

**CONNECTICUT MARITIME COMMISSION (CTMC)  
SUMMARY REPORT OF MEETING (Mtg. #11-13)  
November 20, 2013**

**Location of Meeting:** Bridgeport Regional Vocational Aquaculture School  
60 St Stephen Street  
Bridgeport, CT.

**Attendance:**

**Commissioners**

**Present**

John Johnson  
Dave LeVasseur (for OPM Secretary)  
Chuck Beck (for DOT Commissioner)  
Tom Dubno  
Stan Mickus  
Larry Miller  
Bob Ross  
Parker Wise  
George Wisker (for DEEP Commissioner)

**Absent**

Catherine Smith/Ron Angelo  
Michael Griffin  
Joe Riccio  
David Shuda

**Guests**

Capt Ed Cubanski	Ned Farman	Don Frost	Scot Graham	Martha Klimas
Ed O'Donnell	LCDR Brent Pounds		Joe Salvatore	Alan Stevens
Grant Westerson				

**I. Call to Order:**

The Vice Chairman John Johnson called the meeting to order at 0930. A quorum was present. The Vice Chairman welcomed the Commander CG Sector LIS, Captain Ed Cubanski, to his first full CTMC meeting and thanked him for attending. He then asked for all present to introduce themselves starting with the Commissioners.

**II. Review of Meeting Minutes:**

The summary report of the October 16, 2013 meeting was reviewed. A motion to approve the summary report was made by Dave LeVasseur and seconded by Commissioner Dubno. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**III Discussion Open to Public:**

Upon being recognized by the Vice Chairman, Grant Westerson reported that he had recently attended the National Marine Trades Council meeting in Orland, Fl and was elected as the Council Chair. He reported that he had learned that the marine industry in all states has been struggling during the economic downturn.

LCDR Brent Pounds of NOAA reported that the routine printing of paper charts was ending. Printed charts will still be available on demand. All charts have been converted to electronic format and are available. He also stated that most commercial maritime companies have converted to electronic charts.

**IV Old Business:**

Dredging Update – Joe Salvatore reported that seven monitors associated with the ELIS SEIS are being redeployed for the winter months to collect seasonal data. The Norwalk Harbor Phase dredging project is near completion. Norwalk officials are holding a press conference later in the day after the CTMC meeting on the Norwalk waterfront. Ed O'Donnell added that there is about one week's worth of work remaining in Norwalk. The larger of the two dredgers will be moving to New Haven harbor just after Thanksgiving. The second dredger will follow once Norwalk is completed. Additionally, it was reported that the Army Corps had solicited for dredge work in Wethersfield Cove on November 8<sup>th</sup>. The MOA transferring funds between CT and the

Corps for the Wethersfield project is in routing for signatures. The Corps is working on dredging projects in Guilford (a Storm Sandy project) and Mystic Harbor ((\$5.5M state funded) for the 2014-15 dredging season. The Corps is also working on storm related repair work on the Bridgeport and New Haven breakwaters. In response to a question from Commissioner Ross, Salvatore stated that the ELIS SEIS would be at a sufficient state to showcase the work being done by UCONN Avery Point in the February-March 2014 timeframe.

LIS HSC/AMSC Update – Captain Cubanski reported that although the CG is still waiting to find out what the FY 2014 budget will be, urgent mission work such as SAR and training will continue without interruption. Scot Graham requested the CTMC consider designating a member to review/critique of the revised Long Sound Sound Area Maritime Security Assessment. The final draft of the update to the Area Maritime Security Assessment (AMSA) required for the 2014 update to the Area Maritime Security Plan (AMSP) has been posted on the SSI side of the CG Sector LIS HOMEPORT site. The Vice Chairman requested the permission of the CTMC Commissioners to designate the CTMC staff, Chuck Beck, to provide feedback on the AMSA to the CG on behalf of the Commission. There were no objections.

Graham reminded all of CG's campaign to increase the awareness of all maritime stakeholders regarding the Cyber Security and the Marine Transportation System (MTS). CG Sector LIS issued AMSB BULLETIN 001-13 on August 7, 2013 on the topic. A Cyber Security National Framework has been drafted. The CG is seeking public comments on the Framework with a December 13, 2013 due date. Additional information can be found at <http://www.nist.gov/itl/cyberframework.cfm> or on the CG Sector LIS AMSC site.

Graham stated that Coast Guard Headquarters (CG-FAC) is soliciting for port partners (critical infrastructure owners, operators, associations, and other entities) interested in participating in a national Maritime Sector Coordinating Council (MSCC). The MSCC would enable owners and operators of Maritime Critical Infrastructure to interact on a wide range of maritime-specific strategies, policies, activities, and issues. The Maritime Security Council (<http://www.maritimesecurity.org/>) has expressed interest in acting as the Executive Secretariat for the MSCC. Interested parties should contact Mr. Will Watson at [William.Watson@AdvanFort.com](mailto:William.Watson@AdvanFort.com). Additional information can be found at <http://www.dhs.gov/critical-infrastructure-sector-partnerships>.

Lastly Scot Graham reminded all of an upcoming Mass Rescue exercise in the SECT Region 4 area. He thanked the Cross sound Ferry for their participation and use of platforms.

P.O.R.T.S. – Chuck Beck advised that the New Haven Port Authority had entered an MOA with NOAA to provide funds to keep the New Haven PORTS equipment functional for the next year; December 1, 2013 to November 30, 2014. Additionally, DOT has submitted a bond request to the December Bond Commission for \$265,647 for upgrading not only the New Haven PORTS equipment but also the equipment in New London and Bridgeport. An MOA is being drafted by NOAA for upgrading the equipment and the O&M for the New Haven equipment for 5 years.

**V New Business:**

2013 Annual Report – Making reference to the draft contained in the meeting package, the Vice Chairman asked the Commissioners to review the draft CTMC 2013 Annual report and be prepared to act on its approval at the Annual meeting. Chuck Beck suggested that the CTMC Commissioners also review the Maritime Policy established by the CTMC in February 2006. The Vice Chairman asked that the Maritime Policy document discussion be on the December meeting agenda.

National Maritime Strategy – Since the topic was discussed during the LIS AMSC portion of the Agenda, there was no additional discussion.

**VI Executive Session:** None called.

**VII Date of Next Meeting:** All were reminded that the next meeting of the CTMC (the Annual Meeting) would be held at **0930 on Wednesday December 18, 2013** at the **ConnDOT HQ Building in Newington, CT.**

**VIII Adjournment:** - A motion to adjourn was made by Dave LeVasseur, seconded by Commissioner Dubno and passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 AM.