

Charleston Area Harbor Safety Committee (HSC) Meeting Minutes

Thursday – October 26, 2023

Roll Call & Call to Orders: LT James Sullivan, USCG

Meeting was conducted via Zoom and in-person at 200 Ports Authority Drive in Mt. Pleasant, SC. Membership list/attendance collected. See Table 1. LT Sullivan completed a roll call and transitioned to opening remarks.

Opening Comments:

Opening Remarks: Mr. George Detyens, Jr., KMD Marine

The July 2023 Meeting Minutes were motioned for confirmation. Motion seconded. All were in favor to confirm and finalize the July 27, 2023 Charleston Area HSC Meeting Minutes.

Remarks: Ms. Taylor Jackson, Maritime Association of South Carolina (MASC)

(No remarks)

Remarks: CAPT Frank DelRosso, USCG

CAPT DelRosso referenced the upcoming National Harbor Safety Committee Conference taking place in Chicago, March 20-21, 2024. He underscored the uniqueness of the Port of Charleston, and the various talking points that could be addressed by industry representatives.

Committee Administration:

HSC Minutes Confirmation & Voting Membership Turnover: LT James Sullivan, HSC Executive Secretary

Following outreach efforts for industry representation, LT Sullivan motioned to confirm the individuals listed below for voting membership.

- i. Mr. Taylor Tarvin (continuation) for Commercial Fishing Vessels
- ii. Mr. Rudy Socha (initial 2-year term) for Community/Environmental Group
- iii. Mr. Chris Gillespie (initial 2-year term) for Dredging Operators
- iv. Mr. David Whanger (initial 2-year term) for Passenger Vessels
- v. Mr. Cord Smythe (continuation) for Private Dry Bulk & Break Bulk Terminals

Attendees unanimously voted in favor. LT Sullivan informed everyone he would email out the new roster with the meeting minutes.

New Business:

Mr. Detyens thanked CAPT DelRosso for speaking on the National Harbor Safety Committee Conference, and highlighted the hard work being done by the conference planning committee. Mr.

John Cameron had previously offered to represent the port of Charleston, but solicitations for participants continue. Mr. Detyens directed all interested parties to contact LT Sullivan.

Open Issues, Presentations, Proposals, Follow-Up:

Ops/Nav Subcommittee Update: Mr. Ryan Sellers, Moran Towing

The Ops/Nav Subcommittee had no reason to meet this quarter.

Southern AOR Subcommittee Update: Ms. Carla Ferguson, Safe Harbor Port Royal

Ms. Ferguson referenced the meeting held on October 18th, and efforts to reconstitute the Subcommittee following the departure of the previous chairperson. Participants were asked to compile any grievances or discussion topics for the next meeting. CAPT DelRosso offered to attend a future meeting to support resolution for any ongoing issues affecting waterways users in Sector's Southern AOR. Ms. Ferguson then briefly discussed recent Safe Harbor infrastructure developments in Port Royal.

Illegal Passenger Vessel Presentation: LT Larry Schalles, CG Sector Charleston and Mr. Matt Hooper, CG Sector Charleston

LT Larry Schalles presented on the state of illegal charters within the Seventh Coast Guard District and initiatives to address the issue. These initiatives entailed outreach, education, and interagency collaboration. He also discussed recent cases, associated penalties, and a Coast Guard Investigative Service (CGIS) application that enables the public to provide tips on illegal charters. CAPT DelRosso implored attendees to stay involved on the matter. This was followed by a discussion on required endorsements for state registered vessels. LT Tyler Pfenninger referenced a public education campaign in the upcoming spring. Mr. Matt Hooper then transitioned to an overview of the Commercial Fishing Vessel Examinations program, and provided a layout of the fishing fleets and ports within South Carolina. Mr. Rudy Socha inquired about insurance issues with owners converting older fishing vessels to LLCs, sinking, declaring bankruptcy, and then abandoning the boat. CDR Nichols acknowledged widespread issues with vessel insurance but clarified that no initiatives to address the problem exist on the federal level. CAPT DelRosso relayed the safety discussion to SAR efforts for F/V CAROL ANNE.

