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Dredging: Debate Continues

by Geoffrey Steadman

he Connecticut Harbor Management Association continues to conduct research on Long Island Sound dredging issues, and to discuss those issues with Connecticut, New York, and Federal officials. Issues concerning dredging and dredged material disposal are of priority interest to the Board of Directors and our members. We have become increasingly concerned over the amount of often confusing information and different opinions from governmental officials, private organizations, and individuals regarding dredged material management in the Sound. The information and opinions being presented are too complicated and confusing to easily sort through. As a result, it is difficult to understand what is really going on with respect to use and management of the Sound's open water disposal sites and the impacts of dredged material disposal. We hope to advance understanding of the dredging issues by reporting regularly and objectively on those issues in the Harbor Times and other publications.

On November 5, 1998, Board members attended a public hearing in Milford that was held by the Corps of Engineers to hear comments on the proposed disposal of dredged material from Mamaroneck Harbor (New York) in Long Island Sound disposal sites within Connecticut's jurisdiction. This project is to consist of both Federal and nonfederal dredging, conducted during the same time period to reduce the nonfederal dredging expense. At the hearing, Corps officials

described the Federal laws that control the disposal of dredged material in the Sound, including Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. and Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act (Ocean Dumping Act or ODA). Also described was the Corps' Disposal Area Monitoring System (DAMOS) program through which material placed in the Sound's open water disposal sites is monitored over time. Board members spoke at the hearing of the importance of timely and economical dredging to maintain the viability of the State's marine industry. It now appears that the Mamaroneck project has received all necessary Federal and state approvals to proceed, and that the disposal of all dredged material from this project will be in the Central Long Island Sound disposal site off New Haven.

It also appears that the principal issues and conflicts affecting dredged material disposal in the Sound concern the way in which the ODA requirements are being applied by the Corps and the U.S. Environmental (Continued on page 6)

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President's Message

by Bob Sammis

s we are entering the last year of this century, it makes one just a little bit apprehensive when thinking about what comes next. Looking over our shoulders we have seen changes both good and bad that our forefathers could not have imagined. Let's take first pollution and environmental degradation. In the "good old days", the rivers and streams were a place to dump stuff and the wetlands were in fact swamps, better to be built on rather than preserved. The developers had a ball and before long more than half of our wetlands disappeared and our rivers often were any number of different colors. Remember the Naugatuck that was white with latex discharges and sometimes cobalt blue or copper green. Other rivers were better and worse, but all suffered. So too did the fishing, crabbing and the like. The Sound used to have schools of porpoise and great runs of blues and other game fish. The boat yards were places of business and building, not the up scale marinas that we know today. The old order passes and in comes the new. Laws are being passed, some good and some not so. Harbors and river fronts are being rediscovered and finally, the politicians are recognizing that the state's economic development in many ways demands a clean environment and capital invested in the shore front to provide jobs and high quality of life.

Yes, the world is changing and we are part of an Association that is dedicated to continue the progress on the good side of the ledger. We want and require (Continued on page 4)

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Harbor of the Year Reflections

By: Joe Marguggi President of the Riverfront Recapture

River fronts in great cities across the world attract people to the water's edge to celebrate together, watch activity on the water, and to enjoy being outdoors in a magnificent natural setting. Metro Hartford's Riverfront is fast becoming one of those places - largely due to the efforts of Riverfront Recapture.

This private, nonprofit organization was recognized by the Connecticut Harbor Management Association last October when its new public parks in Hartford and East Hartford were selected at the 1998 Connecticut Harbor of the Year. "We're honored that Connecticut's waterfront professionals have recognized our efforts in this way", said Joe Marfuggi, President of Riverfront Recapture. "Our project is not yet complete but enough improvements are already in place that the benefits of waterfront access are clear. We're looking forward to completion of facilities this summer that will reunite downtown Hartford with its river front and restore excursion boat service to the downtown area. The Harbor of the Year Award reinforces our efforts in Metro Hartford and should be an inspiration to other waterfront projects in the state."

The centerpiece of the ambitious project, a landscaped plaza over I-91, will feature grassy terraces descending to the Riverfront creating amphitheater seating for 2,000 people. A bulkhead will return excursion boats into the downtown area for the first time in more than 60 years. An 18 foot pedestrian promenade will join together Hartford and East Hartford as 'River Cities.' These historic links will maximize accessibility and create new gathering spaces along Metro Hartford's Riverfront

"Riverfront Recapture's project is one of the most outstanding examples of what Connecticut communities can accomplish," said Bob Samrnis, president of the Connecticut Harbor Management Association. "Our recognition of waterfront projects is only a small part of the effort. We're delighted that the selection committee chose Riverfront as the 1998 Harbor of the Year."

