

MOBILE MARITIME COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 13, 2000; 1030-1130

Location: Anchor & Shield Club

Chair: Jeff Mynatt (Strachan Shipping)

Vice-Chair: CAPT Dave Carey (Harbormaster)

AGENDA:

Terminal Depth Soundings
LST-325

Navigation Subcommittee Report

Bridge to Bridge Radio Traffic

Luncheon

Terminal Depth Soundings: The port is interested in collecting data on water depths at all terminals in Mobile, Theodore, and Chickasaw. Information sought includes the current/actual depth, project depth, and the last time surveyed. Information can be sent to Captain Carey.

LST-325: CDR Gilbreath, Executive Officer at MSO Mobile announced that the World War II vintage Landing Ship Tank 325 (LST-325) sailed from Gibraltar today on its way to Mobile. As everyone knows by now, the LST-325 arrived safely to Mobile on January 10, 2001, where she moored at Alabama State Docks Pier D2 for several days before moving to Chickasaw. The Coast Guard enforced a moving Safety Zone around the LST-325 from the sea buoy to the Alabama State Docks, prohibiting commercial traffic in the Mobile Ship Channel during the transit. Hopes for LST-325 include use during the next annual LST convention to be held in Mobile in September 2001 and as an "operational museum".

Bridge to Bridge Radio Traffic: Captain Carey received requests to remind everyone that VHF Channel 13 is for bridge to bridge traffic only. For further information everyone should review 33 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26. More information is available at www.navcen.uscg.mil/marcomms/vhf.htm.

Navigation Subcommittee: Jeff Mynatt indicated that Captain Mareno from the Navigation Subcommittee is holding a meeting on December 20, 2000 at 1330 in the Pilot's conference room to discuss a study to increase the length and width of vessels coming to Mobile.

Other Issues: LT Schultz, MSO Mobile, made a congratulatory announcement to Captain Carey for receiving a Coast Guard Public Service Award at Industry Day in New Orleans on December 1, 2000.

The next meeting in February will mark one year served for the elected chair and vice-chair. Committee members need to think about keeping or changing current officials.

There will be a NOAA guest speaker at the next meeting to conduct a presentation on NOAA's Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System (PORTS). And update local charts & Coast Pilot.

LUNCHEON

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 14, 2001 from 1000 to 1200** in the Killian Room at the International Trade Center.

This meeting/luncheon was adjourned at 1230 (or so). The meeting minutes, as well as other information, are also posted on MSO Mobile's web site at www.uscg.mil/d8/mso/mobile.

Thank you for your participation. Any questions or concerns can be addressed to Jeff Mynatt at (334) 433-5401 or Capt Carey at (334) 441-7250.

For Coast Guard issues please contact Marine Safety Office Mobile at (334) 441-5121.