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Accepting Applications for
2022 Pittsburgh Maritime
Association Scholarships
Must be postmarked by March 31, 2022
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March Meeting Highlights

Thirty-two members were registered to attend the meeting on February 9, held at Chartiers Country Club in Pittsburgh. President David Podurgiel welcomed everyone and introduced Shane Checkan, Navigation Committee Chair for our monthly navigation report.

Shane advised lock closures at Emsworth and Dashields. Montgomery small chamber has drift issues also resulting in closures. Combine all of this with fluctuating river conditions and the result is long waits for mariners. Extended closures create more dangerous conditions; please be aware and work with fuel and assist boats during delays.

Also discussed was the Economic Impact Report, an overview of all inland river commerce. USACE utilizes this report as part of its cost/benefit ratio for future program planning.

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Scott Harshman of Port of Pittsburgh Commission presented the Legislative Report and began his presentation by discussion of the ongoing Congressional hearings part of which is "opposition of additional taxation, tolling, lockage fees or other charges on inland waterways."

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For other current, local inland waterways legislative news, visit our partner, the Port of Pittsburgh Commission website: <https://www.portpitt.com/>

LTJG William Russell presented the USCG report noting they are thankful to everyone working together to create, "Great communication during current high-water events."

Currently, loose buoys have been reported. Please take care and make sure this type of situation is properly reported.

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US Army Corps of Engineers report was presented by John Dilla. Of note is the 6th Street Bridge project. Project is proceeding as planned. Air draft / clearance has been reduced by 1' due to construction containment equipment.

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Alicia Miller presented the weather forecast, noting more precipitation in our near future.

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Michael Graham, member of the Education Committee reported the Who Works the Rivers educational event will be held on the Gateway Clipper Fleet on Friday, April 29.

If you are a Waterways member and would like to participate by setting up a table and explaining employment opportunities, or providing a presentation, please contact Mike or Carole Ann Krelow.

Kristen Stojakovich, chair of the networking and membership committee, introduced Shane Checkan who reminded members of our upcoming Sporting Clays Tournament, Friday, May 6, 2022 at Hunting Hills Shooting Preserve in Dilliner, PA. Cost is \$85 per person. Shane reminded everyone of the difficulty obtaining target load shells, so start looking now! Try this recommended website: <https://www.freedommunitions.com/all-products?stock=1>

To view our current calendar of networking and educational events, visit our website: <https://www.waterwaysassociationpgh.org>

PMA Scholarship Update

As noted above 2022 Scholarship applications must be post marked by March 31. Still time to get your application in for consideration.

We recently received a donation from the father of one of our 1997 Scholarship recipients. Dennis Watson reports his daughter Suzanne Kumar is married with four children and works for a financial consulting firm in New York. She holds a degree from Harvard University.



We ask that our members consider a donation to the PMA Scholarship fund to help us carry this good work into the future. Every donation, no matter the size helps. Contributions may be made by individuals or member companies and are accepted year-round.

[Click here to Register for April Membership Meeting](#)