



Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Meeting Notes

**Wednesday, March 13, 2024, | 1423-1519 hrs.
Venue: Merchants Exchange & Microsoft Teams**

In attendance:

Larry Landgraver, <i>Port of Longview</i> Chair	Sean Morrison, USCG Sector Columbia River
Ross McDonald, Sause Brothers Vice Chair	Sector Columbia River
Carl Bertapelle, Merchants Exchange Secretary	Justin Peterson
Dan Jordan, Columbia River Bar Pilots	Andrew Brady, Shaver
Steve Ackerman, Columbia River Bar Pilots	Xochitl Castaneda, MARAD
Tom Griffiths, OBMP	Earl Dixon, United Grain
Neal Feustel, Foss Maritime	Shannon Anthony, Sector Columbia River
Kenny Davais, Port of Vancouver USA	Scott Wullger
Richard Vincent, Port of Portland	Casey O'Donnell, USACOE
Sean Kushel, WA Department of Ecology	Alex Gorbachov, Nat Cargo
Fred Myer, Port of Portland	Jill Lazo, Sector Columbia River
Joshua Emerson, DEQ	Hans Meere, EGT, LLC
Brian Kirk, WA Department of Ecology	LCDR S. Anthony, Sector Columbia River
Kate Mickelson, CRSOA	Brian Carrico, Interstate Bridge Replacement
Tereza Edwards, CRSOA	Cory Cothren, Tidewater
Tori Thomas, Crowley	Carl Obermeier, MFSA
Brianna Cho, BEST	Mason Sullivan, MFSA
Thomas Semrau, Merchants Exchange	Vanessa Green, Clean Rivers Cooperative
Polly Hyke, Clean Rivers Cooperative	

1. Meeting Called to Order: *Presiding Officer*

Larry Landgraver, Chair and Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order at 1423 hrs.

2. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

3. Review of Meeting Notes from January 10th, 2024

The meeting notes from the January 10th, 2024, were presented and there were no additions or corrections.

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

a. Financial Report & Administrative Updates:

Polly Hyke presented the January 2024 financials. Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable are current with the Accounts Receivable balance reflecting unpaid 2024 Annual Dues as of January 31, 2024. Statement of Activities reflects regular monthly expenses in January. There were no questions or comments.



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b. 2024 Dues Billing Notice & Meeting Schedule

2024 Annual Dues invoices were sent in January.

Announced was that the July meeting has been changed from July 10th to July 9th and will be an in-person only meeting to be held in Astoria, OR

5. Speaker / Presentation

a. Businesses Ending Slavery & Trafficking (BEST)- Brianna Cho, *Corporate Relations Coordinator*

Bianna Cho from BEST presented to the Committee. BEST is an organization dedicated to ending human trafficking and slavery. The presentation distinguished the differences between trafficking and smuggling, the types of trafficking and slavery that are common, signs to look for and what to do if you suspect that someone needs help. The presentation included a short training video specific to the maritime industry and highlighted the ongoing slavery and trafficking incidents seen with foreign fishing and cargo vessels. For more information, contact Bianna Cho brianna@bestalliance.org.

6. Harbor Safety Plan Status

There was nothing to report.

7. Standard Committee Assignments & Discussions

a. Membership Outreach Committee

The Membership Outreach Committee is looking for participants. If anyone is interested in participating, please contact Carl Bertapelle.

8. Regular Committee Reports & Stakeholder Updates

a. Navigation Subcommittee

Steve Akerman delivered a brief update; There is a need for weather buoys offshore. These are important for the safe operations of maritime vessels. There were no questions.

b. MARAD – West Coast Update

Xochitl Casteneda delivered a brief update; Notice of funding opportunity for infrastructure grants PIDP Full NOFO, closes May 10th. EPA Clean Ports Grant – Optional letter of intent due by March 28th – Applications due May 28th. Xochitl will send a follow up email to the membership. There were no questions or comments.

c. Army Corps of Engineers

No representative was present.

d. NOAA – Office of Coast Survey Update (Jeff Ferguson)

No representative was present.

e. USCG Sector Columbia River Update (Sector Columbia River Representative)

- Vessel Inspections Division noted Sexual Assault / Sexual Harassment Job Aid recently released. The newly revamped boating safety App contains float plans, NOAA buoy info, state & navigation rules, and info on safety checks. <https://uscgboating.org/mobile/>. There is a new format for Merchant Mariners Credential format rolled out on March 1st. Will now be an 8.5" x 11" water resistant page with security features instead of the passbook style. Noted annual FPAAC summit – lithium-ion battery discussion.
- Investigations Division Reiteration of contact information.



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- Incident Management Division Responded to twenty-four cases; issued 9 LOWs; Issued 2 NOVs; there were 2 Federal Projects. Brief overview: 08MAR: IMD Astoria identified a collapsed boat house w/ submerged boat FEATHER in Skipanon, OR as discharging diesel, impacting Pacific Seafood Co. OSLTF accessed for \$130K, cleanup efforts going on today. 22JAN: Ilwaco Landing Fire, the Borstein Seafood processing facility and the pier burned completely. Cleanup efforts are still ongoing. 23JAN: Federal case M/V NAIAD II, vessel was actively discharging, contractor removed approximately 250 gallons fuel from vessel. 04MAR: SCR IMD conducted joint assessment of M/V EL CONQUISTADOR with CG Strike Team, DEQ, DSL, and local sheriffs. IMD determined the vessel did not pose a significant threat to the environment.
- Emergency Management and Force Readiness Dept. reported the upcoming drills/exercise events which includes, 6 APR: Reserve Mobilization Mass Rescue Op TTX, 22-26 APR: Tsunami Seminar/Drill, 30 April: Area Committee Meeting, 8 May: Area Maritime Security Plan Workshop, 5-10 Jun: Rose Festival, 10-11 Sep: CG-Led Oil Spill/Boom Deployment FSE.
- Cybersecurity Presidential Executive Order signed on February 21, 2024: Amended 33 CFR Part 6 to ensure USCG authorities are aligned with today's threat environment by explicitly addressing cyber - data, information, networks, programs, systems, or other digital infrastructure and defined "Cyber Incident". Website: [Executive Order on Amending Regulations Relating to the Safeguarding of Vessels, Harbors, Ports, and Waterfront Facilities of the United States | The White House](#)
Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) 02-24: Clarifies reporting requirements for MTSA-regulated entities and non-regulated entities. Website: [Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular \(NVIC\) 02-24](#).
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM): Proposes new cybersecurity requirements for MTSA-regulated vessels and facilities. USCG will consider all comments submitted to the docket. Public comment period closes on April 22, 2024. Website: [Federal Register :: Cybersecurity in the Marine Transportation System](#)

9. New Business

There was none.

10. Good of the Order

- a. A Kate Mickelson, CRSOA asked whether the May 8th USCG Security Workshop would interfere with the LCRHSC meeting scheduled for that same day. USCG representatives replied that the time for the Security Workshop is not yet finalized yet and that it will be scheduled around the LCRHSC meeting in order not to be a conflict.
- b. Richard Vincent, Port of Portland made note of the new river level gauge that is now live at the TEMCO Dock in Kalama, WA.

11. Adjourn

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1519 hrs.