To date, Riverfront Recapture has raised more than \$42 million to design and construct public parks and recreational facilities including boat launch areas along the banks of the river. These gathering spaces offer something for everyone to enjoy on the Riverfront in 1999, including rowing classes, river cruises, fishing clinics, bass tournaments, concerts, sporting events, and festivals like Riverfest and Mark Twain Days. New programs and events include weekly mountain bike challenges, an adventure race, a celebrity fishing tournament, the first Annual Riverfront Rowing Head Race and the grand opening celebration.

Activities along the Riverfront continue to draw new visitors

to the parks and attract local and national attention. Metro Hartford's Riverfront has received awards from American Rivers for economic revitalization and the Waterfront Centers Top Honor Award for Excellence on the Waterfront. The Urban Land Institute printed an article about "urban river revival" focusing on cities making greet progress with their rivers — Chicago. Cleveland, Minneapolis, and Hartford/East Hartford.

The Riverfront plaza that will connect downtown Hartford with the Connecticut River is adjacent to about 40 acres of land that is the proposed site for a \$1 billion development project called Adrian's Landing. The project would include a convention center and stadium, a hotel, housing, and a recreationl/entertainment complex. The Science Center of Connecticut is relocating to the east banks of the Connecticut as well as is a magnet school. All of these development projects will have public access to the Connecticut River.

Riverfront Recapture is a private, nonprofit organization leading the effort to restore pubic access to the Connecticut River, which had been cut off from the community by an interstate highway and a system of flood control dikes. The organization has three goals: 1) to develop a network of public parks and recreational facilities along the Riverfront and to offer programming that improves the quality of life for people who live arid work in Greater Hartford; 2) to make the Riverfront a destination for visitors from outside the region; and 3) to leverage the public investment that is being made in the park system to stimulate economic development on land adjacent to the parks.

Clean Water Dollars Available

Since 1994, the DEP has been administering the Federal Clean Vessel Act grant program for the installation, maintenance and operation of Marine Sewage Disposal Facilities (MSDF), known as pumpout stations or boats. The program is a federally funded grant program under which the servicing facility, marina, or municipality, enters into a Personal Service Agreement with the DEP and may receive up to e 75% of the expenses associated with the MSDF. These funds can be used solely or in combination for the following: Construction of new marine sanitation pumpout facility; upgrade or repair of an existing marine sanitation pumpout facility; purchase of a pumpout boat, and operation and maintanance of new or existing pumpout facilities or boats

Those who are interested and would like to apply for funds are directed to Rick Huntley at the DEP at 860-424-3034. Rick is anxious to work with and help any applicant and commission to apply for funding.

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Third Annual Meeting Report – October 22, 1998 Woodwinds in Branford

Once again the members turned out for an annual meeting that will be tough to top. By 4:30 in the afternoon, the members and guests began to arrive and were met by our trusty reception committee of Karel DenTex of Mystic, our former Treasurer; Dolores Tischbein, Stratford's able recording Secretary; and Al Grunow, our Executive Secretary. To their right in the second dining room was the exhibition hall. Indeed it was - for the entire area was filled with exhibits that were our best yet. They covered the entire range of Harbor Management activities. There were the Harbor of the Year candidates, Riverfront Recapture, Inc. of Hartford (the new home of the Patriots?) and Norwalk's Harbor Commission. Further on we found "Save the Sound" with John Atkin and xxxx. Chet Huntley, DEP, was there trying to get more people to take his money for pumpout boats. John "Sandy" MacDonald of Darien manned the exhibit for the High Speed Ferry Safety Task Force. Our friends from Helix Moorings Dave and Rick were there and a number of consultants like Docko, Steadman and the like. A newcomer was Cedar Island's Research Lab with a great story on marinas and the environment. Then came the municipal exhibits, many with aerial photos on their latest projects. Norwich, Stratford, Bridgeport Port Authority (\$ Billion class), Conn DOT's Ports of Connecticut, Old Saybrook, Fairfield, and on and on. Great credit goes to Geoff Steadman for putting this together.

We took a break for the annual business meeting where we covered a number of tasks. First, there was a balance of \$5460 in the checking account on September 30. The members then changed the by-laws to add two new directors. The first to add a Harbormaster and the second to add an Associate member to the Board. In this way we will better represent the broad constituency that we currently have. The executive board then appointed Mike Griffin, Harbormaster from Norwalk to hold the one slot until the next election and Geoff Steadman to represent the Associates until the next election. Good choices.

