

PUGET SOUND HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE
February 4, 2009

Chairman Bruce Reed called the meeting of the Puget Sound Harbor Safety Committee (PSHSC) to order at 10:00 on February 4, 2009 at NOAA on Sandpoint, followed by the evacuation plan for the location. Roll call was taken.

Voting Members Present

Aquaculture

Commercial Fishing

Leslie Hughes

Environmental Groups

Labor

Native American

Passenger Vessel Industry

Darrell Bryan

Petroleum Shippers

Ed Irish

Puget Sound Pilots

Capt. Del Mackenzie

Public at Large

Theresa Conner

Public Ports

Rod Hilden

Recreational Boaters

David Scott

State Ferry System

Capt. Scott Davis

Steamship Lines

Polly Kirkpatrick

Tug & Barge

Bruce Reed

Local Government

Advisors Present:

NOAA

Capt. David Neander

US Army Corps of Engineers

Olivia Romano

USCG, Sector Seattle

Capt. Sue Englebert RADM Currier

US Dept. of Transportation – MARAD

US Navy

WA Dept of Ecology

Norm Davis

Marine Exchange

John Veentjer

Others Present:

RADM Currier	Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District
Alan Sullivan	Rainier Petroleum
Amy Phillips	
Andrew Marcelynas	
Brad Roberson	Rainier Petroleum
Chris Peterson	Crowley Maritime
Craig Lee	BP
Dan Nutt	K-Sea Transportation
Fred Felleman	Wave Consulting
George Clark	Penn Maritime
Jack Harmon	Victoria Express
Jason Lewis	American Waterways Operators
Jeff Shaw	Polar Tankers
John Lauber	HSC Public at Large Alternate
LCDR Diana Wickman	USCG Sector Seattle
Lon Cain	Transmarine Navigation
Mark Ashley	USCG Sector Seattle - VTS
Marlene Barrington	National Boating Federation
Matt Parker	
Nancy Allen	Marine Exchange of Puget Sound
Nick Piro	Polar Tankers
Rich Berkowitz	Transportation Institute
Richard Softye	BMT
Scott Craig	Crowley Marine Exchange
Sissi Longthorpe	Northwestern Boating Co.
Steve Rochester	Clipper Navigation

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Steven Stowers

USCG Sector Seattle

Susan Coughlin

Thomas Szelest

USACE Seattle

Todd Howard

USCG Sector Seattle

Roll Call and Introductions

- ◆ Quorum present
- ◆ Election of Officers:
 - Chairman – Bruce Reed: There was a motion for re-election and vote.
 - Vice Chairman – Leslie Hughes: There was a motion for re-election and vote.
 - Sec/Treasure – Marine Exchange: There was a motion to continue this delegation and vote.

Meeting Notes The minutes of the December 3, 2008 were approved and accepted.

Introductions

- ◆ **Brad Coleman:** Meteorologist in charge of the weather service forecast office welcomed everyone and offered a tour following the meeting. There are over 1000 employees in the facilities making it the largest outside Washington D.C.
- ◆ **Ted Buehner:** Mr. Buehner covered the meeting venue safety items and invited everyone to have lunch in Building 2 following the meeting if interested.
- ◆ **Capt. Sue Englebert:** Captain of the Port introduced RADM John Currier, Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District. RADM Currier is in charge of Coast Guard operations in the WA/ID/MT/OR region.

RADM Currier, U.S.C.G.

- ◆ Thanked the Harbor Safety Committee for its collaboration within the Maritime Community.
- ◆ RADM Currier gave an overall view of his assessment of what was happening in our area. He spoke of the economic downturn and its effect on industry especially marine transportation. He stressed that we are more effective as a group to protect our waterways on prevention and response.
- ◆ Sector Seattle will soon be called Sector Puget Sound by combining Sector Port Angeles and Sector Seattle and having all of Puget Sound operations under the one Captain of the Port.
- ◆ The Coast Guard continues to provide protection services to the U.S. Navy assets in Puget Sound.
- ◆ Towboats will now be boarded and inspected.
- ◆ TWIC will be enforced by the Coast Guard effective the end of February.

Captain Sue Englebert

- ◆ Capt. Englebert gave an update on the current Anchorage SOC which has been revised due to the increase in anchor dragging. There are two SOC's, one for the Commencement Bay area and one for the rest of the anchorages in the Sound. This is located on the website www.pshsc.org
- ◆ Low visibility policies are being reviewed. The CG and the PS Pilots are working on a draft. Special thanks to the group that solved the Hylebos waterway problem due to the barge encroachment. There was great effort between the Army Corp. of engineers, stakeholders and the Coast Guard.

Sector Seattle Report

USCG Sector Seattle Incident Report – LCDR Diana Wickman

- ◆ The incident report was reviewed and discussed. This report is posted on the website.

Program: Ted Buehner

- ◆ Mr. Buehner gave a very interesting presentation on what the weather service does. Best quote: "When you are prepared...you're not scared".
- ◆ Following his presentation members were invited to have lunch in the NOAA cafeteria followed by a tour of the weather center.

Standing Committee Reports:

- ◆ Budget: Bruce Reed/John Veentjer: The budget was distributed to members. A reminder made that all funding comes from dues from the stakeholders. Invoice for dues for 2009 will be sent out.

New/Other Business:

- ◆ The environmental position letter was sent to the Oil Spill Advisory Committee but did not receive a response. The same process used for the Public at Large position will be used to fill the environment position.
- ◆ The Harbor Safety Plan on the website is broken up into parts for easy access and delivery. There is the ability to print various sections on demand. This is an ever-changing document.
- ◆ A reminder that the 11th annual convention will be May 27-29, 2009 in Tampa. There is a Best Practice poster contest. Each HSC is asked to provide a poster.
- ◆ PSHSC will provide a nomination for itself for HSC of the year for 2008.

Next Meeting: April 1, 2009 in the Galaxy room of Federal Center South

Respectively Submitted:
Nancy Allen, Recorder