

**MARINERS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE
BAY AND RIVER DELAWARE
MEETING – December 10, 2009 MINUTES**

The Regular Quarterly Meeting of the Mariners' Advisory Committee for the Bay and River Delaware was held September 10, 2009 at Ristorante LaVeranda, Philadelphia. Captain John Cuff, called the meeting to order at 1100 hours. The meeting was attended by 56 Members, Associate Members, and interested parties.

I. Welcome

Captain Roberts welcomed all members and guests.

II. Reading of the Minutes

Captain Wayne Bailey moved that the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting be approved, Captain Rowland seconded. All approved

III. Report of the Treasurer

MAC Treasurer Jim Lombardo reported a balance of \$17,662.98. Captain Roche moved that the report be accepted. Ward Guilday seconded.

IV. Aids to Navigation USCG

John Walters distributed a report and discussed the following lights and projects:

1. Horseshoe Range Rear Light
2. Mud Island Upper Range
3. Baker Range
4. Power Upgrade
 - Torresdale Lower Range and Rear Lights
 - Enterprise Lower Range Rear Light
 - Kinkora Lower Range Rear Light
 - Tacony Range Read Light
5. Acquisition Construction and Improvement funds for:
 - Beverly Upper Range Light
 - Edgewater Lower Range Front
 - Edgewater Lower Range Rear
 - Mud Island Lower Range Front
 - Mud Island Lower Range Rear
 - Landreth Range Front
 - Landreth Range Rear
6. Future AtoN Improvements
 - Delaware River and Bay Deepening Project
7. Liston Range
8. New Castle Range
9. Elbow of Cross Ledge Light
- 10 Miah Maull Shoal Light
11. GPS Interference tests

V. NOAA

Darren Wright reported on the PORTS project and noted the following: the current meter at Reedy Point is problematic to keep operational and is very expensive to repair and we are looking at some alternatives to another location. We also have a wind sensor in Philadelphia. Due to its location, winds are blocked and it's not providing accurate information and we are seeking to relocate the sensor. As for Ship John Shoal, the USCG has refurbished the pier that and the sensor has been re-installed.

Howard Danley reported on the color distribution and the posted charts as it relates to depths, obstructions. Captain Roberts and Howard Danley are seeking reviews and comments from the MAC.

Mr. Danley also noted a conversation with Captain Bailey on the S 57 charts as it relates to center line and range line discrepancies and light positioning. They are going to consult with the charting people and relate to them what mariners see vs. what is on these charts.

VI. Marine Safety Office USCG- Captain of the Port

Ben Cooper, Chief of Response was introduced.

Based upon the recent Ice Conference, that there is more ice expected this year than last and encourages mariners to report any ice.

The William Tate will be back here as of December 17th.

All the usual buoys will be replaced and the others on an as needed basis.

VII. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE)

Tim Rooney new project manager for the Philly to Sea. Copies of his report have been distributed and covers the following topics:

Delaware River : Philadelphia to Trenton
Delaware River: Philadelphia to Sea & Main Channel Deepening
Dredge McFarland
Schuylkill River
Wilmington Harbor
Chesapeake & Delaware Canal
Mispillion River
New Jersey Intercoastals Waterway, Cape May harbor and Oyster Creek
Indian River Inlet and Bay, DE
Naval Business Center, Pier E East Berth

It was also reported that dredging is to begin in Marcus Hook Anchorage next week restricting anchoring opportunities to allow for one ship at a time until the work is completed.

VIII. Old Business

Captain Roberts reported the following:

Survey results have been placed on the walls for your review. These depict potential alternates to take on the overflow of traffic of our current anchorages. Captain Roberts is seeking a review committee to further explore the possibilities. Of using non-dredge required/natural bottom areas.

IX. New Business

No business to report

X. Adjournment

Tom Johnston moved that the meeting be adjourned. Hick Rowland seconded. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 1135 hours.

Captain Roberts announced that the next MAC meeting is scheduled for March 11th 2010 at 1100 at the Restaurant La Veranda, Philadelphia.