



# Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee

## Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Meeting Minutes

1415-1530hrs  
Wednesday, February 1, 2017

Venue: Clean Rivers Cooperative, Operations Facility

### Officers

**Chair:** Fred Myer

**Vice-Chair:** Cale Karrick

**Secretary:** Susan Johnson

**Administrator:** Bekah Canfield, Merchants Exchange

### In attendance:

Bekah Canfield, Merchants Exchange	Carl Obermeier, BP Shipping
Fred Harding, Shaver Transportation	Fred Myer, Port of Portland
Sean Clark, Port of St Helens	Dan Jordan, Columbia River Bar Pilots
Kirk Bonnin, Olympic Tug & Barge	Jon Gornick, US Army Corps of Engineers
Geoff Doerfler, Tidewater	Jon Aschoff, Columbia River Pilots
Kate Mickelson, Columbia River Steamship Operators' Association	Hannah Zaayer, Columbia River Steamship Operators' Association
Liz Wainwright, Merchants Exchange	Lars Uglum, Port of Vancouver
Kristin Meira, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association	Steve Ackerman, Columbia River Bar Pilots
Holly Robinson, Maritime Fire & Safety Association	Ernie Quesada, Clean Rivers Cooperative
Peter Bennett, Millennium Bulk Terminals	Hans Meere, EGT
Susan Johnson, Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots	Cale Karrick, Transmarine
David Berliner, United States Coast Guard	Larry Risley, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement

### **1. Meeting Called to Order, Chair: Cale Karrick**

Cale called the meeting to order at 1415 and introductions of all attendees, guests and speakers were conducted.

Agenda has been amended due to scheduling conflicts: the Waterfront Park Task Force presentation will be moved to the March meeting.

### **2. Review of Minutes from November 2016 Meeting**

November meeting minutes were distributed via email or via download from the website. Representatives from CRSOA were mistakenly left off the minutes; minutes from November 2016 meeting were accepted as amended.

### **3. Brief Administrative Update—Bekah Canfield**

Bekah gave a brief update reminding the membership to check the website for meeting schedules and to use the sign in sheets so the minutes remain accurate.

#### **4. Financial Report—Chair, Cale Karrick**

##### **a. 2017 Contribution Cycle**

Cale gave a brief overview of the importance of the voluntary contributions and what they have accomplished this year. 2017 invoicing has gone out. The goal for participation continues to be 80%. Last year was 56% participation.

##### **b. 2016 YE Financial Standing: Liz Wainwright**

Liz gave a brief overview of the financial standing of the Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee and went over the Statement of Activities with the membership.

#### **5. Working Committee Reports: Committee Representatives**

##### **a. Standing Committee Reports:**

1. Anchorages –Jon Aschoff: Currently working on the 2 proposed Anchorages. During the last storm, Rice Island was used to great success. Port of Portland, and Millennium Bulk also have anchorages/lay berths available. The application for the 3 new stern buoys has been completed and will hopefully be installed in August.
2. Extreme Water – Jon Gornick: Snow pack is up after a wet winter season. Watching for May-June when the snow melt flows.
3. Harbor Safety Plan – Kate Mickelson
  - a. The current goal is to modernize the look of the Harbor Safety Plan and make the pdf searchable. Every section will be updated annually and an update is coming soon.
4. Make-Way – USCG/Pilots: Not currently “Make way season” The cutter fleet is recapitalizing and new cutters are being built with assignments of Fast Response Cutters to Astoria and Columbia River. Also trying to get patrol boats from District for mid-river/Longview area. A reminder was made that foreign workers aboard vessels must go ashore at public access points only, as approved by CBP. There were some reports of individuals going ashore on private property.
5. Outreach – Kristin Meira. Some upriver interest and tribal/environmental outreach, welcome to Officer Larry Risley of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement! Inviting Port of Morrow.
6. Navigation – Capt. Dan Jordan: All three NOAA Weather Buoys are currently gone and unsure of when they will be redeployed (could be May or June). The sea buoys (wave buoys) are still operational but there is no wave approaching buoy. This is the first time that all three have been lost at the same time. 2 broke loose and went adrift and one stopped working. After discussion with membership, it was agreed that NOAA will be invited to give a presentation regarding the buoys at their next availability. Bekah Canfield will coordinate.

