

Waterways Association of Pittsburgh Newsletter

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June Highlights

A total of (twenty-nine) 29 members and guests gathered at Chartiers Country Club for the June 11, 2014 luncheon meeting.

Prior to the meeting, several presentations were made honoring the retirement of Jim McCarville, Port of Pittsburgh Commission. Presentations were also made to LCDR John Dittmar whose three-year tour ends at the end of the month.

Coast Guard News

CDR Lindsay Weaver presented the **attached** reports.

The 2014 Industry Days will be held this Friday, June 14th at the Meadows Banquet Center beginning at 7:30 a.m. A Cybersecurity Tabletop Exercise will be conducted in the morning with presentations on shipyards, LNG usage, Subchapter M and many others. Special thanks to the Port of Pittsburgh Commission and the Three River Pollution Response Council for their support of the event. Attendance currently stands around 80.

Public Affair Notices and continuous monitoring of recreational boaters that are found within the channel continue.

CDR Dittmar addressed members expressing his appreciation to all the members for all the support and educational experience during his three-year tour. The Waterways Association of Pittsburgh will be remembered for its Partnership with Industry & Federal Regulators, Safety Measures & Implementation and Commerce.

Note: A formal presentation will be made by the Coast Guard to Jim McCarville during the Port of Pittsburgh Commission meeting tomorrow.

Army Corp of Engineers

Richard Lockwood covered the **attached** report.

National Weather Service

Joe Palko provided the **attached** report.

Port of Pittsburgh Commission Report

Jim McCarville presented the following information:

- Special thanks were extended to WAP members for all the support provided to Jim during his tenure as the Port's Executive Director. The Association's partnership between companies and federal agencies is a unique characteristics not found in any other area.

- The President did sign the WRDA bill yesterday and the success for this passage illustrates the perseverance of our members to bring waterway issues to the forefront. However, there is still much work to be done. The gas tax increase that will generate replenishment to the Inland Waterways Trust fund needs to be addressed. Challenges continue with hours of operation along with Upper Ohio issues. The Army Corp of Engineers establishment of maintenance priorities continue to improve. The Wireless Waterways project is a cutting edge program to improve efficiency on the waterways.
- Members were invited to attend the June 18th reception in conjunction with our Second Annual Interoperability Test Bed Symposium. Eleven companies will be presenting their latest products and testing them on the Wireless Waterway system. They will be demonstrating cutting edge technology in Maritime Safety, Security, Environment and Transportation. The reception will be held in the Reception Tent located at the Carnegie Science Center/River Side/North Shore beginning at 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Education Committee Report

Michael Graham was unable to attend the meeting. David McQuiston reminded members that July 17th has been confirmed for the Man Overboard Seminar that will be held at the Mon Valley Healthplex. In water training will be provided within the complex's pool area. Seminar details and registration form is available on the Waterways website at www.wapgh.org.

Navigation Committee Report

Eunice Ratcliff was unable to attend the meeting. No additional information was provided.

Legislative Committee Report

Richard Kreider was unable to attend the meeting. David McQuiston reiterated that President Obama signed the WRRDA bill into law this week but that the appropriation process remains before us. He also reported about the recent local ceremony wherein Senator Casey was awarded the Leadership Award by WCI for his significant efforts to make the WRRDA legislation a reality.

July Membership Meeting

The **next** membership meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2014 aboard the **Gateway Clipper Princess**. The boat will remain docked during the meeting. Cost of the luncheon will be \$25. Registration will begin at 11:45 a.m. with lunch served promptly at noon. Please call, email or fax the response form below by Thursday, July 3, 2014 if you plan on attending the luncheon meeting.

The Pittsburgh Maritime Association will be honoring the 2014 Scholarship Recipients at this luncheon.

**Waterways Association of Pittsburgh
Meeting Response Form**

Gateway Clipper Fleet
July 9, 2014

Picnic Luncheon:

Hot Dogs w/Condiments
Oven Fried Chicken Breast
Molasses Baked Beans
Corn Cobbettes
Potato Salad
Creamy Coleslaw
Chilled Watermelon Wedges
Apple Cobbler
Ice Tea & Lemonade

Cost: ***\$25/per person***

_____ YES, I will be attending

_____ No, I will not be attending

****Special Dietary Requirements:** _____

NAME: _____
(Please print)

COMPANY: _____

Please respond **by Thursday, July 3, 2014** to:

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