

**MARINERS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FOR THE BAY AND RIVER DELAWARE
MEETING
December 13th, 2012 MINUTES**

The Regular Quarterly Meeting of the Mariners' Advisory Committee for the Bay and River Delaware was held December 13th, 2012 at Ristorante LaVeranda Philadelphia. Captain Ward Guilday presided over the meeting. Captain Guilday called the meeting to order at 1100 hours. The meeting was attended by 35 Members, Associate Members, and interested parties.

I. Welcome

Standing in for Captain Roberts, Captain Guilday welcomed members and guests.

II. Reading of the Minutes

Captain Guilday presented the Minutes from the September 2012 Meeting. Captain Wayne Bailey moved that the reading of the minutes be approved, Captain James Roche seconded. All approved.

III. Report of the Treasurer

Captain Guilday asked MAC Treasurer Rick Iulicci to read the report. Captain Iulicci read the report and noted a balance of \$15,668.74. Roy Denmark moved that the Treasurer's report be approved. Tom Johnston seconded. All approved.

Captain Guilday added that there are new applications available today to join the MAC.

IV. Aids to Navigation USCG

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

Maintenance and Improvements projects

1. Miah Maul Shoal Light
2. Delaware Bay Light 32
3. Deepwater Point Range Front Light
4. Devlin Lower Range Front Light
5. Construction Tender Operations
 - a. CGC Sledge
 - b. LED optics
6. Future AtoN
 - a. Baker Range
 - b. Delaware River and Bay Deepening Project
 - c. The replacement of: Liston Range, Reedy Island Range and New Castle Range

Navigation Items of Interest

7. Offshore Renewable Energy Installations: *text here has been extracted from the hand-out:*

*The Energy Policy Act of 2005 designated the Department of the Interior as the lead Federal agency for permitting and approval of OREIs on the OCS. The Coast Guard's role is as a cooperating agency under the National Environmental Policy Act and as such is limited to providing an evaluation of potential impacts of the proposed facilities on the safety of navigation, traditional uses of a waterway and Coast Guard missions. BOEM anticipates announcing a Call for Information and Nomination (Call) in the Federal Register for wind energy areas in coastal North Carolina prior to year's end. The next BOEM New Jersey State Task Force meeting is scheduled for December 18th in Trenton. **The Coast Guard recommends that the MAC remain abreast of all East Coast wind energy initiatives, assess their potential impacts to the Delaware Bay and River ports and provide that assessment to BOEM, USACE and the Coast Guard.** The following site posts the most recent activity associated with offshore renewable energy in each state: <http://www.boem.gov/Renewable-Energy-Program/State-Activities/Index.aspx>.*

Mr. Waters noted that a task force meeting is scheduled for January 29th, and 30th in Annapolis and there will be a public seminar on January 17th in Richmond Virginia hosted by BOEM. Due to the vast size of the area, Mr. Walters strongly encouraged the MAC to review the charts from the website above as it relates to the impact of traffic here on the Delaware River.

Mr. Walters noted that the Nominations for Commercial Leasing is to appear in the Federal Register. Here is that link:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-12-13/html/2012-30093.htm>

And here is an excerpt from the Federal Register listed above:

FEDERAL REGISTER Dated: December 13, 2012
Commercial Leasing for Wind Power on the Outer Continental Shelf
Offshore North Carolina--Call for Information and Nominations (Call)

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Interior.

ACTION: Call for Information and Nominations for Commercial Leasing for
Wind Power on the Outer Continental Shelf, Offshore North Carolina.

SUMMARY: BOEM invites the submission of nominations for commercial wind leases that would allow a lessee to propose the construction of a wind energy project on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) offshore North Carolina, and to develop the project if approved after further environmental review. Although this announcement is not itself a leasing announcement, the Call Areas described herein, or portions thereof, may be available for future leasing. BOEM will use responses to this Call to gauge specific interest in acquiring commercial wind leases in some or all of the Call Areas, as required by 43 U.S.C. 1337(p) (3).

Mr. Walters added that BOEM published a “no-competitive interest” on May 15, 2012.

8. Offshore Anchorages
9. GPS interface tests

Captain Guilday reminded the members to please sign the attendance sheet that has been provided to each table.

V. NOAA

Filling in for Jon Swallow, Rachael Medley distributed the latest chart editions. (see distribution)

VI. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE)

Tim Rooney distributed his report and commented on the following: (See distribution).

1. Delaware River, Philadelphia to Sea & Main Channel Deepening
2. Wilmington Harbor
3. Delaware River: Philadelphia to Trenton
4. Salem River
5. Schuylkill River
6. C&D Canal

VII. Sector Delaware Bay

Filling in for COTP Kathy Moore, Todd Wiemers reported the following:

Mr. Wiemers thanked the MAC members for all they did during Hurricane Sandy. He also reported on the upcoming fireworks and Safety Zone that will be in place for the New Year's holiday.

VIII. Old Business

No old business

IX. New Business

No new business but there was a question on when Buoy 35 was to be re-established. Captain Roche replied that the ACOE is processing new soundings and the 5th District would like to put the buoys in their new position instead of their old positions. He added that having seen the preliminary soundings that were nice and wide, it would not make any sense to put the buoys back in their old positions.

Further discussion ensued with Captain Guilday, Captain Bailey and Rachael Medley. Rachael replied: *that we have the minutes for what the widening is going to be, but we have not received any information as to what the quartering will be. Once all has been established, it would only take a week or two to get it on the charts.*

X. Adjournment

Captain Guilday announced the next meeting of the MAC is scheduled for March 14th at 1100 hours at the LaVeranda Restaurant in Penn's Landing.

With no further agenda items or discussion, Captain Roche moved that the meeting be adjourned. Lisa Hember seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1130 hours.