

Training Cruises and COVID-19

Monday, April 27 2020

0800 PST via ZOOM

Present: Allan Post, Sam Pecota, Sean McNiece, Brendan McAvoy, Paul Gilmour, Morgan McManus, Michael Campbell, Tim McGeein

Taking notes: Lindsay Long

- CMA- President Cropper received approval to resume face to face classes May 10th
 - Faculty sent letter expressing reservations
 - Commandants sent out student survey regarding this as well
- NY- May 4th facebook live to layout cruise options to get feedback from students, nothing about bringing students back to class
 - Ship prep is still moving forward
 - “wait and see” until May 15th
- Mass- Campbell- Ship to float tomorrow around noon, shift to layberth
- Maine- June 1 was the initial plan but not necessarily logistically possible
 - About 50 students who need sea time only, might be able to do pier side (citadel status)
 - Fall discussion- go out for 74/75 days, long summer trip
 - Looking into tri-mester system to assist with this to minimize academic interruption
 - USCG COI happening now, ship prep
- Texas- Sean McNiece is interim Master
 - Draft proposal sent out, strict citadel status
 - No face to face instruction allowed during summer
 - Mid-end June until end of July
 - Dredging begins on Wednesday (10 day period)
 - Go vs. no-go date: May 18th
 - Phamatech- will be determining if it can be used for testing
- MARAD- nothing new to report on test kits
- McManus- morale issues, would anchoring off a port be cruel?? 14 day max underway
 - National park exception for liberty call, would that be possible? MARAD?
- CMA: Clean the ship- bids looking at 5 days time, \$50-75k to do so
 - University hazardous waste disposal system?
 - Long lead time for Clorox and other formula solution for foggers
 - Try food service
 - Hydrogen meter for after fogging to make sure it's safe
- Anyone else done any polling from cadets or faculty?
 - TMA- 60% registration currently, calls to be made
 - NY- polling being done next week. Faculty already raised concern because cadets (younger) could be asymptomatic. Once back on campus we can better assess comfort level
- Another concern- how many students will actually come back for face to face and cruise. Is it worth it if only half come back?
 - We need to start getting commitments from cadets very soon
 - Itinerary- cruise to nowhere has been put out to students, not a lot of enthusiasm

- Face to face:
 - Texas only for STCW assessments and summer sea term
 - NY-putting a plan in place, but nothing set yet
 - