



# *Best Maritime Practices “BMP”*



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*What is a Best Maritime Practice?  
“BMP”*

# *OSPR's Definition of the BMP*

- A recommended method to conduct an operation or process which produces the best/superior results that will enhance safety for vessels, personnel, dockside facilities and marine resources

# *Why BMPs*

- OSPR tasked the CA HSCs with this initiative in October 2007 at HSC Summit meeting
  - To aid in the enhancement of operational safety in the harbors
  - Enhance Spill Prevention measures

# *Tracing the Origin of BMP*

- Best Practices concept is not new
- Evolved out of TQM / QI philosophy

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- A useful tool that.....
  - Promotes safety
  - Improves efficiency



# Who?

- Maritime Community Stakeholders
  - Shipping Companies
  - Marine Terminals (Oil, Freight, Passenger)
  - Tug Companies
  - Ferry Operators
  - Recreational Boaters
  - Pilots Associations
  - .....

*Harbor Safety Committees*

*Best Maritime Practices*

# *Humboldt HSC BMPs*

- Humboldt HSC's Standards of Care for Recreational vessels
- Guidelines for safe speed
- Guidelines for under keel clearance
- Communication Guidelines

# *LA / LB HSC BMPs*

- LA / LB HSC's Standards of Care for small craft vessels
- Guidelines for vessels anchored in LA / LB area
- Reduced visibility guidelines
- Inclement weather guidelines

# *San Francisco HSC BMPs*

- Reduced visibility guidelines
- Inclement weather guidelines
- Emergency training for Tug Escorting
- Passenger Ferry Traffic Routing Protocol
- Bar Pilots use of Portable Navigation Units

# *San Diego HSC BMPs*

- Guidelines for small craft operating in the SD Bay area
- Guidelines for under keel clearance in the Bay
- Reduced visibility guidelines
- Heavy weather guidelines

# *Port Hueneme HSC BMPs*

- Guidelines for anchoring off the port area
- Guidelines for under keel clearance in the port
- Guidelines for safe speed in the port
- Guidelines for small craft operating in the port
- Reduced visibility & heavy weather guidelines are being developed

# *Communicate BMPs*

- Continue to share with other California Harbor Safety Committees
- Post on-line for info sharing
- Incorporate into Operations Manuals if appropriate
- Distribute in form of brochures, tide tables
- Include in US Coast Pilot #7



# *BMPs Future*

- Routinely review BMPs to keep pace with regulatory and or technology changes
- Allow for Continual Improvement (innovation) of BMPs
- Ensure they are adding value toward safety in California Harbors
- Modify
- Delete as appropriate

# *Harbor Safety Committee BMPs*

- Relatively new initiative for the HSC in terms of formal process
- First year to implement and incorporate into the 2008 Harbor Safety Plans
- OSPR to continue encourage the development/communication/*utilization* of BMPs to the Maritime Community of California

# *Outcome for BMPs Utilization*

- Aid in incident prevention
- Aid in oil spill prevention
- Aid in environmental protection and the continuation of economic and recreational viability of California's harbors

# *BMPs Limitations*

- Not laws or regulations
- Not to be enforced
- Should not be in conflict with nor do they replace existing regulations or organization policies which are already in place