

**MARINERS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE
BAY AND RIVER DELAWARE
MEETING – December 13th, 2007 MINUTES**

The Regular Quarterly Meeting of the Mariners' Advisory Committee for the Bay and River Delaware was held December, 13th, 2007 at Ristorante LaVeranda Philadelphia. Captain John Cuff called the meeting to order at 1000 hours. The meeting was attended by 53 Members, Associate Members, and interested parties.

I. Welcome

Captain Cuff welcomed all members and guests.

II. Reading of the Minutes

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

III. Report of the Treasurer

Captain Cuff reported that the MAC has a new Treasurer; Jim Lombardo. Jim reported a balance of \$18,646.13. John Reynolds moved that the report be accepted, Captain Steve Roberts seconded.

IV. Aids to Navigation USCG

John Walters reported on the following lights and projects:

1. Horseshoe Rear Range Light
2. Cherry Island Front Light
3. Bristol Range
4. Mud Island Upper Range
5. Baker Range
6. Ship John Shoal Light
7. Acquisition
8. Delaware River and Bay Deepening Project.
9. Navigation Items of interest
 - a. GPS interference
 - b. Lighted Ice Buoys

V. NOAA

Howard Danley reported on various chart updates and availability.

VI. Marine Safety Office USCG- Captain of the Port

USCG rep. Kyle McAvoy reported the following:

Following the recent bridge collision in San Francisco, the COTP is reviewing our contingency plans here to see if all is in place in the event something like that happened here.

TWIC enrollment center officially opens today.

We are receiving amendments to facility security plans for those facilities seeking to change their layout to comply with TWIC requirements.

Jason Aleksak reported that the 2007/2008 Ice Season is upon us and he passed out the USCG ice season guide.

Priority order for ice breaking is as follows: 1) search and rescue, 2) heat/oil and food deliveries, 3) passenger vessels/ferry service, 4) "other" commercial i.e. scrap metal, etc....

Also distributed was a wallet card for the American Waterways Watch for reporting suspicious activities.

VII. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE)

Dave Olsen distributed his report for the following areas:

1. Delaware River, Philadelphia to Sea
2. Chesapeake and Delaware Canal
3. Delaware River, Philadelphia to Trenton
4. Schuylkill River
5. Wilmington Harbor
6. District web site info.

There was some discussion on utilizing the McFarland for the Schuylkill River but it was determined to be difficult to maneuver

Dave also noted that scaffolding has reduced the air draft for the Chesapeake City Bridge. Captain Cuff asked him to inform the MAC as to when the scaffolding comes down so that we can get a notice out that the air draft has been restored.

There followed significant discussion on dredging, spoil sites, project funding, and the need to access to power plants and oil spill response equipment.

Captains Linton and Cuff reported that the MAC will write a strong letter to Lisa Jackson Commissioner of the DEP for Upper River dredging and one for Mispillion River

VIII. Old Business

ATON Survey

Captain Cuff reported that the MAC is now providing an ATON survey on its website. He encouraged mariners to complete the survey so that we can get a better idea of what we need.

IX. New Business

There followed a presentation from Blue water Wind Farm for offshore wind power with specific plans for a wind farm between the sea lanes.

X. Adjournment

John Reynolds moved that the meeting be adjourned. Captain Hick Rowland seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1228 hours. Captain Cuff announced that the next MAC meeting is scheduled for March 13^h, 2008 at the Ristorante LaVeranda in Philadelphia.