

Maritime Association of South Carolina
Nav/Ops Notes
May 25, 2017

I. Welcome and Introductions

Denver Merrill called to order the monthly Nav/Ops meeting on May 25, 2017 at 815

II. Maritime Association Board Report

Introductions were made. Due to attendance we are trying a new meeting location at the ILA building.

Notes:

- Our Golf tournament was a great success and thank you to Moran for their sponsorship.
- Thank you to Superior Transportation for their sponsorship of our Maritime Mixer. We had 60 -65 people attend.
- Gas Tax has passed 2 cents a year for 6 years.
- 17.5 million dollars was allocated for harbor deepening and 16.5 was funded for O & M.
- Port security grant program will be announced soon – funding amount is \$100 million. MASC will be applying for cyber security pilot project and maritime security training funds.

III. Federal and State Agency Reports

US Coast Guard reported that Captain Tomasulo will be going to the White House command as senior director of policy. Captain Select Brian Falk will take command on June 1st. The Cutter Willow will be coming to Charleston in July. This cutter is for buoy tender service for the whole southeast. We are presently moving buoys 3, 4 and 5 to increase turning room in the basin. Hurricane Season MSIB has been issued. Please send in your request for DASH passes. Cmdr Heath Hartley will retire June 23rd.

US Army Corps of Engineers reports a new Commander will be coming in July. Scott Glass reported the good news on the budget that was released last night. The contracts are ready to go for harbor entrance deepening. In addition O & M has 4 dredging contracts for the upper and lower entrance. Also ICW shoaling will be worked on in the next 2 years.

NOAA - Kyle Ward reports NOAA seeking applicants for its HSP Advisory Committee until June 1st. Nautical charting is in the works and will be moving to metric only, better charting, reorganization of electronic charts, and the decline of paper charts. They will transition to S-100 standard. All data is free online. NOAA is still seeking comments on the changes.

Pilotage Commission: John Cameron

All applicants need to have their applications in to Noreen Milligan.

SC Ports Authority: Keith Nell

OOCL France will be here the first week of June. It is the next largest vessel. The crane raising project will begin in August and testing will shut down a berth for 8 hours at a time. Berth 1 will be done in July. Four RTG's will arrive in July and bring our total up to 12. Ground breaking will happen the end of 2017 for the new State Port building at the Wando terminal area. Hurricane ties are being readied for the season. Joel Britt announced bigger ships will now be going to the North Charleston terminal.

IV. Round Table

- MASC will be sending a survey out. Please take a moment to fill this out. Please watch for our Facebook and Twitter posts.
- SeaFarer's Taste of the World November 2. Seafarers' National Conference will be held in Charleston August 2018.
- Propeller Club Fish Fry will be June 8th.
- Heath Hartley mentioned Boating Safety Week. Memorial Day remembrance is this weekend.
- Bill Stevens, retired CEO of Stevens Towing passed away last Friday.
- Gene Coker from SPA talked about the eclipse that will take place on August 21st and there will be over a million people in our state watching.

- Pat Barber talked about the cancelling of SC Waterfront Works due to logistics hurdles at Union Pier. There is great interest in more education, public awareness and workforce development for our maritime community.

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, June 22, 2017 - again at the ILA Building, 1124 Morrison Dr.** Meeting was adjourned at 9:00.