

California Area Maritime Security Committee  
Meeting (unclassified) Minutes  
Online Meeting via Adobe Connect  
April 14, 2020

- 1. Quorum Call** – Capt. Marie Byrd, USCG, called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. Capt. Lynn Korwatch, Marine Exchange, confirmed there was a quorum.
- 2. Comments by the Chair** – Capt. Marie Byrd, USCG: Sector San Francisco continues operations during the COVID-19 crisis in a modified posture. A pandemic plan is in place requiring PPE use. Ensuring safety of maritime transportation is a priority. The USCG was involved in the response to the cruise ship Grand Princess outbreak and quarantine at the Port of Oakland. A safety zone was maintained around the vessel. There has been a significant uptick in vessel congestion in Anchorage 9 and mitigation is being considered. Sail GP has been canceled due to COVID-19. Participation in AMSC Subcommittees is encouraged. The PSGP deadline has been extended until April 30<sup>th</sup>. USCG NAVIC 01-20 has been issued regarding cyber risk at MTSAs facilities. A NAVIC has also been issued on TWIC rule changes for passenger vessel facilities going into effect on June 7<sup>th</sup>. TWIC holders are considered essential workers and offices are open. USCG MSIBs are posted to the Coast Guard Maritime Commons: <https://mariners.coastguard.blog/>. Regional MSIBs are distributed through the Harbor Safety Committee.

**3. Member Agency/Industry Reports - AMSC Membership**

Capt. Byrd, USCG: New COVID-19 safety protocols are in place and meetings are being held virtually. The USCG is fully operational.

Lynn Korwatch, Marine Exchange: The Marine Exchange continues 24-hour operations although some staff are working remotely.

Bob Butchart, Cal OES: A State of Emergency has been declared by the state. Vessels and local ports are required to report COVID-19 symptoms to the USCG. Several cruise ships are docked in Southern California. PPE has been an issue for dock workers. Supply chain disruption and increased warehousing are concerns.

Sam Pecota, Cal Maritime: The campus is closed and classes are being held online. Field and lab classes have been postponed until May 13<sup>th</sup> at the earliest. The training ship Golden Bear is scheduled to sail on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Safety is the first priority.

Dave Sullivan, NCRIC: Nothing to report.

Darron Epperson, Sacramento Co. Sheriff Office: Nothing to report.

Troy Hosmer, Port of Oakland: Seaport operations continue. Container volumes have decreased by 7 percent. There are no labor issues at this time. The vessel MSC Anna is scheduled to arrive this Thursday and will be the largest container ship to ever dock at the port.

Rick Salsedo, Port of Stockton: Vessel activity has been steady at the port. Safety protocols including PPE use, social distancing and working from home are in place.

Brandon Chapman, Port of Redwood City: COVID-19 safety guidelines have been enacted at the port.

Greg Bosworth, Chevron: The dock and refinery are open and running. COVID-19 response includes a reduction in personnel, PPE use and temperature screenings. No incidents have occurred. An illness was reported aboard the Florida Voyager but testing came back negative for COVID-19.

Kevin Krick, Matson: Proactive COVID-19 procedures have been put into place such as temperature screening and crew testing. Shore leave has been canceled. An incident involving a sick crewmember was reported but testing confirmed that the illness was not COVID-19. USCG assistance is welcome in developing response protocol. Capt. Byrd advised that the Captain of the Port be notified of any ill crew. The CDC will recommend a USCG directed medical evacuation if indicated.

Amanda Wallace, Chevron: Remote working is taking place and shore leave has been restricted. Medical response protocol is a concern in addition to crewmember mental health services and support.

Dave Connolly, Sailors Union of the Pacific: Nothing to report.

Sgt. Mathews, SFPD: Operations continue normally. Sail GP event planning has been canceled. Changes have taken place at the Bay Area UASI and Phil White is no longer affiliated. An exercise and training planning meeting took place last week.

Tom Cullen, OSPR: Teleworking is taking place when possible and OSPR response teams are operational. Response took place following a crude oil tanker truck spill in Santa Clara. Physical distancing has been a challenge. Drills and exercises have been postponed.

Lauren Gularte, WETA: The shelter-in-place order went into effect on March 17<sup>th</sup> severely limiting ferry service. Distancing and no cash policies are in place. Ferry system ridership and revenue are down by 98 percent. State emergency response funding is urgently needed or 70 percent of the workforce will have to be laid off.

#### **4. Work Group Reports:**

- a. CYBER Subcommittee – CDR Dave Dixon reporting for Mr. Paul Martin, USCG: The latest Cybersecurity Newsletter has been published and is available on the HOMEPORT website. CISA insights regarding COVID-19 have also been released. NAVIC 01-20 has been issued providing guidelines for addressing cyber risks at MTSA facilities.

#### **5. General Reports:**

- a. Port Security Grant Program, Field Review Workgroup – CDR Dave Dixon reporting for Mr. Paul Martin, USCG: A two-week extension for PSGP applications has been issued. The deadline is now April 30<sup>th</sup>. PSGP Field Review Workgroup participants are requested. Contact Paul Martin: [paul.r.martin@uscg.mil](mailto:paul.r.martin@uscg.mil). The field review period begins May 8<sup>th</sup> with IJ assessments due to the COTP on May 14<sup>th</sup>. A virtual PSGP meeting will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> if needed due to lack of consensus. The field review ends on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and IJs will be sent to FEMA for final approval.
- b. Security Breach Report – LT Stricker, Sector SF: Reviewed the Security Breach/Suspicious Activity Report. Several trespass incidents were reported.
- c. Neptune Coalition Brief – Sector SF: A Neptune Coalition meeting will be held tomorrow, April 15<sup>th</sup>. COVID-19 has caused delays and a planned active shooter drill has been postponed.

- 6. Approval of Minutes** – Capt. Lynn Korwatch, Marine Exchange: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting. The minutes were approved without dissent.

#### **7. Public Comment: None**

**8. Old Business: None**

**9. New Business:**

- Capt. Byrd advised of the importance of Maritime Domain Awareness and reporting suspicious activity to the USCG.
- New AMSC members will be sworn in at the next in person meeting.

**10. Next Meeting:** The next AMSC meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, July 21, 2020. Due to COVID-19, AMSC meetings will be held online until further notice.

**11. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 PM.