

### **May Meeting Highlights**

Vice President, Gretchen Chamberlain welcomed the members in attendance. Twenty-three members registered for the meeting. She welcomed Nick Stewart of Towline River Service who was in attendance as well as EJ Stewart of the USDA, a guest of the USCG.

Of note, President David Podurgiel was unable to attend the luncheon as he was being honored by having one of the ACNR fleet named after him in a christening ceremony.

Shane Checkan, Navigation Committee Chair presented the Navigation Report. Shane began by discussing the complications caused by water released from Lake Lynn in WV on more than one occasion. He noted the release had been due to high water and was scheduled with short notice to those downriver causing dangerous conditions at Greys Landing and elsewhere. Shane suggested changes to communications between the National Weather Service, USACE and those at Lake Lynn with industry to prevent this type of condition in the future. A meeting with all parties present will be held soon to discuss ways to improve communication. A minimum of 12 hours' notice will be recommended.

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Scott Harshman provided the Legislative Report. He advised grant funding opportunities are still available, please visit the PPC website for details: <https://www.portpitt.com/>. He also mentioned the spring OSHER class had been cancelled, but PPC would attempt a future class for the fall.

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LTJG Eyobe Mills provided the USCG report. He introduced EJ Stewart of the USDA. Mr. Stewart will be working with USCG and members to get working plans in place regarding the Spotted Lantern Fly. LTJG Mills also provided members with a copy of the MSU Information Bulletin regarding reporting of Sexual Misconduct on U.S. Vessels. A copy of that Bulletin is attached.

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John Dilla provided the USACE Report. He reported that work at Dashields remains on schedule. Work at Montgomery will be advised via quarterly updates as well as routine updates that will be available during construction. If you have questions regarding this or

other projects, you may reach Mr. Dilla at:

[John.P.Dilla@usace.army.mil](mailto:John.P.Dilla@usace.army.mil)

Mr. Dilla also advised that Greg Turko will remain as Chief until July. Brian Troeska will be coming from overseas and be named as Chief.

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Alicia Miller of the National Weather Service presented a report to membership. She advised upcoming cooler than normal temperatures for the summer outlook

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Gretchen Chamberlain discussed our next networking events will be the TopGolf Event - June 29, Family Night at the Wild Things ball park - Aug 4 and our Annual Golf Outing - September 19 at Seven Oaks Country Club. She reported our Sporting Clays Tournament was a success with 42 registered attendees.

With regard to membership, we have three new members and are working with the three existing members whose dues remains unpaid.

Mike Graham advised we had a record 158 students attend the Who Works the Rivers event held on the Gateway Clipper in April. The next WWR will be held in Sep/Oct with a date TBD. Our next educational event will be Man Overboard – July 20.



WAP Member-volunteers at Who Works the Rivers, April 20

He also advised we had received 9 applications for the PMA scholarship. Recipients will be determined in June and scholarships will be awarded at our July membership meeting.

Old Business:

Website Redesign Committee continues to work on the redesign project.

Meeting was adjourned by Vice President Gretchen Chamberlain.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, June 21 at Chartiers Country Club.

***Click Here to Register for June Meeting***