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### **July Meeting Highlights**

Fifty members were registered to attend our “annual picnic” on July 13, held onboard the *Princess* of the Gateway Clipper Fleet. President David Podurgiel welcomed new member, Stephanie Damron of Cardinal Operation Co of Columbus, OH. Also in attendance for the first time, LTJG Eyobe Mills of the USCG Marine Safety Unit and LCDR Justin Jolley also of the USCG.

David introduced Daria Schwartz, President of the Pittsburgh Maritime Association and she presented the 2022 Scholarships to this year’s four recipients. Each scholarship recipient will receive \$2,000 toward their college education upon successful completion of their first semester this fall.



*Scholarship Recipients from Left to Right: Macee Cree, Jenna Cunningham, Daria Schwartz, President PMA, Nora Kelly, Lyndsay Reynolds*

Shane Checkan, Navigation Committee Chair presented the Navigation Report. He reminded members that although the weather has been light recently, even wind can be dangerous when moving both loaded or unloaded barges on the rivers. He again mentioned that this is peak season for pleasure boaters and working river craft must be aware, posting lookouts and watching for dangerous conditions that can be brought about by the presence of pleasure craft.

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Scott Harshman of Port of Pittsburgh Commission presented the Legislative Report. He welcomed LTJG Mills to his new assignment in Pittsburgh with the USCG MSU.

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LTJG Eyobe Mills presented the USCG Marine Safety Unit report. He advised July has been a calm month and that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events were a great success. He did state that a Marine Safety Alert was issued when a motor-powered boat capsized a kayak in its wake. Although no injuries were reported, he emphasized that all boaters must be aware of each other to keep the waterways safe.

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US Army Corps of Engineers report was presented by John Dilla. He advised there were unexpected delays due to a river closure in the Huntington District for scheduled boat races. Although the closure was scheduled, it was overlooked in the Pittsburgh region and the resulting local delays came as unexpected. In the future, he hopes there can be more communication coordination between our two Waterways Associations for a better understanding of how one district affects the other resulting in better preparation.

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Alicia Miller presented the national weather forecast for summer so far and advised recent weather has been dry but with normal temperatures. She noted she would take full credit for the fine summer weather we have experienced up to now. Fall is expected to be warm and dry. Alicia also provided a formal hurricane forecast which is attached.

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Kristen Stojakovich, chair of the networking and membership committee, advised that our membership roster is up by 3 new members. However, as this newsletter “goes to print” we have 3 existing members who have not yet paid their 2022 membership.

Upcoming networking events:

#### **Annual Golf Outing**

(partnered with Traffic Club of Pittsburgh)

Tuesday, August 30 at Seven Oaks Country Club

*E-mailed invitations have been sent out by the Traffic Club.*

*Please contact Gretchen if you’ve not received your invitation: [Gretchen.Chamberlain@bargeacbl.com](mailto:Gretchen.Chamberlain@bargeacbl.com)*

#### **Annual Holiday Gala**

Friday, December 9 at Hilton Garden Inn, Southpointe

David Podurgiel presented the Education Committee report and advised our next event is fast approaching.

#### **Minutes to Live (Man Overboard) Seminar**

Wednesday, August 3 at The Fez in Aliquippa

*In-water pool training at Hopewell High School next door*

#### **Barge Breakaway Seminar**

Thursday, October 20

Classroom training at The Fez

*Hands-on waterfront training at the Marion Hill Landing*

#### **Who Works the Rivers**

October Date TBD

Gateway Clipper Fleet

***Click here to Register for August Membership Meeting***