#### **6. CRVTS Update, Washington Department of Ecology**

A scenario workshop is being developed and the project timeline includes: January 2017 meeting that was held at the Merchants Exchange, an additional meeting scheduled in February 2017 (also hosted at the Merchants Exchange) looking at risk mitigation data and reduction in risk, draft report to Olympia by May 2017, budget recommendations to Olympia by June 30, 2017, final



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report goal June 2018.

**7. New Business/Good of the Order.**

- a. Astoria Meeting: The Astoria meeting will be held at the Columbia River Maritime Museum, in the Train Depot adjacent.



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## Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Meeting Minutes

1415-1530hrs  
Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Venue: USCG MSU Portland

### Officers

**Chair:** Cale Karrick

**Vice-Chair:** Sean Clark

**Secretary:** Susan Johnson

**Administrator:** Bekah Canfield, Merchants Exchange

### In Attendance:

Bekah Canfield, Merchants Exchange	Cale Karrick, Chair, Transmarine Navigation
Sean Clark, Vice Chair, Port of St. Helens	Susan Johnson, Secretary, Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots
Larry Talbert, Columbia River Yachting Assn.	Jon Aschoff, Columbia River Pilots
Cameron Hunt, Portland Spirit	Carl Obermeier, BP Shipping
Holly Robinson, Maritime Fire & Safety Assn.	Hannah Zaayer, Columbia River Steamship Operators Assn.
Kate Mickelson, Columbia River Steamship Operators Assn.	Crescent Moegling, NOAA
Ken Lawrenson, USCG	Fred Harding, Shaver Transportation
Liz Wainwright, Merchants Exchange	Larry Risley, CRITFE
Ken Esplin, WA Dept. Ecology	Pete Pawlicki, Kirby
Hans Meere, EGT	Preston Sleeper, Witt O'Brien
Randy Clark, USCG	Bo McCall, Foss Maritime
Jon Gornic, USACE	Robin Wright, Merchants Exchange
Lars Uglum, Port of Vancouver	Capt. Tom Griffiths, USCG
CAPT Bill Timmons, USCG	

### **1. Meeting Called to Order, Chair: Cale Karrick**

Cale called the meeting to order at 1415 and introductions of all attendees, guests and speakers were conducted. A safety briefing was conducted by Mr. Ken Lawrenson, USCG and CAPT Timmons welcomed all to the MSU Portland Training Deck, speaking briefly on pending legislation impacts on the USCG (proposed FY18 budget) and leadership changeover at the Sector, District and Federal levels.

Agenda has been amended to reflect the Waterfront Park Task Force presentation will be joined by a NVIC 1-00 presentation to help give background information on the formation of Harbor Safety Committees, specifically in regards to the Incorporation question.

### **2. Review of Minutes from February 1, 2017 Meeting**

March meeting minutes were distributed via email or via download from the website.

### **3. Brief Administrative Update—Bekah Canfield**

Members were made aware of the new RSVP availability on the website and encouraged to visit

the website and give feed back on recent changes.

#### **4. Financial Report—**

##### **a. 2017 Contribution Cycle—Cale Karrick**

Cale gave a brief overview of the importance of the voluntary contributions and what they have accomplished this year. 2017 invoicing has gone out. The goal for participation continues to be 80%. Last year was 56% participation.

##### **2017 Financial Report: Liz Wainwright, Merchants Exchange**

Liz gave a brief overview of the financial standing of the Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee and went over the Statement of Activities with the membership.

#### **5. Working Committee Reports: Committee Representatives**

##### **a. Standing Committee Reports:**

1. Anchorages –Jon Aschoff: Anchorages are currently full and working well.
2. Harbor Safety Plan – Kate Mickelson
  - a. No updates; Ken Lawrenson is working on Incident Management Guidelines to address non-vessel casualties.
3. Make-Way – USCG/Pilots: no new updates
4. Navigation – Capt. Dan Jordan: no new updates
5. Extreme Water—Jon Gornick: no new updates.

#### **6. CRVSA Update, Washington Department of Ecology**

A draft was released at the start of the month (March 2017.) There will be a meeting of the workgroup on March 21, 2017 at the Merchants Exchange from 1-5pm to go over the draft. Scott Ferguson will be attending and available at the Industry Breakfast this month. No further updates.

