

MARITIME MATTERS- April, 2019

SHARED HARBOR DAY

- On April 14, 2019, our Harbor Operations Education Subcommittee held SHARED HARBOR DAY aboard the HORNBLOWER HYBID at Pier 15 in NYC.
- Thanks went out to the HORNBLOWER family of companies who provided use of the vessel as well as free breakfast and lunch fare, as well as the many Subcommittee volunteers who worked to make it all happen! Special THANKS to Subcommittee Chair Maggie Flannagan, and the always hard-working Seth Goodwin!
- The event took place from 1030-1430hr and attracted a diverse mix of almost 120 professional mariners, recreational boaters, USCG, NYPD Harbor, and various marina and boathouse groups.
- The day featured a panel discussion outlining various operating perspectives from different harbor users and focused on safety, communications, and operational requirements at Harbor “hot spots”.
- After lunch there were multiple break-out groups addressing such topics as “VHF Communications”, “Rules of the Road”, “Trip planning”, “Currents”, and others.
- SHARED HARBOR DAY is always both educational and enjoyable and enhances the safety of our Harbor through improved awareness and cooperation.

NYC Comprehensive Waterfront Plan

- The New York City Council requires that the NYC Department of City Planning creates a Comprehensive Waterfront Plan every 10 years which will guide the City on matters pertaining to the 520 miles of NYC waterfront.
- The next CWP, to be completed by the end of 2020, is intended to provide a vision for the City's diverse waterfront and waterways, and will provide strategies for how to achieve that vision. The CWP will ultimately be informed by participatory planning with input from all boroughs. Led by the Department of City Planning, the process will involve multiple agencies at the City, State, and Federal level. CWP will ultimately outline NYC waterfront policies for such diverse activities as residential development, environmental protections, industrial maritime, recreational usage, public access, zoning, and others.
- MAPONY/NJ arranged for a selected group of NYC-based members to meet with NYC DCP on March 29, 2019 to present an initial listing of ideas/topics/discussion from key executives representing industrial maritime concerns in NYC.
- Discussions confirmed our Industry's intent to strongly engage in the CWP development process, and identified the importance of our concerns.
- We will be sure to let all MAPONY/NJ Members know how and when that process will proceed, and hope that a wide array of concerned MAPONY/NJ Members will engage in the process.
- In the meantime, should you have any questions or concerns with the CWP process, please feel free to contact me at any of my below-listed contact points.
- MAPONY/NJ stands ready to engage in any program that will lead to a SAFER, more SECURE, COMPETITIVE, and ENVIRONMENTALLY friendly Port of NY/NJ!

USCG

- It is confirmed that all “Ice Season” Aids to Navigation (ATONs) have been successfully replaced with the “Normal” ATONs.
- The USCG has seized 3000lbs of cocaine in an offshore drug confiscation.
- The oil spill at NYCT was initiated when the vessel was holed in a storm off North Carolina, and minor leakage was initially undetected. The spill was contained, and the vessel was repaired.
- USCG is updating their Atlantic Coast Port Access Route Study (ACPARS) as well as a Massachusetts/Rhode Island Port Access Route Study (MARIPARS) in order to best address the potential for Offshore Wind Development. MAPONY/NJ has submitted written comments in response to the Federal register Notice, and has asked that Public Hearings be held in our area to address the many issues therein.
- In connection with identifying suitable development areas for placement of Offshore Wind development areas Empire Wind Energy will be conducting survey operations in the New York Bight area from April 15-May 16
- Fleet week is scheduled for the week of May 22
- The Americas Cup Races will be held in NY/NJ Harbor from June 18-20. USCG and our Harbor Safety, Navigation and Operations Committee have been meeting with the Race coordinators to discuss routes, times, vessel diversions, viewing areas, etc, to ensure Harbor safety.

BRIDGES

- The Portal Bridge test deviation period remains in effect for the coming 6 months.
- The Pathburg Lift Bridge is under test deviation guidelines
- The Lehigh Valley Bridge is under discussion to determine test deviation requirements.
- It is important that all waterway users keep USCG apprised of any problems encountered

USACE

- Dredging operations are currently underway in East Rockaway Inlet, with dredged sand being used for beach replenishment.
- Newark bay 50 ft dredge project is ready to commence.
- The most recent survey of Sandy Hook Channel has been completed and will be re-checked in May. Based on need, maintenance dredging will take place in Fall 2019.

CAREER AWARENESS EVENT

- The Council On Port Performance will hold a Transportation, Logistics, and Distribution (TLD) Career Awareness Day event on May 15, 2019 at Cape Liberty Cruise Port in Bayonne, NJ from 10:00am-2:00pm
- The event will help to have students become familiar with TLD career opportunities, and for TLD firms to find promising local talent.

PANY/NJ

- PANY/NJ has made announcements of newly appointed Leadership positions in the Port Department
- Sam Ruda has been named Director, Port Department
- Bethann Rooney has been named Deputy Director, Port Department
- Andy Saporito has been named Senior Advisor-Special Projects
- MAPONY/NJ congratulates Sam, Bethann, and Andy and looks forward to working closely with them to make the great Port of NY/NJ safer, more secure, more environmentally friendly, and more efficient!
- It was confirmed that the new current meters are ready for deployment, and are expected to be deployed at buoys 18 and 14. Stevens Institute is collecting new data to use as they update the

NYHOPS current model. It is expected that the new buoys will be physically deployed in the June-August timeframe.

NOAA

- In June, 2018 NOAA field teams completed a reconnaissance of the NY/NJ Harbor for a current survey. Placement of current meters will commence during Summer of 2019 to collect data necessary to update a Harbor current model.

SEAFARER ACCESS

- The USCG has issued a final rule requiring each owner or operator of a maritime facility regulated by the USCG to implement a system providing seafarers, pilots, and representatives of seamen's welfare and labor organizations access between vessels moored at the facility and the facility gate, in a timely manner and at no cost to the seafarer or other individuals. All access procedures must be documented in the facility Security Plan for each facility and approved by the local Captain of the Port.

NYC CITY COUNCIL

- On April 17, 2019 the Committee on Governmental Operations jointly with the Committee on Economic Development held a hearing on Int 982 and Int 1512.
- MAPONY/NJ testified on both proposals.
- INT 982 considered an establishment of an Office of the Waterfront. The concept was to enhance waterfront oversight. MAPONY/NJ posited that should such an office be established it should be limited to oversight and coordination, and be housed within NYC Department of City Planning which already holds substantial responsibility for waterfront planning.

- Int 1512 considered the establishment of an Office of Ferry Operations, which could be housed in NYC Department of Transportation. MAPONY/NJ posited that at the present time NYC Ferry is a newly developed entity best managed by NYC Economic Development Corp which has developed the new Service with coordination with NYC DOT

IMHOF

- Our annual International Maritime Hall of Fame gala event will be held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel on May 8.
- Our outstanding roster of new inductees has garnered fantastic support, and we are pleased to advise that event seating is completely sold out, and we have a heavily subscribed event Journal!
- We congratulate our new Inductees!!...and look forward to a great event!!