

**MARINERS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE  
BAY AND RIVER DELAWARE  
MEETING – June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 MINUTES**

The Regular Quarterly Meeting of the Mariners' Advisory Committee for the Bay and River Delaware was held June 8<sup>th</sup> 2006 at Ristornate LaVeranda, Philadelphia. Captain Michael Linton called the meeting to order at 1030 hours. The meeting was attended by 45 Members, Associate Members, and interested parties.

**I. Welcome**

Captain Cuff welcomed all members and guests.

**II. Reading of the Minutes**

Captain Linton moved that the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting be approved, Tom Johnston seconded. All approved

**III. Report of the Treasurer**

In the absence of Dennis Rochford, Captain Cuff reported a balance of \$8,733.80. John Walters moved that the report be accepted. H. Hickman Rowland seconded.

The report includes:

1. Duck Island Range Front Light
2. Enterprise Lower Range
3. Cherry Island Range Front Light
4. Enterprise Upper Range
5. Acquisition Construction and Improvement funds
- 6 Upper Delaware River Buoys 52 and 54
- 7 Liston Range Front Light
- 8 Delaware River and Bay Deepening Project
- 9 Cape Fear River Deepening Project

Mr. Walters reported the following:

1. Chief Boatswain Mate Michael Baroco will retire on July 28<sup>th</sup> following 22 years of service.
2. Regarding Liston Range, the concrete pad is falling apart and has to be accessed.
3. Captain Cuff reported vandalism on an upper river light. Police and Coast Guard have been notified. John
4. Walters reported that the shooting out of the light is a federal offence and they are looking into survaliance.
5. Captain Broadley reported that Horseshoe Bend Read range light is falling apart but was told options for restoration are not likely.

**V. NOAA**

John Nyberg was in attendance in behalf of NOAA and remained available for questions and comments from the committee.

**VI. Marine Safety Office USCG- Captain of the Port**

Antoinett Scott and Bob Ward were on hand to field any questions or comments from the committee.

## **VII. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE)**

David Olson and Roy Denmark distributed a report on the following projects and was open for questions and comments from the committee:

1. Delaware River, Philadelphia to Sea
2. Wilmington Harbor
3. Salem River
4. Delaware River, Philadelphia to Trenton
5. Chesapeake and Delaware Canal
6. District Web Site Info

There followed discussion on a worsening shallow draft problem in the area of Duck Island. Captain Cuff is to meet with selected members of the MAC for further review and evaluation.

## **VIII. Old Business**

Captain Cuff reported that MAC membership dues have not changed since 2000 and dues are being raised in September to help offset increased meeting costs.

## **IX. New Business**

### **Port Hurricane Plan**

Retired local Coast Guard representative, Bob Ward, Security Specialists and Exercise Planner, reported on changes to our Port Hurricane Plan. Mr. Ward handed out copies of the changes to all in attendance.

A copy of the revised plan can be found at [www.homeport.uscg.mil](http://www.homeport.uscg.mil) and group discussion ensued.

Captain Roland asked about any requirements involving the safety of harbor tugs. Discussion followed regarding terminal operators (sometimes being forced to) not welcoming tugs to berth when conditions are too severe to be in transit. Bob Ward suggested two things: (1) that we meet with the facilities to resolve this issue, (2) during such an event, contact the COTP to assist in coordinating and help resolve the situation.

### **Coast Pilot**

Captain Broadley updated the Delaware River Ports section of the Coast Pilot and has made it available for all member of the MAC for review, suggestions and comments. The draft will be distributed to all members and eventually be posted on the MAC website.

## **X. Adjournment**

William Broadley moved that the meeting be adjourned. Frank Huesser seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1144.

Captain Cuff announced that the next MAC meeting is scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup> 2006 at the LaVeranda Restaurant in Philadelphia.