#### **7. Presentation: NVIC 1-00: Ken Lawrenson**

Ken Lawrenson gave an overview of the organizational structure and formation of Harbor Safety Committees, as well as the mission and elements of a successful Harbor Safety Committee. On the matter of Incorporation, he spoke with Rajiv Khandapur, USCG and John Veentjer, Marine Exchange Puget Sound about the process. To his knowledge, the Puget Sound HSC is the only one that has actually gone through the process of incorporation. The NVIC as it is written does not address the issue of incorporation but rather charges the formation of the Harbor Safety Committee and recommendation of establishing a charter. A benefit of incorporation is recognition by State entities. He reported that the State of Washington directly recognizes the need for public comment out of the Harbor Safety Committees. Some discussion followed. Moved to move the discussion of Incorporation and potential 501(c)(3) status to the Managing Board.

#### **8. Presentation: NOAA Update, Crescent Moegling**

Crescent Moegling gave a presentation and update on the status of NOAA, specifically the buoys that are currently offline. She posted a link to the maintenance schedule, noting that of the three that are currently offline: one was due to be serviced in early May, one was due to be deployed in early May and one was due for a complete hull exchange in July 2017. She also spoke briefly about the Nav. Response Team based out of Seattle that serves both Washington and Oregon, with surveys in the Columbia River as a priority and the National Charting Plan program. NOAA updates will be posted on the LCRHSC website and sent out to membership periodically.



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### 9. New Business/Good of the Order

Nothing further to report.

**2017 Meeting Schedule:** (Managing Board: 1330-1400, General Membership: 1415-1530hrs)

<b>May 10, 2017:</b> Port of Vancouver, Vancouver, WA
<b>July 12, 2017:</b> Columbia River Maritime Museum—Astoria ** Meeting has been moved to 1000hrs; No Managing Board**
<b>September 13, 2017:</b> Millennium Bulk, Longview, WA
<b>November 8, 2017:</b> Portland Spirit, Portland, OR



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## Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Meeting Minutes

1415-1530hrs  
Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Venue: Port of Vancouver

### Officers

**Chair:** Cale Karrick

**Vice-Chair:** Sean Clark

**Secretary:** Susan Johnson

**Administrator:** Bekah Canfield, Merchants Exchange

### In Attendance:

Bekah Canfield, Merchants Exchange	Cale Karrick, <b>Chair</b> , Transmarine Navigation
Sean Clark, <b>Vice Chair</b> , Port of St. Helens	Susan Johnson, <b>Secretary</b> , Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots
Scott Brewer, Oregon Maritime Board	Carl Obermeier, BP Shipping
Jon Gornick, US Army Corps of Engineers	Hannah Zaayer, CRSOA
Kate Mickelson, CRSOA	Heather Sievers, Millennium Bulk
Josh Nichols, Tidewater Transportation	David Konz, Tidewater Transportation
Scott Ferguson, Washington DOE	Jim Morris, Witt O'Brien's
Robin Wright, Merchants Exchange	Paul Hendriks, Foss Maritime
Bo McCall, Foss Maritime	Capt. Tom Griffiths, USCG
Hans Meere, EGT, LLC	Christian Jones, Port of Portland
Lars Uglum, Port of Vancouver	Mike Zollitsch, Oregon DEQ
Kirk Bonnin, Olympic Tug and Barge	Liz Wainwright, Merchants Exchange

#### 1. Meeting Called to Order, Chair: Cale Karrick

Cale called the meeting to order at 1415 and introductions of all attendees, guests and speakers were conducted. A safety briefing was conducted and all were welcomed to the meeting.

#### 2. Review of Minutes from March 8, 2017

March meeting minutes were distributed via email or via download from the website.

#### 3. Managing Board Update—Cale Karrick

General Membership attendees were briefed on the current business before the Managing Board as it pertains to the issue of Incorporation and the updates to the Towed Barge Guidelines in the Harbor Safety Plan.

*Towed Barge Guidelines:* clarity was requested on the updates to the Standards of Care. Changes will be made and submitted to the Managing Board for further review via email.

*Incorporation:* The Managing Board heard compelling information regarding the proposed incorporation, more information has been requested by the Managing Board. The provisional vote that was held today passed but in the interest of unity, an additional email vote will be held in the following weeks. The Officers will report the results at the July meeting.

#### 4. Financial Report—

a. **2017 Contribution Cycle—Cale Karrick**

Cale gave a brief overview of the importance of the voluntary contributions and what they have accomplished this year. 2017 invoicing has gone out. The goal for participation continues to be 80%. Last year was 56% participation. Cale will be following up with those who have not contributed.

