

GNOPSC Harbor Safety Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday, October 25, 2023

The following representatives were in attendance:

| <i>Attendee</i> | <i>Affiliation</i> | <i>Attendee</i> | <i>Affiliation</i> |
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| Jeff Carman | ACBL | John Nee | Moran Towing |
| Troy Carollo | Blue Water Shipping | Eric Acosta | MSOC/St. Bernard Port |
| Marc Broussard | Callan Marine | Lisa McGoey | MVTTC |
| Ed Landgraf | CAMO | Shonna Platt | National Maritime Center |
| BJ Gisclair | Celtic International | Cynthia Sikorski | National Maritime Center |
| Jacob Naquin | Conrad Shipyard | Stephen Jones | National Maritime Center |
| Amy Kenney | E.N. Bisso | Erin McKusker | National Maritime Center |
| Colin Macpherson | E.N. Bisso | Tim Osborn | NOAA |
| Ruben Dupre | E.N. Bisso | Jason Ledet | NOBRA Pilots |
| Jonathan Davis | E.N. Bisso | Toby Wattigney | NOBRA Pilots |
| Matt Jerabich | ExxonMobil | Brian Eiselen | NOBRA Pilots |
| Gail Bergeron | GG Bergeron Consulting | Ed Lee | Port of Greater Baton Rouge |
| Philip Vandercook | Global Maritime Ministries | Elizabeth Gondek | Port of New Orleans |
| Robert Roussel | Global Maritime Ministries | Josh Gommel | Port of New Orleans |
| Karl Gonzales | GNOBFA/Cooper Marine | Lester Millet | Port of South Louisiana |
| Jeff Conner | Ingram Barge | Jeff Roesel | Regional Planning Commission |
| Patrick Morton | Ingram Barge | Ray Brennan | Romeo Papa Boats |
| Kevin Cador | Ingram Barge | Tim Croxdale | SDI |
| Mike Morris | Ingram Barge | Jason Wilbur | SDI |
| Matt Lagarde | Ingram Barge | Phil Schifflin | Seamen's Church Institute |
| Farrell Latour | J.H. Menge | Tom Rhoades | Seamen's Church Institute |
| Ron Branch | Louisiana Maritime Assoc. | Kevin Lordo | Southern Devall |
| Christine Titus | Louisiana Maritime Assoc. | Thyn Oo | Tulane Public Law Center |
| Jake Stahl | Marine Expertise | Greg Callaghan | USCG |
| George Burkley | Maritime Pilots Institute | William Stewart | USCG |
| Jonathan Pierce | Maritime Pilots Institute | Xiaobin Tuo | USCG |
| David Beerbohm | McDonough Marine | Meagan Scholten | USCG |

The following reports were given:

Harbor Safety Committee Chairman, Matt Lagarde

Chairman Lagarde called the meeting to order, led introductions, and made general announcements as well as providing updates on statuses of working groups.

Election of 2024 HSC Executive Committee members: in the absence of any nominations from the floor, the proposed slate was moved to a verbal vote. Karl Gonzales made a motion to accept the slate as proposed, and Eric Acosta seconded that motion. All votes were in favor, with zero members present opposed and zero members present abstaining.

USCG Sector New Orleans, CAPT Greg Callaghan

CAPT Callaghan expressed gratitude to the HSC membership and subcommittee leadership for their efforts and accomplishments over this year.

USACE – Vic Landry, Operations Manager

Algiers Lock will reopen to navigation by December 1. Harvey Lock has resumed partial lock operations during daylight hours. Low water impacts are still presenting challenges on all the GIWW locks.

NOBRA Pilots – Captain Toby Wattigney

Captain Wattigney thanked CAPT Denning and Sector New Orleans for their efforts in addressing the EPL situation, and reminded everyone that there can be no power limiters on vessels in the river. The Corps has done a great job maintaining the river during this historical low water. The NOBRA pilots are averaging 36 ships/day this month. Low water is still impacting transport.

CAMO, Ed Landgraf

Ed provided an update on pipeline removal operations, including a recap of year-to-date efforts and an overview of next steps and future plans.

Lester Millet, Cybersecurity Subcommittee Co-Chair

Lester provided an update on cybersecurity concerns, recent events, and upcoming opportunities for involvement. which is included with these minutes as Attachment 1. 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.

Lester Millet, Cybersecurity Subcommittee Co-Chair

Eric provided an overview of upcoming events, and recognized Lester Millet for receiving regional and national awards for his work with INFRAGARD. Congratulations Lester! Eric's schedule is included as Attachment 2.

Presentations

Tim Osborn of NOAA, George Burkley of MPI, and Jason Ledet of NOBRA, Attachment 3

Erin McKusker, Shonna Platt, & Dr. Cyndi Sikorski of the National Maritime Center, Attachment 4

Port Safety Council Chairman Matt Lagarde adjourned the meeting. The next regular meeting of the Port Safety Council is scheduled for January 10, 2024.