South Coast Innovation Engine Introduction: Mr. Bryan Johnson, CG Sector Charleston, and Mr. Rick Siebenaler, CEO, Maritime Cybersecurity Institute and NSF Innovation Engine

Mr. Johnson began the presentation by highlighting a recent MTS cybersecurity incident involving public wifi and a work email. He then introduced Mr. Siebenaler, CEO of the newly formed Cybersecurity Institute. Mr. Siebenaler explained how 90% of import & export activity in the U.S. comes through our ports, and 18 of these ports have strategic interest for national defense. He then discussed economic vulnerability concerns and referenced a National Science Foundation grant to help support cybersecurity initiatives for the MTS. Outreach is still being conducted to better understand the maturity of cybersecurity, and information sharing initiatives are being developed to address the competitive nature of maritime industry. Ms. Silvia Judy then referenced an international cybersecurity incident to underscore the significance of mitigating cybersecurity vulnerabilities.

Charleston Peninsula Planning Efforts: Ms. Chloe Stuber, City of Charleston

Ms. Chloe Stuber presented on future plans for waterfront developments in the City of Charleston, and solicited for maritime stakeholder feedback. LT Sullivan informed attendees that he would email out details on how to provide this feedback.

Announcements/General Comments:

Announcements and general comments were omitted in the interest of time.

Closing:

Mr. Detyens thanked everyone for attending and concluded the meeting. The next HSC meeting will take place on January 25, 2024.

Table 1

Last Name	First Name	In Attendance	Email	Phone	Industry Entity Represented
Abeyta	Joseph		joe@allwatermarinegroup.com		Allwater Marine Services, TBUS
Ackerman	Billy	X	billya@amalie.com		AOCUSA - Charleston
Adams	Jordan				SJ Hamill Construction
Amos	Mark	X			SLED
Anderson	Bob	X			Georgetown County
Archer	Jon		jona@morantug.com	843-529-3000	Moran Towing – Charleston
Boyer	Chip				Vulcan Materials
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Campsen	Richard		richard@spiritlinecruises.com	843-509-2390	Spirit Line Cruises
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Coker	Gene		gcoker@scspa.com		SCPA
Conner	Corey				USCG
Constanza	Michael				USACE
Cuneo	Mike	X			USCG
D'Amato	Carmine				ITS CONGLOBAL
David	George				US CBP
Davis	Justin				
Del Porto	Fowler				
DelRosso	Frank	X			USCG - COTP
Detyens, Jr.	George	X			KMD Marine
Draftz	Randall		rdraftz@charlestonyachting.com	843-557-6082	Charleston Yacht Club
Ferri	Paul				SC Stevedores Association
Fleming	Lee				CMMC LLC
Forbes	Robert				OOCL
Fulmer	Rob				Charleston Fire Dept.
Futch	Sean				SCDOT
Galloway	David	X			
Giggi	Greg				TowboatUS
Godowns	Andrew				SCDNR
Greer	Luther		luther.m.greer@uscg.mil	843-720-3257	USCG Regional Exam Center
Haitz	Henry				
Hardwick	Margie				
Harmon	Chris				Odfjell Terminals
Hawkins	Rachel				ES Intergrated

Hedgpath	Mike			
Higman	Scott			Mediterranean Shipping Co.
Hills	Elizabeth		ehills@charlestonpilots.com	Pilots Association
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Hodgson	Thomas	X		
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Jackson	Taylor	X		MASC
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Johnson	Bryan	X		USCG
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Marshall	Kirby			ATM Design Engineering
Martin	Chris			ECM Maritime Services
Masserman	Mark			SCPA
McDavid	Korey			
Meadows	Gardner			Heartland Credit Card Payment and Pay
Morgan	Christopher			USCG
Morrell	Chris	X		Charleston Police Dept.
Nichols	Chris	X		USCG
O'Toole	Sean	X		Hapag-Lloyd
Pecci	Jorge			
Pereria	Rhonda			CBP
Pfenninger	Tyler	X		USCG
Phinney	Sigriel			SLED
Posda	Jim			GEL
Preston	Randy			USCG
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Schalles	Larry	X			USCG
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Shores	Jules				
Siebenaler	Rick	X			Maritime Cybersecurity
Simpson	Jennifer	X			USCG
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Smythe	Cord				Carver Maritime
Socha	Rudy	X			
Stehmeyer	Ed				SCPA
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Taylor	Tarvin	X			Tarvin Seafood
Thomas	Michael				DNR
Tomassini	Joe				
Torres	Valerie	X			MASC
Ward	Kyle				NOAA
Whanger	Dave	X			Charleston Harbor Tours
Welker	Thomas				USCG
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