

Approved

Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area

0900 hours November 20, 2025 – Hybrid In-Person Meeting @ Woodley Island Marina Conference Room & Via ZOOM Video Conference Call

Attendees	
Capt. Leroy Zerlang (Zerlang & Zerlang / Coos Bay Tug)	Chris Mikkelsen (Humboldt Bay Harbor District)
Cory Mooers (Humboldt Bay Harbor District)	Jeff Ferguson (NOAA)
Jenny Lewis (City of Eureka)	Colin Campbell (Green Diamond)
Captain Tim Petrusha (Humboldt Bar Pilots Association)	Kent Hulbert (HASA)
Jonathan Bishop (Coastal Commission)	Kevin Cliborn (Chevron)
Ross McDonald (Sause Bros)	Jen Kalt (Humboldt Waterkeeper)
Jeff Dayton (Fish & Wildlife)	LT Abby Haman (USCG Sector San Francisco)
Scott Miller (USCG)	Denise Guerra (Humboldt Bay Harbor District)
Reuben Macaspac (CDFW OSPR)	Noel Jones (USCG Headquarters)
CDR Krysia Pohl (USCG Sector San Francisco)	Tyler Felt – (Emergency Operations, Trinidad Rancheria)
Captain Andrew Manning (Humboldt Bar Pilots)	Lucia Ordonez Gauger (Vineyard Wind)
J.J. Winston (Global Diving and Salvage)	

Chair Leroy Zerlang called the meeting to order at 0900 hours.

1. Welcome / Call to Order

- a. **Committee and Meeting Attendee Introductions were made. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call.**
- b. **Comments by Chairperson:** None
- c. **Swearing-in of Members:** Captain Tim Petrusha and Captain Andrew Manning were sworn in.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Consent Calendar:

- a. Colin Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2025, meeting. Chris Mikkelsen seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

4. USCG Reports:

- a. **USCG Nuisance/Abatement Report:** Two 25-gallon drums were found on September 28 floating in Humboldt Bay. The drums had no oil or acid substances inside.

5. US Army Corps of Engineers Report: The US Army Corps was not present. There is approximately \$10.5 set aside for dredging. There are also excess funds from the project last year so there may be considerably more funds available. Last year the expenditure for Humboldt Bay was between \$16 to \$18 million and that was one of our most successful dredging seasons.

6. Port/ Harbor/ Marina Reports:

- a. **Trinidad Harbor:** Preparations are underway for crab season.
- b. **City of Eureka Public Marina:** Three boats have been destroyed under the SAVE Grant and three are pending to be destroyed. The recent storm caused some popped fenders and loose lines.
- c. **Port of Humboldt Bay / Woodley Island Marina:** Six boats are pending to be destroyed under the SAVE Grant. Preparations are underway for crab season.

7. OSPR Reports:

- a. **Membership Update:** No membership is expiring. The Harbor Safety Committee Summit was held October 9-10, 2025.

8. Member Reports

- a. **NOAA Report:** Everyone is back after being furloughed. There were no delays or negative impacts to the Humboldt Bay region.

- b. Local Law Enforcement Report:** None
- c. Coastal Commission Report:** None
- d. Bar Pilot Report:** None
- e. Tank Barge Report:** None
- f. Dry Cargo Report:** Green Diamond had a vessel leave in October, bound for Japan. There will be another vessel bound for Japan in December, as well as a domestic barge bound to the Columbia River. There are plans to have another vessel in February come down through Japan. Hope to have the soundings after the January storms.
- g. Tug Report:** None
- h. Tribal / Non-Profit Environmental Report:** None
- i. Commercial Fishing Report:** None
- j. Recreational Fishing / Boater Safety Report:** Waiting for acid tests to come back. The fuel issue is going to be a problem.

9. Subcommittee Reports: None

10. Work Group Reports:

- a. Harbor Safety Plan Update:** None

11. Unfinished Business:

- a.** Safety signage has been crafted and put into production. This will be revisited after the New Year.

12. New Business:

- a.** Local Aquaculture would like to join the Harbor Safety Committee. A letter will be submitted to the OSPR Administrator.
- b.** 2026 Meeting Schedule has been confirmed.

13. Action Items:

- a.** The Salty Santa Parade will be held December 6, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 0932 hours.

The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2026.

Denise Guerra
Port of Humboldt Bay