A quick break for refreshments and meeting old friends such as Carl Boutillier, Army COE, Kaye Williams from Captain's Cove, Jane Gillespie from the 5 Mile River Commission, the Caswell Cove group, Tom Law from Docko, Marcy Balint from the DEP, Jonathan Lovejoy from Westbrook and a host of familiar faces. We adjourned to dinner, which again was more than we could eat and ended with a large chunk of our third anniversary cake.

This led up to the announcements many had been waiting for - the Harbor of the Year Award. Honorable Mention went to Norwalk for the broad activity related program they had produced for the harbor and the truly awesome variety of organizations, clubs, and businesses that provided a dynamic year for them. The winner, for their outstanding waterfront development efforts combined with national water programs at their site, was Hartford's and East Hartford's Riverfront Recapture. The award were made with the help of Joel Severance (Chester H.C.) our Vice President and our Special Guest, Art Rocque, Jr. the Commissioner of the DEP. After that part of the program, Art shared some thoughts with us on some of the challenges facing his Department and our Commissions. To cap an already full evening, our guest speaker, Jack Brewer of Brewer's Yacht Yards gave us a fascinating look inside his program of development for the chain of marinas that bears his name. He was received most warmly and it was an honor to share the evening with a gentleman who is making such a major contribution toward our waterfronts. By ten o'clock we had one more pass at the exhibits, and said farewell to new friends and old alike. We look forward to next year with another dynamic evening. If the exhibits continue to grow we may eat in the small dining room and use the large one for the exhibits. Save the date: October 1999.

Harbormasters Are Welcomed Aboard

Members voted to amend the by-laws to place a Harbormaster-Associate on the Board of Directors. President Sammis said, "We felt that it was important that the Harbormasters have a powerful voice on the deliberations of the Board ...". The Board appointed Mike Griffin, the Norwalk Harbormaster, to hold the position until the next election. Mike has sent a letter to all of the state's harbormasters and deputies attend a meeting to be held on February 25th. to review the concerns of the harbormasters and how the Association can be of help in solving them. Early indications are that some of these concerns are liability insurance, training, vessel procurement and maintenance, communication of common problems and coordination with various regulatory agencies. In addition to the administrative support, it appears that the Board will be lending some financial support to this effort as well.

It appears that there are going to be a lot of benefits for the harbormasters and the Association as well. We wish them a great deal of success in this endeavor. If you want to get in touch with Mike, call 1-203-849-8823 or write him at 7 Donahue Drive, Norwalk 06851.

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Treasurer's Report December 31, 1998

Balance December 31	, 1997	\$ 2,812.35
January		
,	Deposits	\$440.00
	Expenses	3.50
Februar	y	
	Deposits	\$320.00
	Expenses	3.50
March	_	
	Deposits	\$800.00
	Expenses	689.67
April		
	Deposits	\$100.00
	Expenses	3.50
May		
	Deposits	\$ 80.00
	Expenses	596.74
June		
	Deposits	\$ 75.00
	Expenses	48.50
	June 30,1998	Balance \$3281.94

The deposits are from the interim and some '98-99 memberships of Harbor Commissions, Harbormasters and Associates. The expenses are for the production of the Harbor Times and the numerous mailings and their postage. In addition the Spring Clean Water Forum in Guilford expenses are included.

This is the end of the "new" fiscal year For the new fiscal year, i.e. 1998-1999

Beginning Balan	sce \$3281.94	
July	Deposits	\$1540.00
	Expenses	3.50
August	Deposits	\$ 600.00
	Expenses	127.39
September	Deposits	\$ 600.00
	Expenses	289.75
OctoberDeposits \$1195.00		
	Expenses	1731.40
November	Deposits	\$ 115.00
	Expenses	260.89
December	Deposits	\$ 200.00
	Expenses	3.50
End of	Calendar Year	\$5115.51



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clean water. We want sound and well conceived economic development. Perhaps most important, when we talk about this development we want it to have a high component of "water dependency". We want our elected and appointed officials to work with us to achieve goals, not be adversaries or nay sayers. We look for guidance not confrontation. We can make this a better place than when we showed up and we know that our efforts are directed toward this end. Those of you who read this and are not members of the Association, our hand is out to you to join us. If you are a member we encourage you to take an active roll in making the Association effective and meaningful. So far we have 17 of the existing Harbor Commissions and similar groups in the Association and another 38 Associates that cover the Harbormasters, the consultants, marine foundations and many of the marine trades. Take the time to care, take the time to join, take the time to make our corner of the world just a little bit better.



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SAVE THE SOUND DREDGING FORUM - MARCH 19, 1999

Save the Sound, Inc., an organization that has been instrumental In effecting cleaner waters in Long Island Sound, is sponsoring a forum on the subject of dredge material management in these waters. As many of you know, one of our most Important ongoing concerns is the gradual and not so gradual silting of our harbors and waterways. The solution Is to dredge the material and dispose of the spoil material in such a way that it does not compound the problem. Were it so easy............

Save the Sound Is assembling all of the principals so as to Identify the Issues, problems, regulations. concerns and the like and then provide the opportunity for Harbor Commissions, Harbormasters and other parties at interest to share their problems in resolving the dredging crisis.

It goes without saying that dredging Is not only an expensive process in the permitting as well as the dredging Itself, but it Is hugely time consuming. As the regulatory process becomes more and more involved and the standards are constantly being raised, the regulators must be made aware that there is a point of no return. Being involved in Harbor Management, we fully recognize the economic cost and benefit of these programs. It is not always apparent that the regulators do. This forum will allow you to have that critical input that will make then "officially' aware of our collective problems.

Because the Board of Directors feels that this is of paramount importance, we are going to do the following:

For each Commission, it's Chairman or it's representative, the Association will provide a voucher that will pay for the registration cost. This voucher will also be provided to each Associate member. Voucher holders will simply have to present this at the door and the forum is on us. The voucher will be sent out next month. If you are not an Associate or Regular member, you might want to consider completing the application on Page 7 in this issue.

Dredging Forum details and directions can be obtained from: Save The Sound, Inc. 185 Magee Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902 1-888- SAVE LIS

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Mike has taken the job seriously and, with the Boards approval, has sent a letter to all of the state's harbormasters and deputies to come together at a meeting to be held on February 25th. (a Thursday Night) at a central location to be announced to review the concerns of the harbormasters and how the Association can be of help in addressing and hopefully solving them. The early indications are that some of these concerns are liability insurance, training, vessel procurement and maintenance, communication of common problems and coordination with various regulatory agencies.

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Dues Notice

The new year will begin 1 July 1999 and carries to 30 June 2000. You may wish to alert you town finance department that an invoice will be coming in your direction ~ probably in March. The dues for Harbor Commissions is \$200, while Associates, which covers the Harbormasters, consultants, and all others, is \$40. We do not have the resources to send repeat notices, like the magazine companies, so please be attuned when this arrives.

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Dredging: More Problems

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Protection Agency. There is an ongoing lawsuit against the Corps (Forbes v. Corps of Engineers) that was filed in response to the dumping of contaminated material in the New London disposal site. As mentioned in the last Harbor Times, this material was dredged from the Thames River for the Seawolf submarine project and capped with clean material. Some individuals and groups have also expressed concerns about the Mamaroneck project.

Congress amended the ODA in 1980 (the Ambro Amendment) to require that disposal of dredged material in Long Island Sound from all Federal dredging projects and from nonfederal projects exceeding 25,000 cubic yards of material be subject to the ODA's environmental testing criteria. These criteria are more stringent than the standards established under the Clean Water Act. So that marina owners would not be unduly burdened by "an unrealistically costly set of testing standards," small dredging projects of less than 25,000 cubic yards were specifically exempted from the ODA criteria; those projects remain subject to the Clean Water Act standards. A 1988 opinion by the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (see Town of Huntington v. Marsh) describes the intention of Congress to afford the Sound "equal or greater protection from polluted dredged spoils [as that afforded] to open ocean waters." (This case, interestingly, addresses the last major dredging project in Mamaroneck and use of the Western Long Island Sound disposal site.) Representatives of the Connecticut DEP have expressed the opinion that the ODA has provided no additional protection to Long Island Sound and that the Sound should be deleted from the ODA. Others have a different point of view.

Section 102(c) of the ODA requires that open water sites used for the disposal of dredged material be designated by the EPA for that use and that the EPA and Corps prepare a site management plan for each designated site. None of the historically used disposal sites in Long Island Sound have been designated by the EPA; nor have any site management plans been prepared under the ODA. However, Section 103 (b) of the ODA says that if no feasible disposal site has been designated, the Corps, under certain circumstances, can select an alternative disposal site to be used for a limited period of time, subject to the EPA's concurrence.

