

Northern California Area Maritime Security Committee
2025 3rd Quarter Meeting (unclassified) Minutes
Port of Oakland, Exhibit Room
530 Water Street, Oakland CA
July 15, 2025

1. **Welcome** – Mr. Nic Samonte, USCG: Called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM and welcomed the committee members in attendance.
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 April 8, 2025, AMSC meeting. The minutes were approved without dissent.
4. **Opening Remarks by the Chair** – Capt. Jordan Baldueza, USCG COTP: A kayak protest took place on May 16th at Chevron which delayed vessel transits and disrupted facility operations. Prosecution of the protest leaders is being considered. Report any protest activity that could affect the MTS to the USCG. Coordinated security was provided for the San Francisco Fourth of July fireworks SEAR event. A National Threat Advisory Bulletin was issued on June 22nd due to Middle East tensions. MARSEC Level 1 is still in effect. The USCGC EAGLE was in the region in June and will be back in late July. Fleet Week is in early October and security planning is underway. Upcoming major events include the FIFA World Cup and the 2026 NFL Super Bowl. USCG personnel transfers are ongoing. The USCG has renamed their districts to align with geography and District 11 is now the Southwest District. Admiral Jeff Novak is the new Southwest District Commander.
 - a. **New Members** – Capt. Baldueza swore in five new members to the AMSC: Edgar Castor, DHS-CISA; LT Brian Elder, Contra Costa County SO; Chris Gallup, Hornblower Cruises; Lieutenant Mark Mauberret, NCRIC; Deputy Michael Urlaub, Solano County SO.
 - b. **Re-Appoint/Swear-In Previous Members** – Capt. Baldueza swore in one continuing AMSC member: Chief Rick Salsedo, Port of Stockton PD.
5. **Subcommittee Reports:**
 - a. **PRND Subcommittee** – Mr. David Trombino, LLNL Retired: PRND CON OPS and SOPs have been updated and are being reviewed by the USCG. Updated procedures for reporting radiological detections have been developed. USCG Homeport has been decommissioned which impacts PRND document sharing. Scott Humphrey advised that the Marine Exchange website can host public AMSC documents.
 - b. **Cybersecurity Subcommittee** – Mr. Fred Ellison, MTSS-Cyber (USCG): developing an AI-enhanced cybersecurity that integrates NIST (CSF) 2.0 governance functions, with multi-layered risk management resources including MITRE ATT&CK frameworks. Accessibility Enhancement Initiative: The new regulatory document framework is strategically designed to increase organizational accessibility through simplified implementation pathways, scalable security controls that accommodate enterprises ranging from small-to-medium businesses to critical infrastructure operators, thereby democratizing cybersecurity excellence across diverse operational environments. Additional cybersecurity regulations will phase into effect. Capt. Baldueza advised that USCG Cyber Protection Teams are available to assist with cybersecurity assessments and incident response.

- c. **Neptune Coalition Brief** – Sector SF: The next Neptune Coalition meeting will be held on August 5th. Security for the SF Fourth of July SEAR event was provided including shoreside patrols, bomb sweeping, and drone detection. Over two hundred thousand spectators were in attendance.
- d. **Security Breach Report** – Sector SF: Reviewed the Security Breach/Suspicious Activity Report. Thirteen security breaches were reported this quarter. Trespassing and transient related incidents have increased. Kayak protesters disrupted Chevron operations. A port facility caught a person cutting/destroying conduit on security camera while trying to steal copper wire. Person was not apprehended. In addition, there were swimmers reported near a regulated facility but departed area prior to security arriving. Continue to report security incidents to the NRC.

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

Peter Gollnick, APL Maritime: The APL Eagle experienced GPS spoofing incidents between June 16th - 26th in the Persian Gulf perpetrated by Iran. GPS spoofing impacts a variety of ship navigation equipment and alternative positioning systems are being considered. The GPS spoofing incidents targeted large regions including other vessels in the vicinity.

Samuel Flores, Sacramento Sheriff's Office: Nothing to report.

Christy Coats, Port of Redwood City: Nothing to report.

Heather Geldart, OSPR Administrator: Nothing to report.

Chevron: Kayak activists disrupted facility operations and were reported. A security breach was reported last week involving trespassing.

Scott Humphrey, Marine Exchange: The Port of Oakland recently approved the final EIR for the Oakland Harbor Turning Basins Widening Study. The final IALA Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment (PAWSA) report has been published, and a webinar will be held on August 14th. Information regarding a proposed VTS public-private partnership will be presented at the MARSEC West conference. The Marine Exchange has brought in LCDR Tony Solares, USCG, to assist with the proposed VTS partnership this summer. The Marine Exchange is developing a Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) hub and has acquired two mobile surveillance trailers.

Mark Mauberret, NCRIC: Nothing to report.

