



MARITIME MATTERS

May 2019

United States Coast Guard



- Fleet Week took place May 22-25 with the Parade of Ships arriving at the Verrazano Bridge at approximately 0700hr on May 22. Vessels will be berthed at various locations in the Port
- The SAIL GP sailing regatta will take place June 20-22, 2019 in the same basic footprint as the previous Americas Cup regatta. There will be a single spectator zone on the north side of the racing area to minimize impact to harbor traffic. USCG is working to minimize any conflict with the expanded NY Waterway scheduling due to weekend PATH closures.
- Maher Terminals will be transporting two of their older container cranes out of the Port via the Kill van Kull, with transport date TBA. The movement will likely result in a “no meet/no pass” restriction in KVK during transit.
- The Ellis Island Bridge pass-through for human powered vessels will re-open for the Season on Memorial Day. This route enables small craft to avoid the busy traffic area outside the Statue of Liberty.
- CDR Nicole Vaughn attended her last Harbor Safety, Navigation and Operations meeting on May 15, 2019, and will be leaving Sector NY Cup regatta for her new USCG posting. CDR Vaughn was a great asset to the Port community, and will be missed. Good luck on her next posting!
- USCG is very busy with vessel inspections due to the impending opening of the tour/excursion/dinner/sightseeing season.
- Safe Boating Week will take place during the Memorial Day week, with USCG making additional reach-out and educational efforts.
- The National Harbor Safety Committee Conference will be held June 25/27, 2019 in Houston, Tx
- National Wear Your Life Vest To Work Day was May 15, 2019
- The CAPT of the Port again complimented the MAPONY/NJ Education Sub-Committee for the successful Shared Harbor Day, and expressed his hope that that program be continued.
- USCG advised that they are receptive to placing “Virtual Aids To Navigation” (VATONs) at any requested location, including at existing ATON sites. These AIS aids are particularly helpful in low visibility scenarios and when physical ATONs are either disabled, or off-station.
- The status of the current unofficial offshore anchorage has been referred to USCG District 1 for consideration of establishing that area as a designated anchorage. Doing so would help to prevent the area from being compromised.

USACE

- The USACE/PANY/NJ Port Anchorage study is still being worked on by USACE Norfolk. HOPs has submitted written comments supporting the study. It is expected that an initial public report will be available for comment by early June.
- The maintenance dredging of East Rockaway has been completed.
- The Newark Bay 50 and 40 ft areas will be worked on in July-Fall of 2019
- Sandy Hook Channel is scheduled for Fall, 2019

MAPONY/NJ Awards

On May 2, 2019 MAPONY/NJ attended the SUNY Maritime College Awards Convocation and presented an Award to Alexander Poliwoda for his selection as “Honor Cadet in Maritime Transportation”. The picture shows the MAPONY/NJ Award being presented to Alexander Poliwoda by Ed Kelly, MAPONY/NJ Executive Director, with Admiral Mike Alfultis looking on.



Offshore Wind



- Planning continues with several Offshore Wind Developers preparing to bid on New York Bight locations.
- Inquiries are also being made in respect to on-shore construction/assembly/storage locations, as well a potential “landing areas” where power transmission cables will come ashore to connect to power grids.
- Empire Wind will deploy research vessels off the south shore of Long Island to determine physical data for the areas.
- USCG confirms that they will be conducting a new Port Access Route Study (PARS) for the New York Bight area. The New York East/West PARS study will span July 2020 to July 2021. MAPONY/NJ has filed written comments, and will continue to follow closely and report developments. It is presumed that all Offshore Wind development will have to conform to USCG requirements.
- Empire Wind/Equinor has submitted their initial Navigation Risk Assessment to USCG. After USCG study, it is expected that the NRA will be opened for public comment.

Int'l Maritime Hall of Fame



The Maritime Association of the Port of New York and New Jersey held its 26th Annual International Maritime Hall of Fame awards dinner on May 8, 2019 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City.

The International Maritime Hall of Fame awards had their beginning in 1993 when the Maritime Association of the Port of New York and New Jersey created them to honor, every year, a group of maritime visionaries who best exemplified the qualities of futuristic thinking guiding maritime transportation into the years ahead.

Since then, a broad cohort of leading lights of the industry have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. They include figures from the worlds of container shipping, tanker and dry bulk shipping, terminal operations, ocean transportation intermediaries, stevedores, tug and barge operators, major railroads, in addition to those who represent both employers and labor in the maritime sphere. Funds raised for the awards promote educational services within the industry.

