

**Northern California Area Maritime Security Committee**

**2026 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Meeting (unclassified) Minutes**

Port of Oakland, Exhibit Room

530 Water Street, Oakland CA

January 20, 2026

1. **Welcome** – Mr. Nic Samonte, USCG: Called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM and welcomed the committee members in attendance. The 2025 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter AMSC meeting was canceled due to the federal government shutdown.
2. **Quorum Call** – Mr. Nic Samonte: Confirmed the presence of a meeting quorum.
3. **Approval of the Minutes** – Mr. Scott Humphrey, Marine Exchange: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2025, AMSC meeting. The minutes were approved without dissent.
4. **Opening Remarks by the Chair** – Capt. Jordan Baldueza, USCG COTP: Protests were held at the Port of Oakland in September 2025 which caused minimal impact to the Marine Transportation System. San Francisco Fleet Week was held successfully in October with coordinated maritime security in place. A protest of CBP staging was held at Coast Guard Island on October 23, 2025, and a shooting incident took place. Organizing multi-agency protest response is a priority. A protest at Chevron took place on January 17<sup>th</sup>. The San Francisco New Year's Eve event was held safely, and planning is ongoing for 2026 Super Bowl and FIFA World Cup security. PSGP funding was approved for some projects, but overall results have not been released.
  - a. **New Members** – Capt. Baldueza swore in seven new members to the AMSC: Mr. John Fadeeff, Chevron Shipping; Mr. Daniel Hopkins, Chevron; Officer Ryan Smith, Oakland PD; Ms. Nancy Navarro, Marathon Renewables, Chief Joshua Doberneck, Port of Stockton PD; Capt. Jon Olmsted, SF Bar Pilots; LT Mark Mauberret, San Francisco FD / NCRIC.
  - b. **Re-Appoint/Swear-In Previous Members** – Capt. Baldueza swore in two renewing AMSC members: Mr. Kevin Krick, Matson Navigation; Mr. Henry Russell, SSA Marine.
  - c. **Letter of Appreciation** – Capt. Baldueza read a USCG Letter of Appreciation for David Trombino, Lawrence Livermore National Lab. Mr. Trombino is retiring from the AMSC after many years of service and leadership of the PRND Subcommittee which has helped fortify the region against Rad/Nuc threats.
5. **Subcommittee Reports:**
  - a. **PRND Subcommittee** – Mr. David Trombino, LLNL Retired: PRND CON OPS and SOPs have been updated as part of the 5-year review. Regional PRND capability has increased significantly in recent years with expanding agency participation. Agencies interested in acquiring Rad/Nuc detection equipment are encouraged to reach out. Thanked the USCG and AMSC for their support of PRND.
  - b. **Cybersecurity Subcommittee** – Mr. Fred Ellison, MTSS-Cyber (USCG): Thanked cybersecurity partners. Over 10.5 trillion dollars were lost worldwide to cyber-crime in 2025 and the problem is increasing. Sophistication of cyber-attacks continues to grow. Ransomware trends include social engineering, extortion tactics, and attack automation. The USCG is planning a Cybersecurity Industry Day for training and information regarding cybersecurity plans, risk assessment, and incident response. Capt. Baldueza advised that new USCG cybersecurity regulations went into effect on January 12<sup>th</sup> requiring cybersecurity training for facilities. Cybersecurity officers and plans will be required by July 26, 2027.

USCG Cybersecurity Protection Teams are available to assist with cybersecurity assessments and response to cyber-attacks.

- c. **Neptune Coalition Brief** – Sector SF: Multi-agency security was in place for SF Fleet Week 2025, and drone mitigation was conducted. Security was also provided for the SF New Year’s Eve SEAR event. Protest security is a priority. Security planning for the 2026 Super Bowl is ongoing and includes drone detection, dog teams, and intelligence gathering. On-water and shore-side security will be provided. Security for the FIFA World Cup, Fourth of July, and Fleet Week 2026 are also being planned. The next Neptune Coalition meeting will be held on February 19<sup>th</sup>.
- d. **Security Breach Report** – Sector SF: Reviewed the Security Breach/Suspicious Activity Report. Transients are an ongoing security concern and altercations with trespassers have been reported. Reports of copper theft have increased. An incident was reported involving cruise ship passengers bypassing security. Connecting personal computers to work networks is a cybersecurity risk that facilities should deter.

## 6. **General/Member Agency Reports - AMSC Membership**

Jon Olmstead, SF Bar Pilots: Nothing to report.

Henry Russell, SSA Marine: Implementing new USCG cybersecurity regulations is a priority and a drill is planned. SSA is working with CBP on terminal improvements. Transient issues and protests at the Port of Oakland are being monitored. A substitute for USCG Homeport would be helpful for information sharing. The USCG will issue guidance for cybersecurity plan development and compliance with new regulations.

Sean Moppin, CBP: Security preparations for the Super Bowl are ongoing. Inspections will be performed. Security for the FIFA World Cup is also a priority.

Kevin Krick, Matson Navigation: Strategic cargo theft through double brokering and identity theft is a growing concern. Report cargo theft incidents to the USCG so trends can be identified.

