

Waterways Association of Pittsburgh Newsletter

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May Highlights

A total of (28) twenty-eight members and guests were registered for the May 9, 2018 luncheon meeting at Chartiers Country Club. First-time attendees: Shane Checkan of Industry Terminal; Randy Chapman of Campbell Transportation Company and Ted Ewing of Marathon Petroleum Company were introduced.

Navigation Committee Report

David Podurgiel provided the following report:

- I want to open today's Navigation Report with a Q&A session amongst all parties in attendance which includes Industry, Customers, and Gov't agencies. Below are the points we need to cover.
 - o Better communication from USACE about upcoming outages
 - o Contractor's 14-day notice which many feel is unfair to industry and customers alike
 - o The financial burden put on all parties, how has it impacted your companies
 - o Are we doing enough to get our voices heard at the RIETIF and LRD (Lakes, Rivers Division)
 - o Do we have the right representation at these meetings?
 - o Do sub-groups need formed to address what is discussed at these meetings so operational restraints and financial burdens mentioned above are discussed
 - o The Dashields Guide Wall repairs were originally scheduled for December 2018, why the change, and why wasn't industry notified of the change when it was awarded on April 15?
 - My understanding is it didn't come up in conversation at the 4/15 RIETIF meeting, I'm still baffled as to why the regional group didn't pass this up to us.

Following some conversation, Kathy Griffin sought assistance in identifying the inefficiencies in recent communications to develop a written communication plan.

- Within the next 2 weeks Port Captains from various companies will meet with WAP Navigation Committee to discuss the upcoming outage at Montgomery Lock, there are restrictions the Corp is asking for and as an industry we need to come up with answers so traffic won't be impacted too bad. **Taking place immediately following the WAP monthly meeting, 5/9.**

- The Navigation Committee has a meeting May 22 at Lock 4 Charleroi to discuss the upcoming outage planned for 6/18-7/26.

Legislative Report

Dean Marlin was unable to attend the meeting. The legislative report will be presented under the Port of Pittsburgh Commission report.

Port of Pittsburgh Commission

Mary Ann Bucci presented the following:

- Special thanks were extended to Matt Pavlosky, the Congested Waterways Committee for all their work on the National Safe Boating Week Kick-Off event with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Flyers were made available for this special event. Everyone that provided support for this special event were thanked.
- A lunch as been scheduled with outgoing Colonel John Lloyd and incoming Colonel Andrew (Coby) Short on May 31st at the Neville Island Carmody's Grille on Neville Island. Additional details will be made available soon.
- The House Appropriations Energy and Water Development Committee reported a significant Corps funding level boost with full-use of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund. The full Appropriations Committee will mark up the subcommittee bill in the near future.
- The Infrastructure Bill is moving slowly with not much action anticipated through mid-terms.
- On May 25th, The Inland River User Board will be meeting at the Sheraton Station Square. A reception will be held on May 24th at the Sheraton. Further details will be released shortly.

Coast Guard News

LT Shawn Simeral presented the **attached** report.

NOTE: Maintenance on the Seventh Street Highway has been delayed.

Army Corp of Engineers

John Dilla covered the **attached** lock closure report.

National Weather Service

Alicia Miller covered the **attached** report.

Education Committee Report

Michael Graham reported that the first "Who Works the Rivers" was held Thursday, April 19, 2018 with 67 total attendance (41 students).

Man Overboard Seminar	July 19, 2018	Clarion Inn/Belle Vernon
Barge Breakaway Seminar	October 18, 2018	Floreffe Fire Hall
"Who Works the Rivers"	October 4, 2018	Gateway Clipper

June Membership Meeting

The **next** membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at Chartiers Country Club Cost of the luncheon will be **\$30**. Registration will begin at 11:45 a.m. and lunch served promptly at noon. Please call, email or fax the response form below by Thursday, June 7, 2018 if you plan on attending the luncheon meeting.

**Waterways Association of Pittsburgh
Meeting Response Form**

Chartiers Country Club
June 13, 2018 @ Noon

Menu:

Seasonal Fresh Fruit Cup w/honey cream
Baked Meatloaf served w/house-made mashed potatoes
Sauteed Zucchini
Lemon Meringue Pie
Coffee, decaf coffee and Iced Tea

Cost: *\$30/per member*

_____ YES, I will be attending

_____ No, I will not be attending

****Special Dietary Requirements:** _____

NAME: _____
(Please print)

COMPANY: _____

Please respond **by Thursday, June 7, 2018** to:

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