

June Highlights

Michael Graham, President, WAP welcomed the largest group of members attending in some time. Twenty-seven registered for the luncheon. As was announced at the May meeting we will no longer be providing a virtual option for the luncheon.

Coast Guard News

LT James Dunbar, USCG, started by advising the US Dept of Homeland Security website; www.homeport.uscg.mil is an excellent source for important local information. Use the locator on the website to get up-to-date Contact Information, News / Events, Contingency plans, Safety Notifications and more all pertaining to Pittsburgh.

There was some conversation regarding doubler-plates for repair of vessels and ballast water reporting. Both subjects should be reviewed by Mariners so that current policy requirements are implemented properly.

The **attached report** was also provided.

Navigation Committee Report

David Podurgiel, Vice President, WAP, began the discussion reminding members that Breakaway Barges occur in good weather as well as bad. It is important to regularly review with crews proper tie-off methods in an effort to reduce dangerous situations. In 2010, WAP published a training guide on this subject which is available to anyone upon request.

The following report was presented by David:

- Area Rivers have been staying near 'pool stage' all month.
- Cleveland-Cliffs acquired the coke works in Monessen, PA, I recently reviewed their Waterfront Facility Guide, it was well written and had all the latest updates. I plan to reach out to them with hopes of joining the WAP.

Upcoming Lock outages and their impacts on Industry.

2021

Montgomery OR Mile 31: 7/26-8/24, Primary Chamber, major delays expected.

Braddock Lock 2 Mon Mile 11.2: 9/13-10/15, Primary Chamber for 3 weeks, significant delays expected.

Willow Island OR Mile 161: 10/1-31, Primary Chamber, delays expected.

Montgomery OR Mile 31: 10/18-12/17, Primary Chamber, major delays expected.

2022

Dashields/Emsworth: Concurrent from 2/22-3/22, then Emsworth stays down till 4/15. These will both be Primary Chamber, major delays expected.

Greenup OR Mile341: 4/27-6/29, Primary Chamber, significant delays expected.

Belleville OR Mile 204: 5/2-6/24, Primary Chamber, significant delays expected.

Legislative Committee Report

David Podurgiel, Vice President, WAP provided the following report.

Fiscal year 2022 budget request for USACE Civil Works Programs is \$6.8 billion

\$1 billion less than current fiscal year. O&M slated to receive \$4.2 billion. This is the Biden Administrations' initial request; the Appropriations Committee will work on the budget for several more months. Delays in approving a budget could result in a continuing resolution(s).

This budget proposal includes \$149 million for the Three Rivers Project in Arkansas: \$52 million from Inland Waterways Trust Fund and \$97 million from general treasury (35/65 2020 WRDA). **No funding for current/on-going projects was proposed.** Hopefully, Congress will get the funding increased in support of our local and national interests.

Infrastructure Negotiations

Both parties continue to pontificate, while major differences persist about the size, the scope and pay-fors of a potential bipartisan deal; Legislators return to Washington this week and perhaps a program may get done by July 4, 2021.

Currently, the Biden Administration's proposed American Jobs Plan is currently a \$2.25 trillion package that includes **\$17 billion in funding for the inland waterways, inland ports of entry, coastal ports and ferries** and would be paid for by a corporate tax increase.

Last week, Senate Republicans made a \$928 billion counteroffer on infrastructure that would be paid for from unspent stimulus funds and user fees. This offer includes **\$22 billion for ports and waterways.**

Army Corp of Engineers

John P. Dilla of the USACE announced the new Chief of Operations, Pittsburgh District is Vincent DeCarlo who will begin his assignment immediately. He will be naming a new Deputy to fill the spot now open due to his advancement. John reported that Chief DeCarlo is interested in resurrecting both the Cerrus Recreational Group and Cewaag providing opportunity for WAP to improve and strengthen relationships with USACE by partnering in planning and development of USACE projects.

Currently USACE is working with WAP in an effort to minimize shut-downs by looking for opportunities to combine work projects or dates of work.

John also provided the **attached** report.

NOAA

Alicia Miller of NOAA advises summer forecast looks toward above average temperatures and near normal precipitation. **Attached** is the full report.

Port of Pittsburgh

Please go to the website for the latest news and events as provided by the Port of Pittsburgh:
www.portpitt.com

Education Committee Report

Michael Graham, President and Education Committee Chair, provided the following report:

- **WAP will hold a second BAB Seminar** in 2021.
 - Tentative date is October 21 at the Fez in Aliquippa.
 - This location will allow for waterfront training.
 - Details will be provided at a later date
- **Man Overboard Seminar** is scheduled for Friday, July 23, Clarion Inn, Belle Vernon
 - Look for your invitation soon!

Networking Committee

Michael Graham reported the following updates:

Our next event will be our Golf outing on Friday September 17. Seven Oaks Country Club will be the venue for a second year, offering a challenging course. If weather permits, dinner will be served outdoors. Save the date!!

Our final event for 2021 will be the Holiday Party. It will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Southpointe on Friday, December 10. Mark your calendar!

July Membership Meeting

The **next** membership meeting is our annual Picnic!

Wednesday, July 14, 2021, Gateway Clipper, Princess

PMA Scholarship Presentation – Recipients:

Chase Bitz

Matthew Lacek

Thomas Kelly

Kellie Fedkoe

Please email the attached response form, or you may call or text your response (724-991-0136) by **Thursday, July 8, 2021** to reserve your space.



Member Luncheon Meeting Response Form

Gateway Clipper, Princess

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Check in 11:30 until Noon

Lunch Begins Promptly at Noon!

Menu

- Kansas City BBQ Ribs
- Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich w/ Lettuce, Tomato & Mayo
- Corn on the Cob w/ Lime & Cilantro
- Quarter cut Potato Wedges w/ Melted Cheddar & Bacon
- Hannah's Famous Macaroni Salad
- Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad
- Apple Pie
- Coffee & Hot Tea & Soda Bar

Please note any Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Cost: \$30 per member

_____ Yes, I will attend

Name

Company

Please respond to Carole Ann Krelow, Executive Director - by Thursday, July 8

ckrelow@wapgh.org OR Call, Leave Message or Text at 724-991-0136

Cash, Checks or Master Card, Discover or Visa Accepted

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Membership Luncheon July 14, 2021

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