**2017 Financial Report: Liz Wainwright, Merchants Exchange**

Liz gave a brief overview of the financial standing of the Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee and went over the Statement of Activities with the membership.

**5. Working Committee Reports: Committee Representatives**

a. **Standing Committee Reports:**

1. Anchorages –Anchorages continue to be busy; extra Panamax size spot open in South anchorages.
2. Harbor Safety Plan – Kate Mickelson
  - a. Currently working with Dan Jordan/Columbia River Bar Pilots to assess the changes to the Anchorages Guidelines. Will report more in July.
3. Make-Way – USCG/Pilots: Update will be held at the Astoria meeting. Working with local officials regarding upcoming events like the Waterfront Blues Festival.
4. Navigation – River traffic continues with high water moving faster; shoaling heavy this year.
5. Extreme Water—Jon Gornick: Dredging operations will be available this summer with a heavy shoaling year expected. No current forecast for low water. The Port of Vancouver is doing a survey in May and maintenance dredging during October-December 2017 (Lars Uglum)

**6. CRVTS Update, Washington Department of Ecology**

A draft was released March 2017. Comments have been received on the draft. These are recommendations that are not leading to legislation. Currently working on incorporating comments into the report with contracts. Another meeting will be held in June when the draft has been revised. Washington DOE is coordinating with Capt. Gill to coordinate that meeting.

**7. Presentation: VIGOR Industrial, Melissa Wirthlin**

Melissa Wirthlin gave a presentation about the work Vigor is doing in the nine locations they have across the NW United States, with principal operations in Portland, OR.

**8. New Business/Good of the Order**

Nothing further to report.

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1000-1200hrs

\* Networking Lunch Following\*

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Venue: Columbia River Maritime Museum—Barbey Train Depot, Astoria

**\*Please note: attendance records may be incomplete due to damaged sign in sheet. If you attended the meeting and are not listed, please notify Administrator\***

Cale Karrick (Chair), Transmarine	Ernie Quesada, Clean Rivers Cooperative
Rachel Perry, Merchants Exchange	Jim Morris, Witt O'Briens
Brian Kirk, Washington DOE	Christopher Mattice, USCG MSU Portland
Giovanni Vairo, NCB	Lars Uglum, Port of Vancouver
Tony Sellers, USCG Rec	Crescent Moegling, NOAA
Kirk Bonnin, Olympic Tug and Barge	Rick Williams, OMD
Dale Beasley, CRCFA	Mike Sasso, Tongue Point Job Corps
Robin Wright, Merchants Exchange	Scott McMullen, OFCC
Jeannean Hibbits, Tongue Point Job Corps	Steve Ackerman, CRBP
Peter Bennett, Millennium Bulk	Heather Sievers, Millennium Bulk
Cheryl Vazzanni, Millennium Bulk	David Berliner, USCG
Rick Gill, Colrip	Dan Jordan, Columbia River Bar Pilots
Laura Springer, USCG	Nick Christian, CRBP
Kate Mickelson, CRSOA	Hannah Zaayer, CRSOA
Capt. Bill Timmons, USCG, COTP	Capt. Griffiths, USCG, MSU Portland
Erika Barron, USCG	Lt. Caldwell, USCG

### **Officers**

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**Secretary:** Susan Johnson

**Administrator:** Bekah Canfield, Merchants Exchange

#### **1. Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Cale Karrick. Introductions of all present, and a brief safety briefing was conducted.

#### **2. Review of Minutes from May 10 Meeting**

The meeting minutes from the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted with one change to the Anchorages guideline reporting. **m/s/a**

#### **3. Managing Board & Incorporation Status Update**

There was no Managing Board meeting prior. The next Managing Board meeting is in September. Cale gave a brief report on the status of the Incorporation vote. The vote passed and the officers will begin the process of pursuing incorporation.

#### **4. Financial Report—**

##### **a. 2017 Contribution Cycle—Cale Karrick**

Cale gave a brief overview of the importance of the voluntary contributions and what they have accomplished this year. The goal for participation continues to be 80%. Last year

was 56% participation. Cale and the officers will be following up with those who have not contributed.

b. **2017 Financial Report: Bekah Canfield, Merchants Exchange**

Bekah gave a brief overview of the financial standing of the Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee and went over the Statement of Activities with the membership.

