

SOUTHEAST TEXAS WATERWAY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes for April 25, 2019, Full-Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Southeast Texas Waterway Advisory Council (SETWAC) was held on April 25, 2019 at Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur, TX. The current SETWAC Charter is dated April 26, 2018. Printed materials presented at the meeting are available for copying at the office of the U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Unit at 2901 Turtle Creek Drive, Port Arthur, TX 77642. Meeting information and power point presentations are also available electronically through the SETWAC website www.setwac.org.

1. Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 10:009 am by SETWAC Committee Chair Randal Ogrydziak. Mr. Ogrydziak welcomed all participants and observers. Mr. Ogrydziak immediately proceeded with the agenda.

2. Remarks by the Captain of the Port:

- CAPT Twomey...
- Awards: Greg Fountain & CAPT Charles LaHaye

3. Approval of the January 24, 2019 Minutes:

- A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the January 24, 2019 minutes.

4. Committee Reports:

Navigation Sub-Committee Report:

- CAPT Charles Tweedel (WSA Review – Martin Operating): (Growth of Organization):
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Port Education, Research & Workforce Development Sub-committee Report:

- Mr. Bryan Markland, Lucite (Crises Management Workshop):
- Ms. Sade Chick, Port of Beaumont, (Workforce Development Sub-Committee):
- Ms. Doreen Badeaux (Port Welfare Report)
 - ***Seafarer's Access Final Rule:***
 - ***Geneva Declaration – Human Rights at Sea***
 - ***Life at Sea***
 - ***Canonization process for Captain Leonard LaRue***

Waterway Maintenance and Improvement Sub-committee.

- Mr. Randy Reese, SNND, (update on deepening)....

Dredge Operations Sub-committee:

- Mr. Time White, USACE, spoke to...
- Ms. Belynda Kinman, USACE, spoke to ongoing and upcoming dredge contracts including the Sabine-Neches Waterway maintenance dredging; Sabine-Neches Anchorage Basin No.1 (FINA Lower); Sabine-Neches Waterway Placement Area No. 8; Sabine-Neches Waterway Outer Bar and Bank Channel and private industry dredging.
- Ms. Kinman gave a pipeline crossing update for the Kinder Morgan and Colonial-Neches River pipelines and addressed the current vessel traffic restriction at Taylors Bayou.
- Ms. Kinman commented on the ongoing buoy replacement project at the USACE moorings, stating that the M/V Snell was currently engaged in hurricane recovery operations on the east coast thus forcing a delay in completing the buoy project. M/V SNELL is expected to arrive in the area in April 2019.

Waterway Security Sub-Committee Report:

- Mr. Jeremy Hanson reported on AMSC Final Rule for Seafarer’s Access and Port Security grants.

ATON Status/Projects Report:

- BMC Harold Zurlo, USCG ANT Sabine, reported (6) current Aids to Navigation Discrepancies. Chief Zurlo also reported (3) proposed ATON changes including adding a virtual AIS aid to Sabine Pass west jetty; changing the Port Arthur Ship Canal Range “G” lights to green to improve visibility, and changing Sabine River Lighted Buoy “2” to a fixed aid.

5. New Business:

- Mr. Ogrydziak motioned to form a Maritime Industry Awareness Sub-Committee to be chaired by Sade Chick, Port of Beaumont, and added to the SETWAC Board. The purpose of the new sub-committee is to improve the sharing of information and interests between SETWAC partners.
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- Mr. Whalen addressed membership of the Port Welfare and Navigation Sub-Committees
 - ***Port Welfare Subcommittee Chair: Fr. Sinclair Oubre.*** Members include: Bob Hoffpauier, Niels Aalund and CAPT Charles Tweedel.
 - ***Navigation Subcommittee Chair: CAPT Tweedel.*** Members includes Agents, CG VTS, Pilots and vessel operators/charters.

- ~~Mr. Whalen, USCG, presented the 2018 “State of the Waterway.”~~

- Mr. Whalen, USCG, reviewed the Hurricane Season Plan for 2019.
- Mr. Whalen notified the group of the upcoming a Port Coordination Team Notification Exercise.
- Mr. Whalen addressed upcoming Waterways activities including the new dimensions of the Sabine Federal Anchorage, Riverfest 2019, the Orange Jet Ski races and the channel boring project.

6. Next Meetings:

- The next working group meeting will be held at the Sabine-Neches Navigation District offices on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
- The next full committee meeting will be held at MSU Port Arthur on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

7. Adjourn:

- The meeting was adjourned at XX:00 a.m.