In April of last year the EPA and Corps entered into an agreement to begin a disposal site designation process for Long Island Sound and to develop site management and monitoring plans, recognizing that this work may or may not result in the designation of any particular site or sites. The agencies agreed to complete this work by the year 2003 or earlier, if possible. They also agreed that dredged material disposal may proceed, in the meantime, if authorized by the Corps under Section 103(b) of the ODA. It is under this authority that the disposal of dredged material from the Mamaroneck project has apparently been approved. Herein also lies a major point of contention by those who say that the limited period of time specified in the ODA for use of alternative disposal sites has expired and that continued use of undesignated sites violates the ODA.

This issue and others affecting dredging and dredged material disposal in Long Island Sound will be the subject of a day-long conference sponsored by the EPA and Save the Sound on March 19th at the University of Connecticut in Stamford. The Harbor Management Association will be a principal participant and we urge all interested members to attend. By increasing our understanding of the issues, we increase our ability to contribute to their resolution. For more information, call Geoff Steadman at (203) 226-9383 or Bob Sammis at (203) 375-2421.

NORWALK HARBOR RECEIVES HONORABLE MENTION AWARD

by Geoffrey Steadman

Norwalk Harbor received the Connecticut Harbor Management Association's 1998 Honorable Mention Award as Connecticut Harbor of the Year. Dave Dunavan, Chairman of the Norwalk Harbor Management Commission, accepted the award an behalf of the City and Mayor Frank Esposito. "This award reflects the dedicated efforts of many people in several city departments as well as private, volunteer organizations and local businesses," Chairman Dunavan said.

In 1996 the City pursued a number of harbor improvement projects and hosted several major events that increased opportunities for public use and enjoyment of the harbor. One of the highlights was the visit of the tall .ship H.M. Bark Endeavour. More than 10,000 people toured this floating museum during its nine day stay at the Norwalk Visitor's Dock. Thousands more enjoyed the sight of the Endeavour sailing in Long Island Sound as she arrived and departed from the harbor. In addition, the annual Oyster Festival and Norwalk International In-water Boat Show helped celebrate the City's maritime heritage and brought thousands more people, including visitors from other states arid towns, to the Harbor. The positive economic impact of these events was estimated in the millions of dollars.

Also In 1998 the City completed or made substantial progress on several important projects to increase public access to the harbor and restore or enhance the harbor's natural environment. For example, the SoNo Wharf project established a waterfront esplanade at the corner of Washington Street and North Water Street — a site that links the Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk with the Washington Street historic

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Norwalk Harbor Receives Honorable Mention

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District. Also, work was started on the Heritage Park and Walkway which is a multiphase project to revitalize the waterfront with public spaces and walkways along the west side of the Norwalk River. In addition, the City received a federal grant to restore degraded tidal wetlands in the outer harbor, and completed restoration of the East Norwalk Mill Pond which drains into the inner harbor.

The substantial work of the Harbor Management Commission was also recognized. Among its many planning initiatives, the Commission worked closely with the Corps of Engineers to begin and help carry out the Federal dredging process. The Commission developed all of the information needed for the Corps to justify a Federal dredging project in Norwalk Harbor and prepare a dredged material sampling plan.

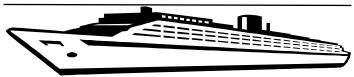
For the 8th consecutive summer the Commission provided funding, support, and supervision for the City's water quality interns - local students who investigate potential sources of pollution and collect water samples from harbor storm drains and offshore of the City's beaches to be tested for bacteria. This monitoring program has helped to establish an important data base for ongoing and future water quality

improvement efforts.

The Commission also encouraged and participated in the preparation of the Norwalk River Watershed Action Plan, a special effort organized by the seven watershed towns, the U.S. EPA, Connecticut DEP, and other agencies to protect environmental quality in the watershed.

In addition, an addendum to the Norwalk Harbor Management Plan prepared by the Commission and approved by the State of Connecticut was adopted by the Norwalk Common Council. The Addendum describes significant changes that have taken place since the Plan was last amended in 1993 and includes amendments to some of the Plan's harbor management policies.

For more information, call Dave Dunavan



Sassacus Runs

Scheduled service from New London to Liberty park, N.J. commenced recently to carry passengers to the facilities at Foxwood. Congratulations to Ken Brown, Pequot River Shipworks and David Clark, Fox Navigation.

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1999 Calendar

February 25, 1999 Harbormaster Meeting

New Haven

March 19, 1999 Dredging Forum

Stamford

June 1999 Board Meeting, Old Lyme August 1999 Board Meeting Old Lyme

September 30, 1999 Annual Meeting

Branford

December 1999 Board Meeting, Old Lyme

Board meetings are open to all members and attendance is encouraged. The meetings are held at 5pm and are usually followed by dinner in the vicinity.

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