

COMMITTEE ON BOATING AND YACHTING

*Minutes of Meeting held on 2 May 2001 at 1430 hours
in the Marine Department Headquarters Conference Room (A)*

Present

Mr. K. M. NG	)General Manager/ Operations, Marine Department	Chairman
Dr. Alan LAU	) Hong Kong Yacht Club	Member
Mr. Robert Bird	)	Member
Ms. Cora CHEN	)Hong Kong Yachting Association	Member
Mr. Cowen CHIU	)	Member
Mr. K. C. KWOK	)	Member
Mr. L. Y. BUTT	) Marine Department	Member
Ms. Grace SUEN	)	Secretary

In Attendance

Mr. Alan CHAN	)Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Mr. Derek TSE	)Planning Department
Mr. Paul Hodgson	)Oceanway Corporation
Mr. Mark Harrison	)City Planning Consultants Ltd
Mr. Richard D Colwill	)BMT Asia Pacific
Mr. F. L. CHEUK	)Marine Department
Mr. C. K. WONG)

Absent

Mr. David CULLEN	Hong Kong Yachting Association	Member
Mr. K. S. LEE	Civil Engineering Department	Member
Mr. Martin YUEN	Home Affairs Bureau	Member
Mr. George LAM	Home Affairs Department	Member
Mr. Stephen LEUNG	Leisure and Cultural Services Department	Member

The Chairman welcomed all present.

I. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

2. **The Chairman** requested members to inform the Secretary if they would propose any amendments to the minutes of the last meeting in two weeks.

Post Meeting Note

No amendment was received from members. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

II. MATTER ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (MS(LV)O)- Progress Report

3. **Mr. F L CHEUK** informed members that the drafting of the MS(LV)O subsidiary legislation was in progress. It was expected that the MS(LV)O and its subsidiary legislation would come in force in early 2002.

Wan Chai Reclamation - Progress Report

4. **Mr. C K WONG** told members that Option A was supported during the public consultation. Besides, a number of concerns were raised on the following issues: -
 - the extent of reclamation should be kept to a minimum;
 - sufficient accesses to waterfront should be provided;
 - the need for proposed facilities at the waterfront should be reviewed; and
 - environmental impacts of the proposal should be addressed.
5. **Mr. WONG** said the reclamation study was near its final stage and those findings and recommendation would be submitted to the CPLD. Apart from consulting COMBAY, further consultation with Town Planning Board, Legco, District Councils and HKYC would also be conducted. Another public consultation forum was considered not necessary as the development proposals were essentially the same as those of the recommended option presented early this year.
6. The expected commencement date of the construction was March 2004 and completion of the WDII Project was scheduled for 2010. In response to **Mr. Robert Bird's** enquiry, **Mr. WONG** said that the expected time when the Outline Zoning Plan(OZP) could be approved was subject to the necessary statutory gazettal process which would last at least 2 months.

Post meeting note:

The recommended OZP was submitted to CPLD for consideration on 24 May 2001. In accordance with the latest information form TDD, the OZP would be published in September 2001 if all were going smoothly.

South East New Territories Development Strategy Review - Progress Report

7. **Mr. Derek TSE** briefed members on the progress on the South East New Territories Development Strategy Review. **Mr. Richard D Colwill** then presented to members that the South East New Territories Development included three Frameworks: -
 - Land Use Framework
 - Tourism and Recreation Framework
 - Landscape and Conservation Framework

8. **Members** commented that the general frameworks of the development were quite conceptual at this stage. **Mr. Derek TSE** said they would still welcome for any further comments, if any, and requested member to forward them as soon as possible as they were in the process of finalizing the feedback collected in the consultation exercise. **Mr. C K WONG** supplemented that Marine Department had also addressed the importance of conducting a more detailed Marine Traffic Impact Assessment where appropriate for each individual project.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Installation of Coral Marker Buoys at Ung Kong Wan, Bluff Island

9. **Mr. Alan CHAN** briefed members of the damage to coral caused by anchoring activities in Ung Kong Wan and DAFC's proposal to lay marker buoys at appropriate locations of the bay to mark the areas with high coral coverage. The marker buoys would serve to demarcate the extent of coral areas and notify marine users to avoid anchoring in the areas. **Mr. Paul Hodgson** presented to members the damages caused by anchoring activities to different types of corals and the design of the marker buoy. **Members** agreed to the proposal in general.

10. Marine Department and AFCD would work out the specification of the buoys to suit the local environment.

IV. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Speeding in Hebe Haven

11. **Mr. Alan LAU** tabled a letter of the Commodore of the Hebe Haven Yacht Club. In his letter,

the Commodore proposed, amongst other things, to extend the time period (1 July to 15 September) of speed restriction applicable to vessels operating in Hebe Haven to “at all time”. Members shared the view of the Commodore taking into consideration the density of marine traffic and number of private moorings therein. **The Chairman** agreed that the Department would follow up the matter and consult other marine users in the locality.

V. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12. The date of next meeting would be announced in due course.
13. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1700 hours.