

COMMITTEE ON BOATING AND YACHTING

Minutes of Meeting held on 30 November 2005 at 1530 hours in the Marine Department Headquarters VIP Room

Present

Mr. K M NG	Marine Department	Chairman
Mr. Ken TRICE	} Hong Kong Sailing Federation	Member
Mr. Cowen CHIU		Member
Mr. K W CHOY	Leisure and Cultural Services Department	Member
Mr. F L CHEUK	} Marine Department	Member
Miss Fiona YEUNG		Secretary

Absent

Mr. K. Y. SHIN	Civil Engineering & Development Department	Member
Ms. Shirley CHOW	Home Affairs Department	Member
Mr. Roger EASTHAM	Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club	Member
Mr. Karl C KWOK	} Hong Kong Sailing Federation	Member
Mr. Keith MOWSER		Member

The Chairman welcomed all present.

I. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

2. **Mr. Cowen CHIU** proposed and members agreed to delete “and LCSD training course students” from the first sentence, paragraph 9 of page 4.

II. MATTER ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Progress Report on New Ordinance

3. **The Chairman** informed members that the drafting work of the subsidiary legislation of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (**LVO**) was in progress as reported in the last meeting. It was anticipated that the whole set of LVO would be ready in early 2006.

Speed Restricted Zone

4. **The Chairman** said that the speed restricted zone proposal prepared by **Mr. Ken TRICE** was being studied. If the proposal was considered feasible, a formal consultation process would be carried out. The Marine Department would contact the Hebe Haven Yacht Club in due course.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Establishment of a Subcommittee on Pleasure Vessels

5. **Mr. F L CHEUK** introduced that under the LVO, a statutory advisory committee named “Local Vessels Advisory Committee (**LVAC**)” would be formed. In order to solicit wider views from different marine organizations on matters relating to pleasure vessels, a subcommittee named PV Subcommittee would be established under the LVAC. The terms of reference and the membership of the PV Subcommittee were proposed in the COMBAY Paper No 03/2005. **The Chairman** pointed out that the proposed membership list and terms of reference were to facilitate members’ discussion and the final list had to be approved by the LVAC. After that, the appointed members of the PV Subcommittee would review the proposed terms of reference. Compared with the membership of COMBAY, the PV Subcommittee was relatively well represented.
6. Regarding paragraph 6 (v) & (vi) of the COMBAY paper, **Mr. Cowen CHIU** opined that there were sufficient representatives from yacht clubs, and queried the role of the representative of marinas, which was operated in commercial mode. **The Chairman** noted Mr. CHIU’s comment. In response to member’s enquiry, **the Chairman** said that the LVAC would be set up once the LVO came into force (which would be within the first half of 2006). Consequently, the formation of the PV Subcommittee would be endorsed in the first meeting of the LVAC.
7. For paragraph 6 (vii) of the COMBAY paper, **Mr. Cowen CHIU** suggested the addition of Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong. **Mr. K W CHOY** said that he could provide a list of water sports facilities in Hong Kong for reference.

The Chairman opined that to strike a balance between the size and membership of the PV Subcommittee, it was more appropriate for certain minor associations of water sports activities to express their views through their representing organization (e.g. Hong Kong Sailing Federation).

8. **The Chairman** added that since the function of COMBAY would be taken over by the PV Subcommittee, COMBAY would therefore be dissolved upon the establishment of the PV Subcommittee. Members offered no specific comments.

IV. A.O.B.

New Commodore of Hebe Haven Yacht Club

9. **Mr. Ken TRICE** informed that Mr. Philip BOOTHROYD was the new commodore of Hebe Haven Yacht Club.

6th Ministerial Conference of WTO (WTO MC6)

10. **The Chairman** reminded that in relation to the holding of WTO MC6, the Marine Department would issue a Marine Department Notice regarding the establishment of two closed areas nearby Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre and Hong Kong International Airport shortly.

V. CLOSING REMARK

11. **The Chairman** said that it was probably the last COMBAY meeting if no new issue was raised. He would like to take this opportunity to thank all members' valuable contribution to COMBAY.
12. There was being no other business, the meeting closed at 1630 hours.