

Waterways Association of Pittsburgh Newsletter

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September Highlights

A total of (thirty-one) 31 members and guests gathered at Chartiers Country Club for the September 10, 2014 luncheon meeting.

Coast Guard News

CDR Lindsay Weaver provided the following comments:

- After contributing nearly 37 years of dedicated service to the US Coast Guard, Chief Warrant Officer 4 (CWO4) Todd Talasky retirement will be effective September 30, 2014. Todd attended the meeting so that the WAP members could recognize his service.
- A Marine Incident Summit will be held in Marietta, OH on October 8, 2014 with Waterways Association of Pittsburgh and Huntington District's Waterways Association to discuss in an open forum, no retribution, our recent Marine Casualties.
- Additional items discussed is included on the attached report.

LT Ariana Mohnke reported on the listing of river closures. Members are encouraged to review the river closure listing. If you have any issues with the list, members should contact Navigation Chair Eunice Ratcliff in an effort to mitigate closure issues.

Army Corp of Engineers

John Dilla covered the **attached** report.

Richard Lockwood provided clarification on several report items. In regards to the Upper Ohio Study, industry members are encouraged to contact their legislative representatives in support of this action being approved.

National Weather Service

Joe Palko provided the **attached** report.

Port of Pittsburgh Commission Report

Mary Ann Bucci presented the following information:

- Bob Winters will be presenting his Emsworth "Loss of Pool" study to the municipalities at a conference on September 27th. This grass roots effort introduces a new audience to the challenges facing their community in the situation of a lock failure.
- The move to the new offices is now complete. The new address is 4955 Steubenville Pike, Suite 245A, Pittsburgh, PA 15205. All phone numbers and email addresses remain the same. The new fax number is 412-722-1190.

- Many industry leaders participated in a roundtable discussion with Representative Schuster. Implementation of WRRDA along with funding opportunities were among the subjects discussed. The proposed recommendation for the Lower Mon Project is to budget \$105 million to complete one lock that is fully operational and proceed with additional construction from that point.
- Stephen Martinko was introduced as the new Port of Pittsburgh Commission's Executive Director. Mr. Martinko has served as the deputy staff director of the US House of Representatives Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and as the chief of staff for US Congressman Bill Shuster (R-PA). He will officially start in the position on September 8th.

Stephen Martinko addressed members expressing excitement over all the new opportunities that the Pittsburgh area offers. He is looking to building on past successes and potential future growth.

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Education Committee Report

Michael Graham reported on the following:

- The next Who Works the Rivers is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14th on the Gateway Clipper Fleet. Anyone interested in participating in this important educational event should contact Michael Graham directly.
- The Barge Breakaway Seminar will be held October 16th at the Floreffe Fire Hall. Searchlight Safety's Deane Orr will be organizing the seminar content.

Navigation Committee Report

Eunice Ratcliff reported on the following:

- The last several months have been extremely busy. Navigation notices were e-mailed to the Waterways Association of Pittsburgh Distribution List covering the following:



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Notices to Navigation Interests, containing data on channel conditions, noteworthy activities that affect river traffic and location of dredges, are issued as occasions demand. To receive either electronic or printed copies of Pittsburgh District's notices interested parties should send a request to:

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Requests should be submitted at least 14 days prior to start of work.

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Please visit USACE Pittsburgh District Website for additional information:

http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Navigation/NavigationNotices.aspx


- The following USCG River Closure was E-Mailed to Waterways Association of Pittsburgh Distribution List: Ohio River Mile 90.2 - Mile 90.8 - Marine Regatta/River Closure - On August 30, 2014 and August 31, 2014, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon and again from 1:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., each day, the Wheeling Vintage Raceboat Regatta will be held. The MSU Pittsburg has closed the river between Mile 90.2 and 90.8, for this event. To view the LNM go to: http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/lnms/lnm0834r2014.pdf
The main chamber at Dashields Lock & Dam will remain closed for repairs through the revised end date of Friday September 26, 2014. The previously scheduled opening of the main chamber with an 80' width restriction for this weekend September 13 & 14, 2014 has been CANCELLED to help expedite the completion of the repairs.


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Notice No.	Date Issued	Description
14-17 (Rev 1)	September 10, 2014	Dashields Locks and Dam, Ohio River, Mile 13.3, Closure of the 110-ft x 600-ft Primary Lock Chamber (Revision)

For additional information please see the Notice to Navigation Interest at:
[http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/Portals/72/docs/regulatory/2014%20Nav%20Notices/Nav%20Notice%2014-17%20\(Rev%201\).pdf](http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/Portals/72/docs/regulatory/2014%20Nav%20Notices/Nav%20Notice%2014-17%20(Rev%201).pdf)

- We will continue to provide 0700 and 1900 SITREP and queue reports on a daily basis to the Waterways Association of Pittsburgh's distribution list.
- Don Fogel has arranged a meeting at PEWARS - Neville Island to discuss the upcoming USACE Pittsburgh District maintenance and repair schedule. We are tentatively planning for Thursday September 25, 2014 at 1300. Once confirmed this invitation will be distributed to the Waterways Association of Pittsburgh's distribution list.
 - The Coast Guard is aligning its regulations with the 2010 Coast Guard Authorization Act. Before 2010, certain uninspected commercial vessels including barges and sailing vessels fell outside the scope of the statute requiring the Coast Guard to regulate lifesaving devices on uninspected vessels. This rule will go into effect in 30 days, October 10, 2014. Please visit the following website for more information and to view the Federal Regulation: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-09-10/pdf/2014-21541.pdf>
 - USCG Marine Safety Alert has been issued regarding air draft and vertical clearance. To view USCG Marine Safety Alert visit: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/0914.pdf>

- The following Public Notice Applications have been reviewed by the committee.



