg advised that the upcoming LCRHSC November meeting is the call for officers and elections for Harbor Safety Committee for next year. Jon invited anyone with an interest in participating or being an officer on the Harbor Safety Committee to reach out to one of the current officers for further information.
- b. Bekah Brinkmeier reminded the group that Jessica Stokke from the Army Corps of Engineers provided a new compilation of surveys showing depth within the existing channel alignment and outside the channel in relation to the shoaling at Reed Island and it was distributed to the group as an email notice last week. If anyone did not receive this notice and would like to do so they were encouraged to reach out to Bekah directly.

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1135hrs.



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Wednesday, November 10, 2021 | 1415-1510hrs
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Bill Crabbs, Phillips 66	Kristin Meira, PNWA
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LCDR Sean Morrison, USCG	Dan Jordan, Columbia River Bar Pilots
John Moriarty, USCG	Sean Kuschel, WA Ecology
Jill Lazo, USCG	Kenneth Esplin, WA Ecology
Russell Nichols USCG	Carl Bertapelle, Merchants Exchange
Randy Reinhofer, Tidewater	Ken Tennefoss
Fabron Biederman	Mrs Larson

1. Meeting Called to Order: *Presiding Officer*

Jon Hellberg, Chair and Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order at 1420hrs.

2. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

There were no corrections or additions

3. Review of Meeting Notes from May 12, 2021

The meeting notes from the September 1, 2021 meeting were presented there were no additions or corrections.

4. Board of Directors Meeting Update: *Presiding Officer*

a. Announcement of Election of the Board Directors and 2022 Board Officers

Jon Hellberg announced the results of the elections for Board Members and Officers from the Board of Directors Meeting.

The directors announced for a two-year term starting January 2022 are:

Dan Jordan, Columbia River Bar Pilots	Larry Landgraver, Port of Longview
Fred Myer, Port of Portland	Jon Hellberg, Shaver Transportation
Pete Pawlicki, Kirby Offshore Marine	Curtis Cannizzaro, Clean Rivers Cooperative
Kate Mickelson, Columbia River Steamship Operators' Association	Josh Emerson, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Susan Johnson, Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots	Dena Horton, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association
Todd Bolger, Portland Spirit	

The Officers for 2022 are:

President/Chair: Pete Pawlicki, Kirby Offshore Marine

Vice President: Larry Landgraver, Port of Longview

Secretary: Susan Johnson, Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots

b. Financial Report & Administrative Updates

Liz gave a brief overview of the Committee's reoccurring expenses noting that the financial position is good, meeting expenses are well below the amount budgeted for 2021 due to the lack of in person meetings.

c. 2022 Merchants Exchange Service Agreement

The Service Agreement with the Merchants Exchange has been renewed for 2022.

d. 2022 Operating Budget

Liz gave a brief overview of the approved budget for 2022 advising that a conservative approach to revenues and expenses for 2022 had been adopted with an expectation to return to in person events and meetings in 2022.

e. Mission Statement Update

Jon reported that some minor changes to the language in the Mission Statement section of the Operations Manual were reviewed during the Board of Directors meeting. The full document will be made available on the LCRHSC website.

f. End of Year Survey

Jon told attendees to be on the lookout for a 2021 End of Year Survey which will be sent out to the membership with some questions regarding the current meeting schedule, frequency of meetings and the possibility of returning to in-person meetings.

5. Harbor Safety Plan Status

a. Harbor Safety Plan Subcommittee Update (Kate Mickelson, Dan Jordan)

Dan advised the group that there has not been much movement in the updating of the Harbor Safety Plan. There have been some discussions regarding the Dead Ship Tow guidelines due to the potential of a couple of dead ship tows on the horizon.

6. Regular Committee Reports & Stakeholder Updates

a. Navigation Subcommittee

Dan advised there are currently three weather buoys missing off the Columbia River Bar, weather service is still providing a good forecast using all tools available.

With a potential of large container ships up to 15,000 TEU visiting the Columbia River the River and Bar Pilots have been training on simulators and have identified bridge heights along with windage as potential hazards.



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b. USCG – Sector Columbia River Update

LCDR Sean Morrison introduced Captain Gretchen Bailey who greeted the group before handing back over to LCDR Morrison. LCDR Sean Morrison then gave a presentation to the group on the 2022 RADM William M. Benkert Environmental Award advising that the Coast Guard is soliciting applications from the Maritime Industry for the award. The Coast Guard is advising mariners to be prepared with Winter weather arriving soon and reminded the group of the tools available including a special notice to mariners and the National Weather Service Website. Finally, LCDR Morrison announced that the USCG is testing prototype plastic buoys at various locations in the area and comments are invited, he will reach out to the D13 office and see if there are some handouts that can be provided.

c. MARAD – West Coast Update

There were no representatives present to provide an update

d. NOAA – Office of Coast Survey Update

Crescent confirmed to the group that NOAA has already started to cancel individual charts and will shut down all production and maintenance of traditional paper nautical charts and the associated raster chart products and services. Crescent advised that the following Willamette River Charts will be cancelled in April 2022; 18527, 18528 and 18529 Mariners and other users of nautical charts are encouraged to use the electronic navigational chart or use the NOAA Custom Chart application to create their own customized nautical charts from the electronic chart data.

7. Presentation Topic: Pacific Coast Port Access Route Study (PAC-PARS)

a. USCG – John Moriarty

John Moriarty delivered a presentation to the group explaining that the study is part of a navigation safety risk assessment trying to get ahead of the off-shore energy development curve. The presentation detailed that the study is required before adjusting or establishing new fairways and/or traffic separation routes. The four phases of the study are; Data Gathering, Applying Suitability Criteria, Modeling & Analysis and Implementing Study Results. Flyers for information and access to the study will be distributed.

8. New Business/Good of the Order

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1510hrs.