

Government and Partner Relations Committee

0800 Thursday, January 17, 2014

Call to order by Stf/C Robert Canfield, JN

Members present:

P/R/C Joseph Balbo, AP	P/D/C John C. Bennett, SN	St/C Robert E. Canfield, JN
P/R/C Lewis W. Dance, SN	P/D/C Kenneth A. Danley, P	P/V/C Robert David, SN
D/Lt/Cdr Dawn Flynn, JN	P/R/C William E. Husted, SN	P/N/Fl/Lt Dick Jarmon, SN
D/1 st Lt Janet M. Klumpp, AP	P/R/C Gregory E. Korstad, AP	P/C Ed Lott, P
D/C John D. Miller, AP	P/D/C Bruce Therault, AP	

Members and guests did self-introduction.

Approval of San Antonio Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the September 2013 San Antonio Governing Board meeting were approved as presented

Guests:

V/C Louis Ojeda, SN, USPS National Administrative Officer
C/C Joseph Gatfield, JN (CPS)
Larry D Bowling (NTSB)
P/C Kenneth Link, SN
Stephen Ellerin, USCGA
Cindy McCafferty, Sea Tow
Carleen Lyden-Kluss, NAMEPA
Carolyn Bellmore, NBF
Everett Tucker, USCGA-NBF

Guest Speakers

Stf/C Canfield introduced guest speakers in the following order:

Larry D. Bowling, **An Introduction to the National Transportation Safety Board**
C/C Joseph Gatfield, JN (CPS), **A New Era for Canadian Not-for-Profits**
V/C Louis Ojeda, SN, **USPS National Administrative Officer**
Everett Tucker, **USCGA-NBF**
Cynthia McCaffrey, **Sea Tow Services, International**
Carleen Lyden-Kluss, NAMEPA [**National Marine Environment Protection Association**]
Education Initiatives
Stephen Ellerin, **U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary**

Larry D. Bowling, An Introduction to the National Transportation Safety Board

NTSB investigates conditions and circumstances relating to accidents involving death and/or major destruction of property, caused by recreational and passenger vessels and US flagged vessels. They have a \$104 million budget and 400 members. Current investigations include: USCG *Hollyhock*, Tall Ship *Bounty*, Carnival Cruise Ship *Triumph*, NYC Ferry Boat Accident, Parasail Accident in Florida, and *Costa Concordia*. He discussed distracting devices.

Trigger conditions that bring his agency into investigation: Three or more deaths and/or major property damage

CPS-EPC C/C Joe Gatfield, JN, A New Era for Canadian Not-for-Profits

CPS is 75 years old. Joe gave a general overview of the Canadian Power Squadron restructuring and new organization rules and conditions because of Canada's new Not-for-Profit Act. Their governing Board has 23 members plus a Director. **See Attachment A Excerpt of presentation for details.**

V/C Louie Ojeda, SN, USPS National Administrative Officer, Membership Relationship to GPR

V/C Ojeda delivered welcoming remarks. He also talked about how Membership is directly related to Government & Partner Relations. He again stressed the importance of direct personal contact with people. This contact would involve in-person meetings with people and frequent phone voice contact.

Everett Tucker, National Boating Federation. (NBF)

Mr. Tucker is Chairman of the NBF. He addressed NBF's 2014 priorities. NBF represents yacht clubs and yachting associations. Ev talked about the ethanol problem. He addressed marine coastal and spatial planning; specifically, wind farms, and stressed the need to be at planning conferences from the beginning and not after the fact. See NBF website: NBF.org

Break

Ed Lott, State of Hawaii, USPS and USCGA

The State of Hawaii will require boater certification starting in 2014. Changes to Vessel Safety Check Program also addressed. He talked about accidents in Hawaii. Their local version of America's Waterway Watch is Joint Dock Walking. In Hawaii, there will additional vessel requirements, Section 15, Anchors and/or Drogues. (See Attachment B for their fall conference event)

Administration:

- GPRCom Website (P/D/C Mike Rachuk, SN) – Not present
- Roster and webpage – D/Lt/C Jan Klumpp, AP & P/D/C John Bennett, SN
- MOUs – Stf/C Robert Canfield, JN **New Memos of Understanding {MOUs}**

Cynthia McCaffrey, Sea Tow Services, International

Cindy covered automated marine radio checks and much more. She spoke about 60-day free starter membership in Sea-Tow based on completion of a USPS Boating Course, offered through December 31, 2015. Sea Tow also offers free automated VHF radio checks. (See Attachment C and website; <https://www.seatow.com/>)

Carleen Lyden-Kluss, NAMEPA [National Marine Environment Protection Association] Education Initiatives

Carleen posed question: Do you know where your trash is? Her answer was: Right where you left it. NAMEPA is seeking a MOU with us. (See Attachment D and website; <http://www.namepa.net/>)

R/C Bill Husted, SN - Homeland Security

Bill Husted introduced new member, Joe Balbo. Joe will help cover Homeland Security.

Joe Balbo, Citizen Corps

Joe is new to his team. He works directly with USCG and USCGA. His coverage area is Homeland Security, including FEMA and AWW.

R/C Bill Husted, SN, reported for Liaison P/R/C Gene Van Rhee, SN.

Joyce Shaw, National Safe Boating Council

Bill Canfield distributed Joyce's four-page report. (See Attachment)

P/V/C Robert David, SN, Royal Yachting Association – RYA

Bob covered the Denmark meeting of the European Recreational Boating Organization, representing 20 million boaters. Comments he outlined: 60% of EPIRBs are not registered and are of little value. ISO-LED navigation devices are not yet approved. He discussed disposal of old abandoned vessels. More discussion followed on both US and European problems. Also mentioned boat operator testing, involving UN Resolution 40, and operator licensing covering some 70 items. RYA has 60 – 70 staff and they can license recreational and commercial boaters.

