

## *Have a Safe & Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!*

### **June Meeting Highlights**

Twenty-eight members were registered to attend the meeting on June 8, held at Chartiers Country Club in Pittsburgh. Vice President Gretchen Chamberlain welcomed John Frankovitch of Pier 48, a new member. Also in attendance for the first time was Garrett Honaker of Crouse Corp.

Gretchen took a moment to thank LTJG William Russell of the USCG for all his time, dedication and good work assisting WAP during his assignment in Pittsburgh. William's new assignment will take him to Seattle, and we wish him all the best.

Kristen Stojakovich, chair of the networking and membership committee, advised that in 2022 our new membership roster is up by 3 members. If you know of a company that is interested in membership, please direct them to Carole Ann Krelow, Executive Director.

Kristen also advised dates for upcoming networking events: **Annual Golf Outing** (partnered with Traffic Club of Pittsburgh) – Tuesday, August 30 at Seven Oaks Country Club

**Annual Holiday Gala** – Friday, December 9 at Hilton Garden Inn, Southpointe

Shane Checkan, Navigational Committee Chair presented the Navigational Report. He reminded membership that summer is high season for pleasure boaters and the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday is an especially busy time. Our mariners should exercise patience and caution while performing their duties on the rivers. Shane also took a moment to personally thank LTJG Wm. Russell for his excellent communication with WAP during his tenure here.

***Click Here to Read Full Report***

Scott Harshman of Port of Pittsburgh Commission presented the Legislative Report. Highlighted in his report are special events being held at various locations including the ARDC Rockin for Lockin in New Kensington and Lockfest at Lock 4 on the Allegheny.

***Click Here to Read Full Report***

Pittsburgh's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration details are attached as provided by the Port of Pittsburgh.

***Click Here to Read 4<sup>th</sup> of July Details***

LTJG William Russell presented the USCG Marine Safety Unit report. He advised mariners should be mindful of special events throughout the upcoming summer and fall months including fireworks, concerts, and festivals. Also mentioned is that the USCG is still in the process of resetting buoys, so keep reporting errant buoys.

***Click Here to Read Full Report***

US Army Corps of Engineers report was presented by Mark Ivanisin. He advised there have been no surprises with the many current closures and delays. Also discussed was recreational boating season reporting no incident reports as of our meeting.

***Click Here to Read Full Report***

Alicia Miller presented the national weather forecast for summer and advised La Nina conditions with normal precipitation and temperatures forecast so far. The Hurricane forecast has been released with an above normal number of storms anticipated.

***Click Here to Read Full Report***

Robert McCallister, member of the Education Committee advised the finalized date for our Man Overboard Seminar as Wed, Aug 3. Please mark your calendars and plan to send employees to this very important training. The classroom portion of the day will be held at The Fez in Aliquippa with pool training at Hopewell High School, next door.

***Visit our website: [www.wapgh.org](http://www.wapgh.org) to view all events on our calendar.***

### **PMA Scholarship Update**

All four Scholarship recipients have advised they will attend the WAP "Annual Picnic" aboard the Princess of the Gateway Clipper fleet. We look forward to meeting them and Daria Schwartz of Ingram Barge, President of the Pittsburgh Maritime Association will present their scholarships at that time. Make plans to attend, Wed, July 13. ***Click here to Register for July Membership Meeting***

