

Mariner's Advisory Committee Minutes

June 13, 2024

Chairman Captain Drew Hodgens welcomed members and guests in the room to the 2nd Quarterly Meeting

Following the Posted Agenda

NOTE: Presentation summaries are below, presentation detail can be found in the attached pdf here:

I. Approval of the Minutes

Captain Drew Hodgens MAC Chairman opens the meeting: Thank you for making time to come today. There was a technical issue with the minutes from the last meeting.

Captain Hodgens then requested we go around the room for participants to introduce themselves.

II. Reports

- A. **Treasurer's Report** – Capt. Rick Iulucci – Good morning everyone. The report is posted on the MAC website if you would like to take a look. The balance carried over from March was \$17,244.48. We had a few expenses leaving us with a balance of \$16,533.84.
- B. **Membership Report** – Capt. Rick Iulucci – Thank you all for being members. If you have not paid your dues yet, please do.
- C. **USCG Report** - LT Owen Mims – Good morning all. We are officially in hurricane e season. MSIB 10-24, Hurricane Seasonal Alert is in effect through November 30th. We also have our MSIB for reporting of sexual misconduct on US vessels. The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for 2023 updates Title 46, focusing on crew safety and combatting sexual assault. For more information, take a look at MSIB 13-23 and MSIB 1-23. A full list of MSIB's can be found on our website. Sector Delaware Bay has been participating in meetings with offshore wind developers regarding the 5 lease areas off of New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland and the 4 lease areas in New York. We have been discussing the impacts possible on the New Jersey and Delaware coasts. If anyone has any questions or concerns about these projects, please reach out to me. ATON updates – Marcus Hook rear rage light has received the funding for new batteries, and we are waiting for the batteries to be delivered. Horseshoe Bend has been changed to a quick flashing white light. We are also waiting for the batteries to be delivered for Brandywine Shoal. Elbow Cross Ledge lighted buoy 28 is new.

Details in meeting packet 2 through 6

- D. ACOE Report – Mr. Timothy Rooney** – Good morning everyone. I'll start with our Philadelphia to Sea project; Norfolk Dredging has completed annual maintenance dredging of Marcus Hook, New Castle, and Deepwater. They are moving to Wilmington Harbor to begin maintenance dredging as early as June 15th. We have had the Hopper Dredge McFarland scheduled to dredge Mifflin Range sometime in August. Next year's contract for maintenance dredging is expected to be awarded in August. Philadelphia to Trenton is the next project. Bucket dredging is set to pick back up July 1st between Tacony-Palmyra Bridge and Newbold Island. It is scheduled for completion by January 2025. For Wilmington Harbor the maintenance dredging is scheduled to begin on or around June 15th. Moving on to the C&D Canal, construction continues on the St. Georges deck replacement and is not expected to have any air gap reduction. The Reedy Point Bridge construction started and will continue through September 2025. There is no planned air gap reduction. Lastly, the maintenance dredging of the Upper Chesapeake was completed in March of this year. There were 500,00cy removed. Next we have Salem River. The dredging contract was awarded to Cottrell Contracting. Dredging is scheduled to begin sometime after July 1st. The bend and the turning basin contract will be advertised in 2025. For the Intercoastal Waterway and the Cape May Ferry Channel, Barnegat Bay Dredging was completed in April 2024. Maintenance dredging will occur in the Cape May Ferry channel in spring 2025. Dredge Murden may possibly conduct some maintenance dredging at the jetty entrances in September 2024. The maintenance dredging of the Maurice River was completed in December 2023 and the materials were beneficially placed in the Heislerville Wildlife Management Area for marsh rehabilitation.

Details in meeting packet 7 through 12

- E. NOAA - Mr. Ryan Wartick** – Morning everyone, just a couple updates. We are moving through our chart cancellation process. There are 63 left to be canceled. If you need any information on how to use the Custom Chart tool, you can reach out to me with any questions. NOAA was on site less than 48 hours after the crash of the Dali. We were able to collect images for charting updates. The images taken on March 28th were mapped on the 29th and delivered the same day to OCS. The first vessel to be able to transit the alternate channel was on April 1st.

Details in meeting packet 13 through 36

Ms. Sierra Davis – Good morning. The Quarterly Sensor Statistics for 3/1/2024 through 5/31/2024 are the Delaware Memorial Bridge, Reedy Point, and Chesapeake City air gap sensors are all operating at 100%. The Ben Franklin Bridge sensor is operating at 99%. The Philadelphia current sensor is operating at 100% accuracy and the Brown Shoal is operating at 92%.

Details in meeting packet 37 through 42

III. Unfinished Business / New Business

Capt. Drew Hodgens – Next up, any unfinished business and any new business. I would like to announce that the new inbound draft is 44' and the new outbound draft is 42' starting now. If anyone has any questions, let me know.

IV. Adjournment

Capt. Drew Hodgens asked for a motion to adjourn: Mike Cureton motioned, and Lynn Cointot seconded.

Next meeting Thursday, September 12th at Popi's 1030 for coffee and 1100 start.