

# GNOPSC Harbor Safety Committee

*Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday, May 3, 2023*

*The following representatives were in attendance:*

<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Sonny Businelle	ACBL	Tim Osborn	NOAA
Christyri Vierra	Access Dredging	Jason Ledet	NOBRA Pilots
Jason Jambom	ADM/Artco	Charlie Hurst	Norton Lilly International
Dana Crotwell	Artco	Tim Ford	Norton Lilly International
Michael Miller	Bar Pilots	Chris Voelker	Norton Lilly International
Ruben Dupre	Bisso Towboat	Sarah Hattier	NW Johnsen & Co
Jonathan Davis	Bisso Towboat	Amy Dawson	Port of New Orleans
BJ Gisclair	Celtic International	Maggie Cloos	Port of New Orleans
Cherrie Felder	Channel Shipyard	Lester Millet	Port of South Louisiana
Stanislav Smyk	ClassNK	Ross Armstrong	Reliant Recycling
James Rousse	Cooper Marine	Phil Schifflin	Seamens Church
Dan Summitt	Delgado CC	Tim Reid	Shell
Jean-Paul Richard	E.N. Bisso	David Flotte	SMHR
Hank Webster	Federal Pilots	Laura Lewis	TowWorks
Karl Gonzales	GNOBFA/Cooper Marine	Steven Woodward	U.S. Coast Guard
Michael Nation	Harbor Towing	Ryan Smith	U.S. Coast Guard
Matt Lagarde	Ingram Barge	Riley Steinbrenner	U.S. Coast Guard
Farrell Latour	J.H. Menge	Derek Zillinger	U.S. Coast Guard
Jim Orr	L&O Marine	Meagan Scholten	U.S. Coast Guard
John Maurin	Lanier & Assoc.	Kelly Denning	U.S. Coast Guard
John Rutherford	Lanier & Assoc.	Jim Fothergill	U.S. Coast Guard
Vaughn McDaniel	LeBeof Bros. Towing	Ryan Howard	U.S. Coast Guard
Erwin Thompson	LeBeof Bros. Towing	Paulina Alvarez	U.S. Coast Guard
Christine Titus	Lousiana Maritime Assoc.	Xiaobin Tuo	U.S. Coast Guard
Mary McCarthy	Moran Towing	Billy Soltz	U.S. Lifesaving Association
John Nee	Moran Towing	Michelle Kornick	US Army Corps
Lisa McGoey	MVTTC	Vic Landry	US Army Corps
Lauren Nash	National Weather Service	Tim Long	Valero
Megan Williams	National Weather Service	Richard Holt	Venture Global
Brett Bourgeois	New Orleans Board of Trade	Frank McCormack	Waterways Journal

*The following reports were given:*

## **Harbor Safety Committee Chairman, Matt Lagarde**

Chairman Lagarde called the meeting to order, led introductions, and made general announcements.

## **USCG Sector New Orleans, CAPT Kelly Denning**

CAPT Denning made announcements about the HSC working groups, Marine Industry Day 2023, and upcoming meetings. She also highlighted success of the full-scale MCO on the river last week, which had over 30 companies and over 200 individual participants and was very well planned and executed. Regarding

hurricane season, Sector New Orleans will have their seasonal exercise next week, and they are currently making updates to the severe weather plan which will be available on Homeport when they are complete.

**USCG, LCDR James Fothergill**

LCDR Fothergill provided a policy updated regarding sexual misconduct reporting requirements and provided attendees with a copy of MSIB 01-23 which is included with these minutes as Attachment 1.

**USACE – Michelle Kornick, Operations Manager**

Dredging is ongoing in Southwest Pass and has just started at the crossings. Dredging will begin at New Orleans Harbor next week. Stone placement at Neptune Pass will begin next week.

**USACE – Vic Landry, Operations Manager**

Daytime closures at Algiers Lock are ongoing M-F to repair and replace joints, and this work should be completed at the end of May. There will be two full closures at the Leland Bowman lock this month, and GICA is distributing great updates about these lock closures.

**Bar Pilots – Captain Michael Miller** Nothing to Report

**NOBRA Pilots – Captain Jason Ledet** Nothing to Report

**Federal Pilots – Captain Hank Webster** Nothing to Report

**GICA – Paul Dittman**

The joint hurricane team meeting is scheduled for May 25 at the Port of New Orleans auditorium. The annual GICA seminar will take place July 26-28 in New Orleans.

**GNOBFA – Karl Gonzales**

The GNOBFA annual conference took place last week and was a sold-out event. Big thanks to everyone that participated. Karl will participate in the hurricane team meeting on May 25 obo GICA.

**CAMO, Jake Stahl**

CAMO is in the process of developing new training for pipeline safety, and when it's complete that will be shared with the HSC.

**Lester Millet, Cybersecurity Subcommittee Co-Chair**

Lester provided an update on cybersecurity concerns, recent events, and upcoming opportunities which is included with these minutes as Attachment 2. INFRAGR is still updating their system and not currently accepting new applications. If you have questions about that you can reach out to Lester at [lmillet@portsl.com](mailto:lmillet@portsl.com).

**Erwin Thompson, Waterways Management/Navigation Subcommittee Chair**

Erwin provided updates on the working groups under the waterways and navigation subcommittee, all three of which have wrapped their tasking and are preparing to move to the next level with recommendations.

**USCG Sector New Orleans, LCDR Xiaobin Tuo**

LCDR Tuo provided additional updates and details on the completion of working group tasking and next steps.

**Sarah Hattier, Marine Industry Day/Programs Subcommittee Chair**

Sarah provided updates and made announcements regarding Marine Industry Day 2023, which will be held June 22 at the Higgins Hotel in New Orleans. See attachment 3 to these minutes.

**Presentations**

Lauren Nash of NOAA, Attachment 4

Richard Holt of Venture Global LNG provided an update on their Plaquemines Terminal project.

Tim Osborn of NOAA, Attachment 5

*Port Safety Council Chairman Matt Lagarde adjourned the meeting. The next regular meeting of the Port Safety Council is scheduled for July 12, 2023.*