

Waterways Association of Pittsburgh Newsletter

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November Highlights

A total of (25) twenty-five members and guests were registered for the November 8, 2017 luncheon meeting at Chartiers Country Club.

Navigation Committee Report

David Podurgiel provided the following report:

- Congested Waterways Committee's meeting is scheduled for 11/8 @ 0930, update given at WAP meeting.
- On October 17, 2017 a Stakeholders meeting (attended by Dave Podurgiel, Ryan Newton and Dean Marlin) was held at the Neville Island Office of the USACE to discuss scenarios for the Lock 2 Allegheny Lock in FY19. Two options have been presented: 1. Full 8-week closure +/- few days, 2. Closed 3 weeks, open 2 weeks with restrictions, closed 5 weeks followed by 2 weeks restrictions. The Navigation Committee along with Dean Marlin are meeting after to discuss since the Corp is seeking an answer by months end. Dave will be distributing the two proposed options to obtain additional feedback.
- Dashields will close for 8 hours per day November 8,9 from 7:30A-3:30P. This should be last closure of year.
- The Repair Party work at AR Lock 4 is scheduled to start on November 6 and should be completed by December 22, 2017. Full Lock/River closure
- We are currently on the downside of a high-water event that started yesterday, November 6th.

Port of Pittsburgh Commission Report

Mary Ann Bucci was unable to attend the luncheon and no report was submitted.

Legislative Report

Richard Kreider was not able to attend and no report was submitted.

Coast Guard News

LT Shawn Simeral presented the **attached** report.

- Congested Waterways Meeting
Beginning next year (April), additional buoys' will be positioned on the Allegheny and Mon to provide a visual aid to recreational boaters identifying commercial navigation channels. A positioning

diagram will be drafted and distributed to the Navigation Committee for additional comments.

- A review of the sector's Waterways Action Plan is under way and comment will also be sought on this through the Navigation Committee.

The Navigation channel will be blocked November 9, 2017 until November 11, 2017 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. while platform cables are removed from the bridge. Vessel traffic may transit the area with advance notice. For passing instructions mariners may contact the site supervisor by phone at 724-504-848 or VHF-FM Channel 13 or 16 - Call Sign "7th Street Bridge".

Army Corp of Engineers

John Dilla covered the **attached** lock closure report.

National Weather Service

Lee Hendricks covered the **attached** report.

Education Committee Report

Michael Graham provided the following information:

- The Barge Breakaway Seminar had 76 attendees representing 19 companies. Dates for the 2019 Man Overboard and Barge Breakaway Seminars will be confirmed early February.
- The October 19th Who Works the Rivers had 29 students from two schools (South Park High and Blackhawk High). Presenters included Gateway Clippers, Murray American, Amherst Madison, USACE, USCG, Marin Hill Divers and Allegheny Land Trust.

December Membership Meeting

The **next** membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at Bella Sera (414 Morganza Road, Canonsburg, PA). Cost of the luncheon will be **\$30**. Please call, email or fax the response form below by Thursday, December 7, 2017 if you plan on attending the luncheon meeting.

**Waterways Association of Pittsburgh
Meeting Response Form**

Bella Sera
December 13, 2017 @ 11 a.m.

Menu:

Romaine & Radicchio Salad w/Balsamic Vinaigrette or Buttermilk Ranch
Chicken Picatta w/mushrooms, peppers, lemon, capers, white wine sauce
Roasted Yukon Gold Fingerling Potatoes
Chef's choice of vegetables
Apple Cobbler w/streusel crumb topping

Cost: *\$30/per member*

_____ YES, I will be attending

_____ No, I will not be attending

****Special Dietary Requirements:** _____

NAME: _____
(Please print)

COMPANY: _____

Please respond **by Thursday, December 7, 2017** to:

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