Chris Gallop, Hornblower: Cybersecurity planning is ongoing.

Brian Elder, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office: The Sheriff's Office responded to a recent boating rage incident.

Michael Urlaub, Solano County Sheriff's Office: Nothing to report.

Edgar Castor, DHS: Nothing to report.

Rick Salsedo, Port of Stockton PD: A multi-agency bomb threat and deactivation exercise was held successfully in May. A UAS drone threat presentation will be given at MARSEC West.

Cameron Bochman, WETA: An incident involving an intoxicated person was reported. There is increased ferry security for San Francisco Giants games. WETA participated in an MTC functional exercise in May. SFO is hosting

an exercise on September 17th simulating response to a downed plane in shallow water. An internal EOC exercise will be held this fall.

Brandon Chapman, Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District: MARSEC West participation is planned. Hornblower hosted a recent ferry firefighting exercise. A tabletop exercise on e-bike fires will be held later in the year. The California Maritime Security Committee will meet on September 18th.

Dominic Moreno, Port of San Francisco: The Fourth of July fireworks show was held successfully despite a recent fireworks warehouse explosion in Yolo County. Suspicious activity was reported to the NRC. Copper theft and illegal hotdog vending are ongoing issues. The USCG Cutter Eagle docked at Pier 17 when in port. Dave Sullivan is the new Port of San Francisco Emergency Manager.

Samar Bannister, Captain, Cal Maritime: The Golden Bear Sea Term has concluded. Cal Maritime is seeing increased enrollment. Construction of the new pier is scheduled to start in August. A new training ship is being acquired. The T/S Golden Bear will move to Suisun Bay during new pier construction.

Matt Devine, Bay Area UASI: The Bay X training exercise was held successfully. PRND training is planned. Security planning is underway for the FIFA World Cup.

Gus Hein, MARAD: Seaport readiness is at full capacity. Several MARAD vessels are supporting DOD operations. A new Administrator has not yet been appointed. A southern California military exercise with the USCG was hosted in June.

Troy Hosmer, Port of Oakland: MOTCO military outload was conducted successfully. The final EIR for the Oakland Harbor Turning Basins Widening Study has been approved.

Erik Swanberg, LLNL: Nothing to report.

David Trombino, LLNL Retired: Nothing to report.

Sean Moppin, CBP: Assets have been deployed for federal building protection. Regional training is ongoing. Interior enforcement is a priority. Security planning for the FIFA World Cup and 2026 Super Bowl is ongoing.

Todd Piantedosi, FBI: The FBI is partnering with the USCG to host the new Drone Working Group. The next meeting will be held on July 29th to consider counter UAS issues including a recent drone incident in Sacramento. The Drone Working Group is under the Neptune Coalition and participation is welcome.

7. Old Business:

- a. Area Maritime Security Plan (AMSP) Update Working Group:** 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. A secure SSI AMSC meeting will be held on August 20th to review the AMSP.
- b. Cybersecurity Risk Plan:** The Cybersecurity Risk Plan was approved (part of the AMSP 5-year update), which is being reviewed with the AMSP by the USCG Pacific Area.
- c. PRND Working Group:** Updated PRND CON-OPS and SOPs have been approved and are being reviewed by Sector SF Command.
- d. Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) Status:** Nic Samonte advised that PSGP notice has not yet been released by FEMA and there is uncertainty as to whether the program will be available this year.

Organizations are advised to have grant documents ready in case the program is approved on short notice.

8. New Business: None

9. Public Comments:

- 834th Transportation Battalion (MOTCO) informed of a successful outload of military equipment including heavy tracked vehicles from the Port of Oakland with security in place. K9 support and dive teams are proposed for future military outload operations.
- Sam Levens, International Transport Workers Federation (ITF), advised of ongoing maritime labor inspections of ships in the region. ITF seeks to ensure safe and humane conditions for mariners. Issues including wage theft, abuse, human trafficking, and lack of food are primary concerns, and foreign crew can be more susceptible. Meetings are planned with Port State Control and CBP regarding the lack of crew visas. Report suspected maritime labor violations to ITF.
- SGT Sam Flores (Sacramento County Sheriff's) advised of an UAS incident in Sacramento involving a drone on the field at Sutter Health Park during opening night for the Athletics. A presentation on the incident will be given at the Drone Working Group meeting on July 29th.
- Scott Humphrey advised of continued USCG regional orientation training provided by the Marine Exchange. The training introduces key waterways, ports, and maritime facilities in the San Francisco Bay region. AMSC members are welcome to attend, and information will be provided.

10. Next Meeting: The next AMSC meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, October 28, 2025. The meeting location is TBD.

11. Closing Remarks by the Chair: Capt. Baldueza emphasized port readiness and resiliency. Information sharing, training, and multi-agency exercises are critical.

12. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:23 AM.