5. **Working Committee Reports: Committee Representatives**

a. **Standing Committee Reports:**

1. **Anchorage –Pilots**

3 new stern buoys are being installed by August 1<sup>st</sup>: Vancouver, Kalama and then Rainier.

2. **Extreme Water**

Shoaling is everywhere; the channel is maxed and river levels dropped quickly—on the edge of draft restrictions.

3. **Harbor Safety Plan**

- a. Towed Barge Guidelines were approved and updated via email vote following the last meeting. Anchorage Guidelines will begin being updated in September.

4. **Make-Way**

4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations at Tom McCall Park were incident free. The Bluebell is underway. No collisions or allisions to report with fishing vessels. Sturgeon opening coincided with Rose Festival and Fleet Week with clear traffic for commercial vessels and Navy vessels.

5. **Navigation**

Low water and shoaling continue to be a factor.

6. **USCG**

2 new Coast Guard Cutters are expected in the next 4 years; adding 75 new USCG billets.

6. **Presentations:**

a. **USCG Sector Columbia River Update**—CAPT Bill Timmons; Commander, Sector Columbia River (COTP)

CAPT Timmons gave a presentation about the USCG Sector Columbia River including recent cases on the river—highlighting the M/V ARGENT COSMOS as well as an update on the Goble Site that was vacated by tenants, an update on energy projects on the horizon and the ballast water rule implementation.

b. **Seamanship Training Program, Tongue Point Job Corps Center—Astoria**

Captain Tumbarello gave a presentation highlighting the work and training being done at the Tongue Point Job Corps Center—Seamanship Training Program and the future of the maritime workforce. Several members of the Center joined him in the presentation including a recently graduated cadet.

7. **CRVTSA Update, Washington Department of Ecology**

The draft report of the CRVTSA report is available for review, if you did not already receive a copy Brian Kirk (Washington Dept. of Ecology) can provide one. There have been 289 comments on the preliminary draft and more information will be coming in later months as revisions are being made.

8. **New Business/Good of the Order**

- Maritime Events on the Horizon:



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- Merchants Exchange Open House (July 20)
- CRSOA Picnic and Mini Golf Tournament (July 18)
- Columbia River Maritime Picnic (August 6)
- Astoria Regatta (August 11-13)
- Update on the Senate Bill 867 that passed, creating a maritime industry taskforce to analyze and find OR Maritime Industry trends.
- Brief overview of additional maritime education programs in Oregon, including MERTS at Clatsop Community College.

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<b>September 13, 2017:</b> Millennium Bulk, Longview, WA
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1415-1530

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Venue: Millennium Bulk Terminals, Longview WA

Cale Karrick, Transmarine Navigation (Chair)	Sean Clark, Port of St. Helens (Vice Chair)
Susan Johnson, Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots (Secretary)	Bekah Canfield, Merchants Exchange of Portland (Administrator)
Pete Pawlicki, Kirby	Carl Obermeier, BP Shipping
Hannah Milnes, CRSOA	Kate Mickelson, CRSOA
Laura Springer, USCG	Ashley Helenberg, Port of Longview
Fred Myer, Port of Portland	Liz Wainwright, Merchants Exchange of Portland
Lars Uglum, Port of Vancouver	Robin Wright, Merchants Exchange of Portland
Scott Ferguson, WA DOE	Cameron Hunt, Portland Spirit
Michael Titone, Columbia River Bar Pilots	Tim Heinte, Laurelwood C.R. Resident
David Berliner, USCG	Cheryl Vazzanni, Millennium Bulk
Heather Seivers, Millennium Bulk	Fred S. Harding, Shaver Transportation
Jon Aschoff, COLRIP	Wade Gough, U.S. DHS (ISCD)
Phillip Massey, Washington Citizen	Paul Lagner, Teevin
Peter Godlewski, PNWA	

### **Officers**

**Chair:** Cale Karrick

**Vice-Chair:** Sean Clark

**Secretary:** Susan Johnson

**Administrator:** Bekah Canfield, Merchants Exchange

#### **1. Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Cale Karrick. Introductions of all present, and a brief safety briefing was conducted.

#### **2. Review of Minutes from July 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The meeting minutes from the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted. **m/s/a**

#### **3. Managing Board Update**

Cale gave a brief report of the Managing Board meeting held prior. Of note: Cale Karrick and Sean Clark will be representing the Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee at the West Coast Harbor Safety Committee Summit in Long Beach this fall. A report on the Summit will be presented at the next meeting.

