

**MARINERS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FOR THE BAY AND RIVER DELAWARE
MEETING
June 13th, 2013 MINUTES**

The Regular Quarterly Meeting of the Mariners' Advisory Committee for the Bay and River Delaware was held June 13th, 2013 at Ristorante LaVeranda Philadelphia. Captain Stephen Roberts presided over the meeting. Captain Roberts called the meeting to order at 1100 hours. The meeting was attended by 44 Members, Associate Members, and interested parties.

I. Welcome

Captain Roberts welcomed members and guests.

II. Reading of the Minutes

Captain Rick Luliucci moved that the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting be approved, Captain Hick Roland seconded. All approved.

III. Report of the Treasurer

On behalf of MAC Treasurer Rick Luliucci, Captain Roberts reported a balance of \$17,300.34

IV. Aids to Navigation USCG

Christopher Runt reported on the following lights and projects and distributed a detailed report on the following:

Maintenance and Improvements projects

1. Miah Maul Shoal Light (sound signal)
2. Elbow Cross Ledge Light (discontinuing sound signal)
3. Harbor Refuge Light (making sound signal seasonal: Mar 15-Dec 15)
4. Delaware Bay Light 32 (rebuilding by November 2013)
5. Bulkhead Bar Rear Range Light (demolish rear; rebuild front)
6. Pea Patch Light (discontinued)
7. Deepwater Point Range Front Light (repaired)
8. Raccoon Creek Jetty Light to RC (rebuilt)
9. Keystone Range (new front light)
10. Devlin Lower Range Front Light (new front light)
11. Fisher Point Range (alignment)
12. Optics: (continue to change out incandescent optics with LEDs)
13. Sound Signals: (continue to look at discontinuing them)
14. "mariner-activated sound signals" installed: Cape May Canal West
15. Update on Hurricane Sandy damage.

V. NOAA

Rachael Medley reported the following:

1. Post-Hurricane Sandy survey.
2. Surveying the entrance of the Chesapeake Bay (summer 2013)
3. New charts (as handouts)
4. Right Whale speed restriction ruling open for public comments.

Darren Wright reported the following:

Thanks to the efforts of the MAC and the Maritime Exchange, PORTS funding has been secured and is being split amongst the 3 states (DE, PA, and NJ).

National Weather Service: Walter Drag added the following

I have left an 800 number to report an emergency situation as it relates to weather impacting the area and navigation in general.

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
3. C&D Canal

VII. Sector Delaware Bay

COTP Kathy Moore reported the following:

1. New staffing introductions
2. Hurricane season: Trying to coordinate an interactive on-line “*remaining in port*” check-list with east coast tugs and towing companies.
3. Various summer fireworks schedules.

VIII. New Business

Captain Roberts reported on the following:

1. Tacony-Palmyra Bridge 2-week closure in August.
2. C& D air-draft
3. Working with ACOE, NOAA and D5 regarding the range at Horseshoe Bend to realign the center-line channel, work on the cornering and shift a couple of buoys.
4. Reaching out to the up-river terminal operators to join the MAC and to form a sub-committee with pilots to focus on up river issues: shoaling issues, bridge issues etc...

IX. Old Business

Captain Roberts reported the following:

The 2014 National Harbor Conference is coming to Philadelphia in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of the MAC in September of 2014. The MAC will be seeking fundraising and

sponsorships. Money raised will include tickets to events and display booths. The budget is \$25,000 plus ticket sales that will run about \$400 for a 2 or 3 day event.

Wind Industry: Captain Broadley reported the following: the first thing that will happen is power line installation offshore. New Jersey pays the 5th highest rate for electricity and is targeted over the next few years for installation. The staging for the work will commence from Paulsboro NJ. The permit process has not yet begun. There is some concern over wind turbine placement vs current vessel routes. There will be a wind representative on the MAC's September's agenda to give us an update. The platforms take AC current to the wind turbines and convert it to DC. Eventually these will connect all the way down to Virginia.

Hovercraft update:

John Anderson reported and updated the MAC on the progress of his hovercraft venture. (see distribution)

X. Adjournment

Captain Roberts announced the next meeting of the MAC is scheduled for September 12th at 1100 hours at the LaVeranda Restaurant in Penn's Landing.

With no further agenda items or discussion, Roy Denmark moved that the meeting be adjourned. Darren Wright seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1205 hours.