

**CONNECTICUT MARITIME COMMISSION (CTMC)
REPORT OF INFORMATIONAL MEETING (Mtg. #05-12)
May 16, 2012**

Location of Meeting: CTDOT HQ
2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT at 0930
Wednesday May 16, 2012

Attendance:

Commissioners

Present

Chuck Beck (for DOT Commissioner)
Tom Dubno
John Johnson
Dave LeVasseur
Larry Miller
Joe Riccio
David Shuda
George Wisker (for DEP Commissioner)

Absent

Commissioner Smith/Ronald Angelo
Vincent Cashin
Michael Griffin
Bob Ross
Parker Wise

Guests

Ned Farman Martha Klimas Joe Salvatore Judi Sheiffele Geoff Steadman

I. Call to Order:

The Chairman Joe Riccio called the meeting to order at 0934. Commissioners/designees present introduced themselves followed by introductions of the audience.

II. Review of Meeting Minutes:

With a quorum of eight, Commissioner Dubno moved that summary report of the April 18, 2012 meeting be approved. Dave LeVasseur provided a second and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

III Discussion Open to Public Martha Klimas reported that the City of Bridgeport and the Bridgeport Port Authority published an RFP soliciting parties interested in operating the former Derecktor property as a commercial shipyard. Submittals are due on Friday May 18, 2012. It is hoped that a selection will be made by mid-June

IV Old Business:

A. Dredging Update – Joe Salvatore provided an update that started with the Supplemental Environmental Impact Study (SEIS) for Eastern Long Island Sound. A consultant has been selected. The Scope of Work has been drafted and is being reviewed by the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE). The LIS DMMP workgroup interviews have been completed by all of the CT participants. Very few of the NY participants have completed the interview due to issues with coming to a consensus among the groups.

B OPSAIL 2012 – Vice Chairman Johnson provided an update on New London participation in OPSAIL2012CT. He stated that the pace of planning has increased since the event is about 50 days out. Commissioner Johnson stated that The OPSAIL2012CT Committee has received outstanding support from state agencies, the City of New London, regional and local organizations. He reported that 22 vessels consisting of a mix of Class A, B and C tall ships as well as several USN and USCG vessels have committed to participate. Commissioner Johnson advised that the OPSAIL2012CT web site (www.opsail2012ct.org) was up and current with information including the schedule of events over the weekend of July 6-9, 2012.

C. Long Island Sound Area Maritime Security Council (LIS AMSC) Update – In the absence of a CG representative, Chuck Beck reported that there was nothing to report since he had previously forwarded various e-mails from Captain Scot Graham concerning HLS Alerts.

D. Long Island Sound Harbor Safety Committee (LIS HSC) Update – In the absence of a CG representative, Chuck Beck reported that there was nothing to report since he had previously forwarded various e-mails from Captain Scot Graham concerning the beginning of the hurricane season.

E. Study of a Strategy for the Economic Development of CT's Ports – In the absence of Commissioner Ross, Chuck Beck provided an update on the status of the Port Study. He stated that a preliminary draft had been received from the consultant and is in the process of being reviewed by the OPM, DECD, DEEP, DOT workgroup. Once a preliminary review is completed a draft report will be provided to the OPM Secretary and three State Agency Commissioners for review.

V New Business:

A. Ballast Water Regulation Update – Chuck Beck advised that other than the information about the status of the Ballast Water Regulation issue in the meeting package there was nothing more to report. George Wisker stated that the CTDEEP will be publishing the General Permit for public comment.

B. National Ocean Policy Implementation – Chuck Beck advised that other than the information distributed by previous e-mails about the National Ocean Policy Implementation as well as information in the meeting package there was nothing more to report. There was no further discussion.

C. CT State Legislative Session Review – Commissioner Miller provided a summary of the actions passed and not taken up by the 2012 session of the Legislature. Bills passed included, medical marijuana, use of public restrooms by trans-genders and sale of alcohol on Sundays and holidays. There were no bills passed on any maritime issues. Commissioner Miller stated that it was likely that a Special Session will be called to complete work on the state budget.

Off topic, Vice Chairman Johnson stated that there was no representation on the CTMC from the recreational boating industry. He reminded all that there is presently a vacancy on the CTMC to be filled by the Governor. He asked if the CTMC should send a letter to the Governor recommending that the vacant position be filled by someone from the recreational boating industry. After some initial discussion, Vice Chairman Johnson moved that such a letter to the Governor be sent. Commissioner Shuda provided a second. Further discussion centered on the fact that there were some appointed CTMC members that rarely if ever attend scheduled CTMC meetings. The motion was amended to send additional letters to the cognizant appointing authority asking that consideration be given to appoint a new person. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

VI Executive Session – none held

VII Date of Next Meeting: Prior to adjourning, the Chairman announced that the next meeting of the CTMC would be held at the **Fort Trumbull Conference Center located at 90 Walbach Street in New London, CT at 0930 on Wednesday June 20, 2012.**

VII Adjournment: - A motion to adjourn was made by George Wisker, seconded by Commissioner Dubno and passed by unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 10:00 AM.