

PUGET SOUND HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE
June 2, 2010

Chairman Bruce Reed called the meeting of the Puget Sound Harbor Safety Committee (PSHSC) to order at 10:00 on June 2, 2010 in the Galaxy Room of Federal Center South.

Voting Members Present

Aquaculture	
Commercial Fishing	Leslie Hughes
Environmental Groups	
Labor	Vince O'Halloran
Native American	
Passenger Vessel Industry	
Petroleum Shippers	Frank Holmes
Puget Sound Pilots	Jay Niederhouser
Public at Large	Theresa Connor
Public Ports	Tom Brown
Recreational Boaters	David Scott
State Ferry System	Darnell Baldinelli
Steamship Lines	Mike Moore
Tug & Barge	Bruce Reed
Local Government	

Advisors Present:

NOAA	Gary Nelson
US Army Corps	Tom Szelest
USCG, Sector Seattle	Capt. Scott Bornemann
US MARAD	
US Navy	
WA Dept of Ecology	Norm Davis

Executive Secretary:

Marine Exchange	John Veentjer
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Others Present:

Mark Ashley	CG VTS Puget Sound	John Dwyer	USCG
Rich Berkowitz	Transportation Institute	Chris Dahline	SFD
George Clark	Penn Maritime	Tim Kline	Harley Marine Services
Lon Cain	Transmarine Navigation	Chip Boothe	WA Dept of Ecology
Rebecca McCann	USCG	Matt Denning	USCG
Pat McGarry	Manson Construction Co.	Craig Lee	BP
Matthew Ringel	NOAA	Steve Rochester	Clipper Navigation
Jeff Shaw	Polar Tankers	Chris Woodley	USCG
CAPT Scott Pollock	USCG Group Port Angeles	Stuart Cook	USACE
Rebekah Wesein	KPFF	Andrea Clos	NOAA PHB
Deborah Franco	Harley Marine	Jill Russell	Pacific Maritime Inst.

Roll Call and Introductions: Roll call taken and a quorum of members were present.

Meeting Notes: There were no comments on the minutes of the April 7, 2010 meeting; thus they were approved and accepted.

Safety Moment: Bruce asked Dionne Lee of QSE Solutions to provide the "safety moment". Dionne suggested that most accidents happen because we are moving too fast. Think before acting, plan for the unexpected and take a moment to be safe.

Sector Seattle

Captain Scott Bornemann was introduced as the temporary COTP and he introduced his staff including Captain Scott Pollock, CO of Air Station in Port Angeles who will be the new incoming Sector Deputy Commander after Sector Seattle becomes Sector Puget Sound.

USCG Sector Seattle Incident Report

- * Highlights of the Sector's report; the report is posted on the website.
- * A few of the highlights of the report:
 - o A 625ft Articulated Tug & Barge encountered increased seas and winds causing several systems to be inoperable.
 - o A 590 ft bulk carrier master was found to be under the influence of alcohol and the vessel was ordered to remain at anchor until a competent master was provided.

- A 119 ft recreational vessel was operating in an unsafe manner over several days with repeated CG intervention resulting in a voyage termination. Despite the order, the vessel got under way to Canadian water where they were picked up by the Canadian authorities who imposed similar requirements of demonstrating proficiency in operating the vessel.

Presentation: Dionne Lee – Maritime Work Force Development

- ◆ Ms. Lee gave a brief background on the organization.
- ◆ The purpose of the group is to lay the ground work to get more skilled workers into the maritime industry and make the career pathway simplified.
- ◆ They are currently focusing on the ship to shore connection for marine engineers.
- ◆ There are plans in the near future to have a training tug, fully equipped

Elected Officers: Mr. Reed was concerned that due to his increased workload he wasn't doing justice to the PSHSC. After a short discussion the committee agreed to keep him in this position as it was in the PSHSC best interest; he was doing a great job and would be hard to replace.

Standing Committee Reports:

- ◆ **Operations - Mike Moore:**
 - The container lashing issue during bunkering on box ships has been coming up and may have to be looked into again by bringing up the SOC and doing an outreach.
 - The traffic trends over the last eight years are still pretty steady despite the downturn; more of a shift, i.e., bigger ships, or larger loads.
- ◆ **Finances: Leslie Hughes**
 - Dues have been received by all but three members. Dues are voluntary but very welcome.
 - There is approximately \$4,000.00 in the bank account.
- ◆ **Harbor Safety Convention – John Veentjer**
 - This is a joint conference of the HSCs and the Area Maritime Security Committees, June 8th – 10th in Jersey City, NJ.

Member and Advisor Reports:

- ◆ **Steve Rochester, Clipper Navigations:** Mr. Rochester would like to request a second weather buoy in the Straits or possibly re-fit the current buoy to include real time weather reports.
- ◆ A discussion on the possibilities included the Coast Guard and NOAA responsibilities but comes down to funding. NOAA would install and maintain but would need funding. A sub committee will be formed to assess what the mariners need and what would need to be done.

Coast Guard – CAPT Scott Bornemann

- ◆ Due to the Gulf situation, 38-40 members of Sector Seattle have been sent to help out. This will result in a temporary loss of strength so some of the less important duties may be overlooked; the CG will be creative to meet mandates.
- ◆ July 30th is the date of the re-sectorizing of the Puget Sound. This should be a transparent operation. There will be one CG Sector for the region and the Air Station in Port Angeles will report to the new Sector.
- ◆ Seafair is coming up and as always the CG will be deeply involved.

NOAA – Matt Ringel

- ◆ They are in the process of updating the tide and current charts over the next 1-2 years. If you have any awareness of areas to be reviewed please contact NOAA.

Next Meeting: August 4, 2010, at Federal Center South

Respectively Submitted:
Nancy Allen, Recorder