

Mariner's Advisory Committee Minutes

September 11, 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/files/mac-meeting-packet.pdf>

I. Approval of the Minutes

Captain Drew Hodgens MAC Chairman opens the meeting. Thank you for making time to come today. Captain Drew Hodgens requested a moment of silence for September 11th. Captain Hodgens then requested we go around the room for participants to introduce themselves. Motion to approve minutes- Kubilay seconded by Captain Cuff.

II. Reports

A. Treasurer's Report – Captain Rick Iuliucci– Good morning everyone. A new deposit of \$800.00, total balance of \$20,532.56. Once we debited for the past meetings with disbursements, our new balance is \$13,381.68.

III. USCG Report

A. Captain Kate Higgins-Bloom – Good morning. Great to see everybody today and welcome back from summer vacation. It's been a busy summer here and down the shore. We are glad to have everyone get back to school so we can put our focus back on this area. First, I would like to recognize Vane Brothers. Thank you for your assistance with the fire in February and your swift attention. It made a huge difference. I am giving my time to the rest of the Coast Guard folks to talk about the Navy / Marine Corp 250 event.

B. **Lt. Owen Mims** - Good morning. We will be holding the Ports Waterways Safety Assessment in December which is very exciting. The last one was done in 2000, so it has been a while. Quick ATON update, Reedy Range light is back on, hopefully everyone is enjoying that light being on. Liston work has recommenced, and New Castle work is back on. We had an influx of money from the district office so there is a listing of ranges that will be getting upgraded with LED lights.

C. **Kyle Garber** - Good morning everyone. I have some updates / changes regarding the Navy and Marine Corp 250. The vessels that will be coming up the river have been updated and finalized. The supporting assets have also been identified. All the details are up for adjustment or change depending on circumstances as we get closer.

IV. ACOE Report

A. **Mr. Timothy Rooney** – Good morning, everybody. Cottrell Contracting currently dredging the 40ft side of Marcus Hook Anchorage and schedule for completion end of September. Maintenance dredging is expected for September 12th. The Dredge McFarland will be going back out scheduled for September 22nd. Philly to Trenton will be awarded September 12th, scheduled to begin mid-October. C&D canal maintenance dredging bid opening is scheduled for September 15th. Summit Bridge is ongoing work and air gap restrictions of 5ft has been issued through June 2026.

Details in meeting packet 3 through 6

V. NOAA

A. **Ryan Wartick** – Morning everyone, happy to be back. There will be maintenance over the next few months. There may be some outages, and you will be notified if there are. New S-100 ECDIS will be voluntary starting January 2026. By January 2027 it will no longer be voluntary. Updates will be coming right to your chart. One of the biggest things is going to help with S-100 is being able to have precision navigation and real time updates.

Details in meeting packet 7 through 22

VI. Unfinished Business / New Business

A. **Captain Drew Hodgens** – Next up, any unfinished business and any new business. The Navy / Marine Corp I think will show yet again how well this port works together, and we'll make sure everything runs smoothly.

VII. Adjournment

Captain Drew Hodgens asked for a motion to adjourn: Kubilay motioned, and Ben Cooper seconded.

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