#### **4. Financial Report—**

##### **a. 2017 Contribution Cycle—Cale Karrick**

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##### **b. 2017 Financial Report: Liz Wainwright, Merchants Exchange**

Liz gave a brief overview of the financial standing of the Lower Columbia Region Harbor

Safety Committee and went over the Statement of Activities with the membership.

## 5. Working Committee Reports: Committee Representatives

### a. Standing Committee Reports:

#### 1. Anchorages –Pilots

3 new stern buoys installed by October 2017: Vancouver, Prescott and Longview. Looking for a priority anchorage spot for USCG ships and a permanent location for a mooring ball for USCG patrol boats. In 2021, the region will receive 2 Fast Response Cutters with options for anchorages along the river near Astoria being explored.

#### 2. Extreme Water

River is currently low. The end of the month is predicted as “Low water” (September 24-25).

#### 3. Harbor Safety Plan

- a. Anchorage Guidelines are being updated with collaboration from the Pilots. A draft and changes are expected at the next meeting.

#### 4. Make-Way

Progress and collaboration with Make-Way efforts has been very successful. serving as PIO.

#### 5. Navigation

Nothing to report

#### 6. USCG

A USCG Helo was sent to San Diego to backfill for the response efforts to recovery after Hurricanes Harvey and Irma; the river was shut down for the Eagle Creek Fire with LCDR Laura Springer

## 6. Presentations:

### a. Port of Longview—Norman Krehbiel; Chief Executive Officer

CEO of Port of Longview, Norman Krehbiel, gave a presentation about the Port highlighting the facility modernization, tonnage, and on-dock rail services offered at the Port as well as new operators leasing space.

## 7. CRVTS Update, Washington Department of Ecology

The draft report has been submitted to the Department of Ecology leadership and then forwarded on to staff for comment. No changes are anticipated at this time. Timeline for submitting the report to the Governor’s office as final is estimated to be well-prior to the deadline of December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. There are two recommendations that are being made in the report, no recommendations for legislation are currently being made.

## 8. New Business/Good of the Order

- Lower Columbia Improvement Plan: Dredging Strategic Plan for the next 2 years. A scoping process/public comment will be open through November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. More information will be made available on the LCRHSC website after the meeting.
- The Port Security Grant Program has awarded over \$100 Million nationwide, The Columbia Snake River System has received \$1.6 Million in awards. Next year, Houston and Florida might see an increase in awards following the destructive Hurricane storm season this year.
- WA Dept of Ecology has been tasked with a Rail Risk Assessment in Gray’s Harbor. They will be following an IMA Step process.



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## Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Meeting Notes

1415-1530hrs  
Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Venue: Portland Spirit

### Officers

**Chair:** Cale Karrick

**Vice-Chair:** Sean Clark

**Secretary:** Susan Johnson

**Administrator:** Bekah Canfield, Merchants Exchange

### In attendance:\*

Cale Karrick, Transmarine Navigation (Chair)	Sean Clark, Port of St. Helens (Vice Chair)
Susan Johnson, Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots (Secretary)	Bekah Canfield, Merchants Exchange of Portland (Administrator)
Pete Pawlicki, Kirby	Darien Loiselle, Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt
Hannah Milnes, CRSOA	Kate Mickelson, CRSOA
Dan Jordan, Columbia River Bar Pilots	Heather Stebbings, PNWA
Cameron Hunt, Portland Spirit	Carl Obermeier, BP Shipping
CAPT Bill Timmons, USCG	Bob McFarlan, USCG D13
Liz Wainwright, Merchants Exchange	Hans Meere, EGT
Holly Robinson, MFSA	Brad Korpela, Shaver Transportation
Heather Sievers, Millennium Bulk	Christian Jones, Port of Portland
Jon Aschoff, Columbia River Pilots	

\*Attendees are reminded to sign in on the sign-in sheet to be included in the minutes.

### 1. Meeting Called to Order, Chair: Cale Karrick:

Cale called the meeting to order at 1425 and introductions of all attendees, guests and speakers were conducted. A safety briefing was conducted and all were welcomed to the meeting.

### 2. Review of Minutes from September 13, 2017 Meeting

Meeting minutes were approved with one correction, as mentioned in the Managing Board meeting, "IMO Safety Process" was incorrectly listed in the minutes.

