

**MARINERS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE  
BAY AND RIVER DELAWARE  
MEETING –December 9, 2010 MINUTES**

The Regular Quarterly Meeting of the Mariners' Advisory Committee for the Bay and River Delaware was held December 9, 2010 at Ristorante LaVeranda Philadelphia. On behalf of Captain Stephen Roberts, Captain Ward Guilday presided over the meeting. Captain Guilday called the meeting to order at 1100 hours. The meeting was attended by 59 Members, Associate Members and interested parties. It was noted that 2 Captains of the Dredge McFarland were in attendance today.

**I. Welcome**

Acting MAC Chairman, Captain Guilday welcomed members, new members and guests.

**II. Reading of the Minutes**

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

**III. Report of the Treasurer**

MAC Treasurer Rick Iulucci read the report and reported a balance of \$16,662.70. Mr. Iulucci also announced the following two new members: Delaware River and Bay Cooperative and Statoil.

**IV. Aids to Navigation USCG**

John Walters, Waterways Management, reported on the following lights and projects and distributed a detailed report on the following:

**Maintenance and Improvements projects**

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1. Baker Range
2. Miah Maul Shoal Light
3. Delaware Bay East Icebreaker Light

Future AtoN Improvements

1. Delaware River and Bay Deepening Project
2. Liston Range, Reedy Is. Range, New Castle Range

Navigation Items of Interest

1. Offshore Renewable Energy Installations (OREIs)
2. BOEMRE (RFI)
3. GPS interference tests- now being referred to as simply "GPS tests".

Contact info (as shown on the report).

Mr. Walters then asked to meet with members of the MAC today to further review some charts that he provided regarding proposed offshore anchorage areas. Mr. Walters went on to say that these anchorages are to provide overflow capacity for when anchorages are not available on the river, to provide an avenue for the COTP to direct a ship to designated anchorage and to allow a ship a safe place to anchorage offshore rather than remain under power.

## **V. NOAA**

Howard Danley distributed his report to the MAC members and reminded members of the MAC to come forward with any recommendations to appear in future editions of the charts.

He added that Captain Broadley's recommendation for the new traffic separation scheme project is "coming along very well".

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

Captain of the Port Meredith Austin reported the following:

The Ice Season begins this week and there are 2 New Year's Eve fireworks displays scheduled. There were two instances of late Advanced Notice of Arrivals this week where the ships had to sit out and wait to meet the time requirement and we know how disruptive that is but remind all parties involved to prepare within the established guidelines. It was mentioned that there was a recent article in the Maritime Exchange's BEACON on this and it is very informative and helpful.

Captain Bailey asked about season replacement of ice buoys and was told that the process begins today.

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

Tim Rooney reported the following:

See distribution.

1. Delaware River, Philadelphia to Sea maintenance (Norfolk Dredging @ Marcus Hook)
2. Main Channel Deepening (postponed until August)
3. Dredge McFarland (scheduled for drydock until Spring 2011)
4. Schuylkill River (maintenance dredging scheduled for 2011)
5. Wilmington Harbor (Norfolk Dredging completed to 38')
6. C&D Canal (Norfolk Dredging completed dredging of the approach channel)
7. Fairless Turning Basin (study for the deepening from 35 to 40 feet is complete. Dredging could begin in August 2011 if all its funding is in place.

Roy Denmark: Regarding deepening: it was reported that "we" won the case in Delaware. As for New Jersey, the judge directed the Corps to negotiate with the State of New Jersey for an agreement. The next "*status conference*" is scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup>. Dredging has been postponed in the area until next summer due to uncertainties with the lawsuit. Delaware suspended process of the permit application pending a decision.

With Tony DePasquale, it was discussed that the bedrock in Marcus Hook is at about 43 feet in some places and part of the project is to get that down to 47 feet; that will require some blasting. He added that the influence of the MAC can play an important role in helping the ACOE secure existing funding and acquiring additional funding.

**VIII BOEMRE** presentation from Aditi Mirani and Wright Frank: see distribution

Discussions followed including: navigational concerns on placement, economical impact to the port region, the laying and locations of the power cables, and detailing the exact GPS long/lat coordinates to become available for further study and review.

Captain Broadley prepared and distributed a one-page summary on the BOEMRE presentation for the MAC to help expedite efforts for those who want to respond.

### **IX. Old Business**

none

### **X. New Business**

none

### **XI OPEN DISCUSSION**

John Gazzola of the Independence Seaport Museum announced the organization of the **Parade of Lights** in collaboration with the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation and the Seamen's Church Institute's annual Santa Run. He welcomed other boats to participate in an attempt to (1) heighten public awareness and (2) gain recognition from the City as to the efforts and projects undertaken by the Seaport Museum and the MAC.

### **XII. Adjournment**

Captain Guilday announced the next meeting of the MAC is scheduled for March 10th 2010 at 1030 hours.

With no further agenda items or discussion, Jean Cureton moved that the meeting be adjourned. Captain Wayne Bailey seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1158 hours.