Dominic Moreno, Port of San Francisco: A new acting Director of the Port of San Francisco has been appointed. The port was visited by 367,000 cruise ship passengers in 2024, the second highest yearly total ever. SF Bay Ferry ridership has increased. Security for the New Year’s Eve event was provided. The port is participating in Super Bowl security planning and human trafficking awareness is a priority. Security planning for Fourth of July events is underway.

Brandon Chapman, Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District: A ferry exercise with Bay Area SWAT teams was held. Super Bowl security planning is ongoing. Ferry ridership has increased and is back to pre-Covid 2019 levels. New ferries will be added to the fleet.

Bill Aboudi, Oakland Maritime Support Services: Cargo theft is an increasing problem. There was an incident on December 7, 2025, involving stolen containers. Quick reporting and response are key. Report vehicles without license plates.

Meredith Albert, City of Santa Cruz: Coastal infrastructure vulnerabilities are being reviewed and thresholds revised. The Naval Post Graduate School is conducting research on risk management that can inform port safety. Thanked the USCG for retrieval of equipment lost due to storm damage.

Mark Mauberret, SFFD/NCRIC: Super Bowl security planning includes PRND and HAZMAT mitigation.

Erik Swanberg, LLNL: A PRND exercise venue is being sought. The Radiological Assistance Program will be active for Super Bowl security.

Christy Coats, Port of Redwood City: The port applied for and was awarded a PSGP grant but has declined to accept due to legal issues with the grant terms and conditions.

Joshua Doberneck, Port of Stockton PD: Nothing to report.

Nancy Navarro, Marathon Renewables: Steelworkers union negotiations are ongoing and a strike is possible.

Ryan Smith, Oakland PD: Nothing to report.

Daniel Hopkins, Chevron: Incidents involving copper theft were reported and fencing has been upgraded. Labor negotiations are ongoing.

John Fadeeff, Chevron Shipping: There are ongoing issues with kayak activists protesting near the Richmond Long Wharf. USACE emergency dredging operations were conducted in December 2025.

Peter Golnick, APL: Possible human trafficking on an APL vessel was reported and investigated but it turned out to be a false alarm. Crew will continue to report suspicious incidents.

Troy Hosmer, Port of Oakland: Copper theft and sidschows are primary concerns. The port has used USCG Cyber Protection Teams twice for cybersecurity assessments. New TraPac cranes are expected. Cleanup of the Oakland Estuary is ongoing.

Scott Humphrey, Marine Exchange: Recently attended an IALA meeting in Belgium focused on upgrading Vessel Traffic Service data standards. International standards enable better electronic communication. The Marine Exchange is implementing a new membership management database system. Development of a Common Operating Picture is ongoing.

Matt Devine, Bay Area UASI: Security planning for the Super Bowl and FIFA World Cup is ongoing. A PRND exercise will be held in April.

Bob Butchart, Cal OES: Introduced Travis Lieberman, Cal OES State Threat Assessment Center. The New Year's Eve SEAR event was held securely with more events upcoming. The California Maritime Security Council is meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Port of Los Angeles.

Michael Urlaub, Solano County Sheriff's Office: Patrolling waterways is a priority.

Brian Elder, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office: Boat theft is a seasonal problem and enforcement has been increased.

Edgar Castor, DHS: Thanked the USCG for providing counter UAS for Super Bowl events. Multi-agency security planning is ongoing.

Samuel Flores, Sacramento Sheriff's Office: Assistance can be provided for upcoming events.

Chris Gallop, Hornblower: The Passenger Vessel Association completed cybersecurity training modules on January 12<sup>th</sup>, and members will receive the training.

**7. Old Business:**

- a. **Area Maritime Security Plan (AMSP) 5-year review – 19 May 2025:** Mr. Nic Samonte advised that the five-year update of the AMSP has been approved by Sector SF and the Southwest District, but the Pacific Area review is ongoing. Copies of the plan are available.
- b. **Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) 2025:** Mr. Nic Samonte advised that the latest information from FEMA indicates that funding is on hold.

**8. New Business:**

- a. **PRND CONOPS & SOP 5-year review – 12 Sept 2025:** Updated PRND CON OPS and SOPs have been approved.
- b. **AMSP (AMSTEP) Seminar – 18 Sept 2025:** A tabletop AMSTEP exercise was conducted on September 18, 2025.
- c. **Navy Dive Ops Training – 26-30 January 2026:** Navy dive operations training is scheduled January 26-30. Mine detection training will be performed.
- d. **AMSTEP TTX – 25 March 2026:** This year's AMSTEP tabletop exercise will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Participants are welcome. A full-scale AMSTEP exercise will be conducted in 2027.

**9. Public Comments: None**

**10. Next Meeting:** The next AMSC meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, April 14, 2026. The meeting location is the Port of Oakland Exhibit Room.

**11. Closing Remarks by the Chair:** Capt. Baldueza emphasized resiliency, readiness, and resolve. Partnerships and collaboration are critical.

**12. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:34 AM.