### 3. Managing Board Update—Cale Karrick

#### a. Election of 2018 Officers: Update

The Managing Board has presented the following slate of officers for 2018:

Chair: Sean Clark, Port of St. Helens

Vice Chair: Cale Karrick, Transmarine Navigation (de facto until a replacement can be found)

Secretary: Susan Johnson, Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots

#### b. Incorporation Status Update

Cale gave a brief overview of the Incorporation process to the General Membership, including the need to protect members from liability and the benefit of tax deductible contributions. Incorporation is moving forward and is anticipated to be completed in the next several months. The LCRHSC will be working with Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt for the initial filing process. Further updates will be given at future meetings.

#### 4. Administrative Update

##### a. General Membership Applications and Annual Information Update: Bekah

Bekah gave a brief overview of the applications that will be used to update the database on a yearly basis. An email will be going out with a link to update the information as well.

##### b. 2018 Meeting Scheduling and Calendar

The 2018 Meeting Calendar is as follows:

**January 10, 2018: Port of Portland**

**March 14, 2018: USCG MSU Portland**

**May 9, 2018: Merchants Exchange of Portland**

**July 11, 2018: Columbia River Maritime Museum, Astoria, OR**

**September 12, 2018: Port of Vancouver, Vancouver, WA**

**November 14, 2018: Portland Spirit**

#### 5. Financial Report—

##### a. 2017 Contribution Cycle—Cale Karrick

Cale spoke briefly on the 2018 Contribution Cycle that will begin in January 2018, highlighting the 56% current participation with a goal of 80% participation.

##### b. 2017 Financial Report: Liz Wainwright, Merchants Exchange

Liz gave a brief overview of the financial standing of the Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee and went over the Statement of Activities with the membership. The cost for the catered lunch in Astoria was highlighted on the Statement of Activities as well as the budget line item that allowed for Cale and Sean to attend the West Coast Harbor Safety Committee Summit in Long Beach this Fall.

The 2018 Operating Budget that was approved by the Managing Board also includes costs associated with the Incorporation process.

#### 6. Working Committee Reports: Committee Representatives

##### a. Standing Committee Reports:

###### 1. Anchorages –Capt. Jon Aschoff

November 18<sup>th</sup> will see the installation of long-awaited buoys in Vancouver, Kalama and Longview. Changes have been made in the Harbor Safety Plan.

###### 2. Harbor Safety Plan – Kate Mickelson

- a. Anchorages Update was approved by the Managing Board, including the emergency anchorage spots by the Bar Pilots.

###### 3. Make-Way – USCG/Pilots

Nothing further to report.

###### 4. Navigation – Capt. Dan Jordan

Crab Season opens December 1 on the Bar. There is an upcoming meeting in Astoria with representatives from the Commercial Crabber and Towboat Industry.

#### 7. CRVTSA Update, Washington Department of Ecology

The CRVTSA Report has successfully navigated the Governor's Office. Brian Kirk is currently working on presenting the Report through to the Legislature.

#### 8. Presentation: West Coast Harbor Safety Summit: Cale and Sean

Cale and Sean gave an overview of their time spent at the West Coast Harbor Safety Summit, held aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach, CA. It was a very successful meeting with a wide



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variety of relevant topics for discussion. While there, Cale and Sean learned that there are 4 other Harbor Safety Committees that have incorporated. Topics of discussion that came up during the Summit included: Pilotage and Autonomous vessels, the creation of a “Bunkering Best Practices” and inclusion in the pre-transfer checklist for port areas, the impact of wind energy farms in CA, and the process of navigating through a restricted fishing area.

### 9. New Business/Good of the Order

- **Washington Dept. of Ecology:** Brian Kirk and Scott Ferguson are beginning a VTSA in Gray’s Harbor that will include a study of rail safety as well. This will be following the IMO Formal Safety Assessment process.
- **USCG:**
  - The 2016 Crab Season saw 3 vessels overturned or aground; USCG continues to work with Bar Pilots.
  - The slated addition of 2 Fast Response Cutters to the Lower Columbia Region could also mean the addition of 176 more USCG personnel in the Astoria region.
  - The summer was extremely busy for USCG personnel in the SE region. Personnel from the Lower Columbia Region were also assisting in Puerto Rico during the hurricane aftermath.
  - USCG worked with the US Army Corps of Engineers to find a sunken tug near Bonneville Dam, using the Survey Boat. The tug is currently still in the channel.