

### **May Meeting Highlights**

Thirty-two members were registered to attend the meeting on May 11, held at Chartiers Country Club in Pittsburgh. President David Podurciel welcomed Mickey Popplewell of Canal Barge who had not before attended a meeting.

David took a moment to thank all our member sponsors for their participation in the Who Works the Rivers held Friday, April 29 onboard the “Queen” of the Gateway Clipper Fleet. Eleven of our members participated in the new format provided and overseen by Errin Howard of the RiverWorks Discovery. We hosted 83 students from seven local schools. David, who was in attendance, reported the event as “very successful”. A second event will be held in Sept / Oct of 2022. Details will be announced very soon.

David then presented the Navigational Report as provided by Shane Checkan, Navigational Committee Chair. He began by thanking both the National Weather Service and the USCG for excellent communication during the recent significant high-water events, noting no incidents had been reported

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Scott Harshman of Port of Pittsburgh Commission presented the Legislative Report. Highlighted in his report is the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee making official the change of the cost-share provision to a 75/25 split.

Mary Ann Bucci advised she will be attending the quarterly meetings of the Waterways User Board to assure WAP has representation.

Matt Pavlosky who is on the board of the Pittsburgh Regatta reported there will be no Regatta in 2022, due to lack of funding.

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MSTC Kevin Schneider presented the USCG Marine Safety Unit report. He reported Linda Fagen is being assigned the 1<sup>st</sup> Commandant position in the Pittsburgh Unit. She is the first woman to hold this position in our area. We welcome her.

MSTC Schneider also advised the buoy tender is back in service. It will take some time to get all errant buoys repositioned. Also discussed were marine casualties (allusions). Mariners must report incidents as soon as possible.

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US Army Corps of Engineers report was presented by John Dilla. Details of current and future lock closures and delays were advised and discussed.

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Alicia Miller presented the national weather forecast for summer and advised of higher temperatures and normal precipitation.

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Robert McCallister, member of the Education Committee also reported the Who Works the Rivers educational event had been extremely successful and spoke about the new format.

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The date for the 2022 Man Overboard Seminar has been finalized. It will be held Wednesday, Aug 3. The classroom portion of the day will be held at The Fez in Aliquippa with the in-pool training being held at the Hopewell High School next door. This is vitally important training, and we urge members to send as many on-water employees as you can. This training saves lives in moments of crisis.

Kristen Stojakovich, chair of the networking and membership committee, advised we have gained two new members in 2022. Potential new members can be directed to Carole Ann Krelow, Executive Director, for information regarding membership

Kristen reminded members of the rescheduled Sporting Clays Tournament, Thursday, May 12. Thirty-five members have registered.

A final date for the Traffic Club & Waterways Association Annual Golf Outing has been set as Tuesday, August 30. We will have a new format with earlier starting time including a brunch at registration. Following the round, appetizers and drinks will be served during the presentation of prizes for skills and team champions.

### **PMA Scholarship Update**

The four Scholarship recipients have been named and invited to receive their scholarships at our July membership meeting. They are: Macee Cree, Nora Kelly, Jenna Cunningham, Lindsay Reynolds.  
Congratulations Ladies!

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