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Public Notices

How to send comments. Email comments to the respective Project Manager, at Regulatory.permits@usace.army.mil or mail to: Regulatory Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District, 1000 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15222. Comments made in reference to a Public Notice should include your name, address, and phone number. Please be sure to include the Public Notice Number or the Application Number on all correspondence to the District.

Individuals or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing to the project manager. Any request must be specific and substantively supportive of the requested extension, and received by this office prior to the end of the initial comment period. The Section Chief will review the request and the requestor will be promptly notified of the decision to grant or deny the request. If granted, the time extension will be continuous to the initial comment period and, inclusive of the initial comment period, will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days.

Upon request, anyone's name will be added, deleted, or modified in the electronic mailing to receive public notices. Please submit your information by email to Regulatory.permits@usace.army.mil or call us at 412-395-7155.

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Application No.	Public Notice No.	Date Comment Period Closes	Applicant	Location	Brief Description
2014-484	14-37	September 30, 2014	Max Marina, Inc., dba South Side Marina, 316 Leech Avenue, Saltsburg, PA 15681	Monongahela River, Left Bank, River Mile 2.6 - 2.75, City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, PA	The applicant proposes to construct a marina, approximately 1,490 linear feet along the right bank of the Monongahela River, adjacent to the South Shore Riverfront Park.
2006-933	14-35	September 3, 2014	Aage Peter Din, 1301 Atlantic Avenue, Monaca, PA 15061	Ohio River, Left Bank, approximate Mile 24.5, In Monaca, Beaver County, PA	The applicant proposes to construct a private recreation floating boat dock.
2013-514	14-34	August 6, 2014	Canaan Valley Institute	Hillcrest Wildlife Management Area in Hancock County, West Virginia	The applicant has presented a project to the West Virginia Interagency Review Team that proposes to construct a mitigation project using West Virginia in-lieu fee money within the Upper Ohio HUC.

For additional information or to review permit applications go to: <http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PublicNotices.aspx>

- The Ohio River will be closed to navigation from mile marker 90.2 to 90.7 on Saturday September 13, 2014 from 2045 until 2200 for the Wheeling Heritage Port Sternwheel Festival Fireworks display. Mariners Transiting the Ohio River and Monongahela River in the vicinity of the point are encouraged to transit at a safe speed to minimize wakening out the event crew boats. A USCG BNM Broadcast Notice to Mariners and a USCG LMN Local Notice to Mariner will be issued. For additional information please visit the following:
 USCG Ohio Valley BNM:
https://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/contentView.do?contentType=2&channelId=-18313&contentId=434683&programId=12631&pageTypeId=16440&BV_SessionID=@@@0185980120.1410455219@@@&BV_EngineID=ccccadgedheklefcngcfkmdfhdfdfgm.0

USCG Mississippi River System LMN:

<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/lnms/lnm0836r2014.pdf>

- A test of the one-call system will be conducted shortly to update any necessary changes to the system.
- MSU Pittsburgh has provided the Waterways Association with the current trend of deficiencies to help others in the future avoid similar deficiencies. Their goal is to provide the vessel with a fair assessment of safety gear needed to keep the vessel's crew safe. The USCG has listed the ten most frequently observed towing vessel deficiencies and posted it on the "Handouts" page in the "Outreach" section. To view the list please visit:
<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/TVNCOE/Documents/Handouts/Top10defsMay2013.pdf>
- Eunice thanks retired Chief Warrant Officer 4 Todd Talasky for all his dedication to our area and his presence will be greatly missed.

Legislative Committee Report

Richard Kreider was unable to attend the meeting. Information was provided under the Port of Pittsburgh Commission.

October Membership Meeting

The *next* membership meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2014 at the Lafayette Hotel in Marietta, OH. Cost of the luncheon will be \$25. Registration will begin at 10:45 a.m. Please call, email or fax the response form below by Wednesday, October 1, 2014 if you plan on attending the luncheon meeting.

**Waterways Association of Pittsburgh
Meeting Response Form**

Lafayette Hotel, Marietta, OH

October 8, 2014

Menu:

Sliced Pork Loin
Stuffed Chicken Breast
Whipped Potatoes w/gravy
Green Beans
Cole Slaw
Garden Salad
Assortment of Pies/Cakes
Coffee/Tea/Water

Cost: *\$25/per member*

_____ YES, I will be attending

_____ No, I will not be attending

****Special Dietary Requirements:** _____

NAME: _____
(Please print)

COMPANY: _____

Please respond **by Wednesday, October 1, 2014** to:

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