

Mariner's Advisory Committee Minutes

June 12, 2025

Captain Drew Hodgens MAC Chairman welcomed members and guests in the room to the 1st Quarterly Meeting

Following the Posted Agenda

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

https://www.macdelriv.org/a/1749669828_1.PDF

I. Approval of the Minutes

Captain Drew Hodgens MAC Chairman opens the meeting. Thank you for making time to come today. Captain Hodgens then requested we go around the room for participants to introduce themselves.

Motion to approve minutes- Captain David Cuff and seconded by Mike Cureton

II. Reports

A. Treasurer's Report – Captain Rick Iuliucci– Good morning everyone. A new deposit of \$9,600, total balance of \$23,358.70. Once we debited for the past meetings with disbursements, our new balance is \$19,732.56.

B. Membership Report – Captain Rick Iuliucci – Thank you all for being members.

III. USCG Report

A. Captain Kate Higgins-Bloom – Good morning. Great to see everybody today and great to see everyone that came out to the Maritime Exchange Celebration. It was a nice reminder of how great this port is and all the port partners. Home port is down, and its replacement will be up and available in 2027. We have a pamphlet letting you know where you can go to get information in the interim. The other thing at the top of the list is continued more through inspections of certain types of cargo in cargo containers. We are meeting with key port stakeholders to work on the operational side of things to keep the port operating efficiently. The other thing I want to bring up is the MSIB on the Engine Power Limiters that came out. I would like to thank the Pilots' for working with us on this and making sure we are getting as much information as possible.

IV. ACOE Report

A. **Mr. Timothy Rooney** — Good morning, everybody. In case everyone doesn't know, Mike Landis has retired. Tim Kelly is our acting Chief of Operations. Mike, it's been great working with you. Cottrell Contracting Corporation is currently dredging for Deep Water Range with the Lexington. She is scheduled to complete by the end of the month and then mobilize up to Marcus Hook Anchorage. The Rockbridge completed New Castle Range. The dredge McFarland is currently at Cross Ledge, and she will be ending her current tour on June 18th. Potential next tour in August. Philly to Trenton, next contract for Turnpike Bridge and Newbold Island — expect to solicit the job in July and start dredging in October to March. Wilmington Harbor is completed, and next cycle will begin in fall of 2025. C&D Canal, maintenance dredging is completed. There is some bridge work going on — Summit Bridge there are repairs and painting. There will be air draft restrictions on Summit Bridge at half channel end of this month till the end of October.

Details in meeting packet 3 through 6

V. NOAA

A. **Captain Drew Hodgens** — Morning everyone, just a couple updates. NOAA is on a travel restriction, so they are unable to attend. There is a slide included in the packet regarding the air gap sensors. All running at 100% except Reedy Point, which is at 99%. There are 2 current sensors down, they hope to have them back up and running soon. There will be chart work being done this summer off Cape May and at Bigstone. If anyone has any questions, please reach out.

Details in meeting packet 7 through 10

VI. Unfinished Business / New Business

A. **Captain Drew Hodgens** — Next up, any unfinished business and any new business. Lastly, Pat Frain, this is his last MAC meeting before he heads to Coast Guard Headquarters. He has been a huge part of this port, and we will miss him and wish him all the best. There are also some spam emails going around from me with a strange email address. Please ignore it.

VII. Adjournment

Captain Drew Hodgens asked for a motion to adjourn: Mike Cureton motioned, and Pat Frain seconded.

Next meeting Thursday, September 11th at Popi's 1030 for coffee and 1100 start.