

# CFSAC MOB Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

## 2nd Teleconference

(Prepared by Chair/formatted by USCG)

**Call to order:** 1000 Pacific Time on 21 Jan 2020.

### **Attendees:**

Chris Woodley (Chair)  
Darrin Manor (Public)  
Tim Vincent - Member  
Ed Dennehy - Member  
Luis Catala (Public)  
Jonathan Wendland (USCG CVC-3)  
Jake Jacobsen (Public)  
Jerry Dzugan (Public)  
Bob Dooley Member  
Alan Davis (Public)  
Anonymous (American Seafoods)

### **AGENDA:**

- 1) Review the practices / procedures we have collected so far and specifically identify any key ideas, practices, tool that are missing / lacking
- 2) Determine who can track down collect the necessary missing / lacking information that will provide sufficient information for a draft outreach document.
- 3) Discuss ideas for an outreach document / deliverables. Please note I have included a best practices document (in the box drive) that was prepared several years ago by NIOSH and Jensen Maritime. This format is just a proposal - I would like to hear other ideas
- 4) Discuss ideas for promotion of man overboard / PFD awareness in the industry. Three thoughts I had in mind was:
  - a) Reach out to Fishermen's News and see if their 2021 calendar can feature crew wearing pfd's;
  - b) Get a feature article in National Fishermen;
  - c) Develop a poll / contest for fishermen who have been involved in man overboard to share their story and ask them how they would prevent the incident from occurring / change the response.
- 5) Develop tasks / other deliverables for the next meeting.

### **Agenda Items 1 & 2:**

- a. Jake Jacobsen noted that the USCG provides "On Board PFD Policy" decals during dockside exams. Jake will send a photo and Chris will track down the source.
- b. Ed Dennehy reviewed the ongoing PFD study in New England and noted that there continues to be a lack of awareness among fishermen of the different types of PFDs available. Any best practices document should include pictures of PFD types.
- c. Tim Vincent and Darrin Manor discussed the importance of a small boat focus where specific activities might support / preclude PFD choices.
- d. Need to create a folder to store information on: conducting drills AND what to do once you are in the water.

- e. There needs to be a larger and more focused discussion between the USCG and fishermen on drills. One idea suggested was to conduct drills as part of when crew contracts are signed. It was also suggested that discussion and verification of drills should occupy more time during a dockside exam.
- f. Bod Dooley noted that in the small boat fleet (1-3 person crews) in CA that MOB issues need significant attention and that small crews aren't as focused on drills as they should be. It was suggested that the USCG should take the opportunity when the fleets are congregated but not necessarily fishing (such as during pre-season price discussions).
- g. Another area of concern noted was the use of rescue swimmers may not be a viable option for smaller vessels where there is a limited pool of people who are sufficiently fit / strong swimmers / etc. Rescue swimmers may be a better option for larger vessels (eg Catcher processors) where there are a large # of people to choose from and there is sufficient training support at the company level.
- h. There was a good discussion about MOB response equipment to be put into the document / materials. This included trailing corklines, lines attached to fenders (such as on tender vessels), recovery slings, Jacobs ladders / weighted first steps (to keep the ladder against the hull
- i. In discussing outreach – it was noted that 3<sup>rd</sup> party examiners or class surveyors may not be sufficiently up to speed on MOB concerns and may need additional information / training to properly evaluate a crew's familiarity / proficiency with MOB issues.
- j. Discussion on strobe lights – guide should suggest that a PFD should always have a strobe attached to it to make the MOB victim more visible to rescuers.
- k. Discussion on Shut Off / Kill Switches – this is potentially a good idea for 1 and 2 person operations. In a two-person operation the deckhand needs to know how to shut down and operate the vessel in case the other person goes overboard.
- l. Discussions on the Role of Vessel Insurance – can be effective in some areas (recent work in Bristol Bay Reserve) but not all fleets have insurance requirements.
- m. Discussion on Boiler Plate / Fill in the Blank Emergency Instructions: Most felt these are a poor substitute for vessel specific drills. While these might meet a regulatory requirement, they need to be expanded upon. Emergency instructions (and training to them) should reflect the actual practices and equipment on board a vessel.

**Agenda Item 3:**

To reach younger crew, outreach methods should include a heavy dose of social media (FB, Instagram, etc). Other ideas for outreach include safety training organizations, Seattle Maritime Academy, other local maritime training organizations.

**Agenda Item 4:**

Ideas to explore include local fishing magazines, national fishermen, etc.

**Date of Next Meeting –**

**26-28 Feb. Doodle poll to be sent out**