Lobbying, St/C Greg Korstad, AP

Greg reported on his lobbying efforts. This covers life jackets use and boat operator licensing. He posed a question to the group: "Where do we want to go?" He also discussed anchoring and local issues. He suggested that our committee identify important issues for lobbying and make recommendations to the Board of Directors. Issues that have been brought up in the past include mandatory life jacket wear, ballast water regulation, boater education and

boater licensing. There has been no consensus in the past on whether we should promote these issues. He asked for comments from the Committee.

Comments:

Bill Husted: Expressed his feelings about wearing life jackets. He feels that we should not promote any position contrary to that of the US Coast Guard.

Stf/C Canfield: Expressed concern about losing credibility with other organizations.

Joe Gatfield: Described Canada's five-year process for mandatory boat operator competency. The process included a lot of public forums.

Ev Tucker: Reported that the wearing of life jacket issue is before the U. S. Coast Guard right now.

Stf/C Korstad suggested that we move forward with a proactive approach in 3 arenas:

- large organizational picture
- local issues of importance
- initiatives that our partners are doing

State Legislature, - Lew Dance

Lew reported that there is a state-by-state report about life jacket wear and boater education, which was compiled by NASBLA (National Association of State Boating Law Administrators). Report will be provided as attachment. Report mentioned that PFD's only need to be USCG-approved. No other labels are needed on them.

Bob Canfield asked if there was any other business. None mentioned.

Adjournment 1650.

Attachment A; CPS –EPC (Excerpt from C/C Gatfield’s presentation relative to new Canadian non-profit organization regulations)

What isn’t changing?

- Squadron and District roles and functions
- Geographic re-alignment of Districts

What is changing?

- One class of voting members
- Each Member will have a vote at Annual Meetings
- Governing Board will become a Board of Directors
- No longer will a position in the organization entitle you to a position on the Board
- The Board will be elected by the Members
- Operating Committee will become the Executive Committee
- The Board will elect the Executive Committee
- Board members will have accountability for specific areas of responsibility
- New Regulations will be inclusive of all levels of the Organization
- New policy manuals developed by Squadrons and Districts

Attachment B; Hawaii Sail & Power Squadron Fall Conference October 24-25, 2014 flyer

Cruising and Voyaging

Friday 10/24

0900 – 1400 Shipmate's Tour
Yolani Palace, mimosa lunch
0900 – 0950 General Meeting
1000 – 1200 Town Hall Meeting
1200 – 1400 Business meeting luncheon
1400 – 16:00 Seminars
To Be Determined

2 To Be Determined

3 To Be Determined

1800 Dinner Cruise

Saturday 10/25

0900 – 1200 Hawaiian-themed seminars
Polynesian navigation
Cruising the Pacific
1200 – 1400 Members and Shipmates
buffet lunch/Awards

1700 Closing luau

Sunday 10/26

1000 – 1600 Kaneohe Bay Sandbar cruise

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Attachment C; Sea Tow



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Attachment D NAMEPA Initiatives

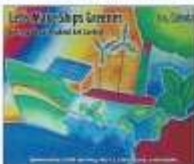
North American Marine Environment Protection Association



EDUCATION INITIATIVES



NAMEPA Junior



NAMEPA is a marine industry-led initiative which engages businesses, government and the public to "Save our Seas" by promoting sound environmental practices. NAMEPA promotes the education of seafarers, port communities and students by offering educational programs and materials about the need and strategies for protecting our marine environment.

SEAFARERS

- NAMEPA works with seafarers to augment their existing knowledge about marine environment protection
- Through our relationship with the North American Maritime Ministry Association (NAMMA), NAMEPA distributed over 12,000 copies of the American Club's environmental crimes poster
- Developed a MARPOL/Marine Science seafarer training program – over 10,000 programs have been disseminated throughout ports in North America including the Caribbean

PORT COMMUNITIES

- NAMEPA hosts industry seminars and conferences with regional orientation to suit the local community's interests/concerns
- NAMEPA has hosted both the National Maritime Day and World Maritime Day for 8 years
- NAMEPA has been a sponsor of Green Shipping, Green Ports, Sustainable Shipping and other events that share our commitment to "Save our Seas"
- Through our partnership with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, we have distributed over 100,000 marine debris posters

STUDENTS

- NAMEPA, in partnership with ASA, sponsors a science contest among harbor schools, maritime academies, and universities around marine environment protection
- NAMEPA is sponsoring a cadet award for commitment to marine environment protection
- Annual children's drawing contest with a theme of environmental protection in partnership with Jason Project and USCG
- NAMEPA is adapting NOAA's Marine Debris curriculum, promoting and distributing worldwide
- NAMEPA has developed a Training Guide for the Marine Debris program
- NAMEPA participates in and promotes beach clean ups worldwide

MOVING FORWARD IN 2014

EXPANDING ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION:

- engaging in new partnerships
- developing new programs on the marine environment
- outreach to educational institutions internationally
- charter membership through universities
- our goal is to develop leadership and global responsibility to protect the marine environment worldwide

JOIN NAMEPA AND "SAVE OUR SEAS"

Find more information at www.namepa.net/education
NAMEPA has officially launched a NAMEPA Junior website:
www.namepajr.net!

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