

**MARINERS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE
BAY AND RIVER DELAWARE
MEETING June 16, 2005**

MINUTES

The Regular Quarterly Meeting of the Mariners' Advisory Committee for the Bay and River Delaware was held June 16, 2005 at the Ristorante LaVeranda, Philadelphia. Captain John Cuff called the meeting to order at 1030 hours. The meeting was attended by 50 Members, Associate Members, and interested parties.

I. Welcome

Captain John Cuff 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 Tom Sharp seconded. All approved

III Report of the Treasurer

In the absence of Dennis Rochford, Captain Cuff reported a balance of \$9,261.44 Captain Roland moved that the report be accepted. Steve Nutter seconded.

IV Aids to Navigation

John Walters distributed a report for the following:

1. Torresdale Upper Range Read
2. Fisher Point Range Front
3. Enterprise Lower Range Front
4. Acquisition, Construction and Improvement (AC&I) funds
5. Delaware River and Bay Deepening Project
6. Cape Fear Deepening Project
7. North Carolina Port Access Route Study

V. NOAA

Howard Danley distributed the list of new additions.

VI. Marine Safety Office USCG- Captain of the Port

In the absence of Captain Scott, Chief Spense reported the following:

Our local Coast Guard office implemented the name Sector Delaware Bay last Friday. A pilot boat is due to be sunk near Buoy 29 to become an artificial reef. Other items also reported were updates on the ATHOS 1, July 2nd Fireworks, Hurricane Season runs from June 1st through November 30th, and the arrival of the 921 foot, U.S. flagged, cruise ship Pride of America. The Pride of America is first cruise ship to be built in the states in over 50 years. The cruise ship is due June 21st.

VII. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE)

Mr. Roy Denmark reported the following:

The Delaware River dredging maintenance contract has been awarded to Norfolk Dredging beginning with the Marcus Hook and New Castle Ranges in late August.

Norfolk Dredging was also awarded the contract for Wilmington Harbor to begin July 1st.

The Dredge McFarland will be working on the Philadelphia to Trenton project from August 16th to the end of September beginning with the Fairless Turning Basin.

We are accepting bids on the Schuylkill River's 33 feet.

Dredging at Marcus Hook could leave half the anchorage closed for about 4-6 weeks in part of August and September.

We need all the support we can get on keeping the McFarland working. She is under a lot of scrutiny from various agencies that would like to see her tied up.

VIII. Old Business

Bridges.

Coast Guard approved work on the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge involving limited or no impact to river traffic impact for two barges working outside the main channel until the end of September.

ATHOS I

Captain Cuff reported that all restrictions have been removed.

Berth Drafts

Captain Rowland reported that Sun now has all of their berth drafts. Captain Cuff added he is working closely with Conoco and Valero for their drafts as well.

Coast Pilot

Bill Broadley reported that the new Coast Pilot contains some outdated MAC recommendations. Captain Cuff reported that he'd get with Howard Danley of NOAA to get the book current.

IX. New Business

AIS

Captain Cuff reported that there will be AIS coverage over the entire river to be available sometime over the next few months to the Pilots, Coast Guard with limited use to the Maritime Exchange. There will be a tower on top of the Delaware Memorial Bridge for AIS.

Captain Sarubbi added that the AIS feed will be password protected via the Maritime Exchange and eventually be made available to other users. Captain Sarubbi also mentioned that cameras will be added especially at the anchorages.

X. Adjournment

Captain Cuff announced that the next MAC meeting is scheduled for September 8th 2005 at the Ristorante LaVeranda in Philadelphia.

Captain Wayne Bailey moved that the meeting be adjourned. Tom Johnston seconded. All approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 1125 hours.