The most recent inductions into the International Maritime Hall of Fame celebrated the achievements of five illustrious leaders of the industry.

Harold J. Daggett, International President, International Longshoremen's Association, AFL-CIO was honored for his exceptional leadership of the growth and stability of the maritime industry, of labor productivity, of keeping cargo moving, of negotiations and contract agreements with employers.



George Economou, Founder, Chairman and CEO, of Dry Ships Inc. was recognized for being a global leader in maritime transportation and all related business activities; in high quality customer relations, and in the growth and stability of his highly diversified international fleet. His award was accepted by his son, Phillipos.

John F. Reinhart, CEO and Executive Director, Virginia Ports, was honored for his leadership of the economic achievements and financial success of Virginia Ports, his work there having maximized facility usage at one of the United States leading seaports.

Rodolphe Saade, Chairman and CEO of CMA CGM Group S.A. was recognized as a pre-eminent figure in the international maritime community. Under his leadership, CMA CGM had grown its business over the years in truly exponential terms.

Last but not least, Mr. **Richard S. (Rich) Weeks**, President and CEO of Weeks Marine, Inc., was honored as a leader in all facets of marine construction. Under his stewardship Weeks Marine had grown its impressive market footprint in dredging, construction and, more recently, the development of environmental-friendly offshore sources of power.

The May 8 event attracted the largest number of attendees – approximately 450 – in recent years. Its Master of Ceremonies was Joe Hughes, Chairman and CEO of the American P&I Club, a current Director (and former President) of the Maritime Association of the Port of New York and New Jersey.

MAPONY/NJ - Bigger and Better



At a recent meeting of the MAPONY/NJ Board of Directors, Mr. Dan Pastore of the PANY/NJ gave an impressive overview of Port-related statistics that reflect the impressive and continued growth of the Port.

To the right, Mr. Pastore making his presentation at the meeting which was held in the offices of the American P&I Club in NYC.



- Mr. Chris DiVeglio, NOAA Maritime Services Program Manager of the NOAA CO-OPS group gave an overview of the NY/NJ Physical Observation Real Time System (PORTS), and the present status of the NY/NJ Harbor Current Survey.
- Mr. DiVeglio advised that the NY/NJ Harbor Current Survey would begin first deployment during the last week of June; would have recovery/redeployment in mid-August; and final recovery in late October 2019. Data would be verified and disseminated by Spring 2020. This data will be used to update the NY/NJ Harbor Current model.
- Mr. DiVeglio also confirmed that the long-awaited 2 real time current meters will be installed on buoys 14 and 18 this Summer. The meters will be installed/tested/ quality assured/and then become active by early Fall 2019.
- Ms. Colleen Roche (NOAA Northeast Navigation Manager) gave a presentation of the NOAA Coastal Inundation dashboard which collects all NOAA warnings and real-time data regarding potential coastal inundation events and puts them in one readily accessible location. Full information on this NOAA product is available at: <https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/inundationdb/>

Marine Mammals

On June 6, 2019 the NY State Dept of Environmental Protection will host a NY Bight Marine Mammal symposium presenting data collected which relates to marine mammal activity in the NY Bight. MAPONY/NJ will attend to advocate for maritime transportation interests, and will report any outcomes

NYC Economic Development Corp.

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- NYC continues to study coastal resiliency. EDC expects that they will be able to present the initial findings to HOPs in July/August in order to get feedback/input.
- The Halletts Cove kayak launch continues under study, and EDC will keep HOPs advised of any developments. A permit for clean-up/remediation of the site will be released soon.
- EDC has completed collection/examination of replies to the Maritime Support Services report and has created a “draft” version which will be tested by several key sources prior to final release. EDC reviewed with MAPONY/NJ on May 21, 2019.
- EDC will arrange dredging at Hammond Cove in late Summer to facilitate recreational boating access.
- EDC is starting to evaluate possible landing areas for offshore wind generated power that would have to connect to the existing power grid. EDC is also exploring potential assembly/construction/storage space.
- On May 20, 2019 NYC Ferry opened the Brooklyn Navy Yard landing which will be part of the Astoria route.
- EDC has performed a risk assessment for a possible St George ferry landing, and will present the results to HOPs during June 2019 for comment.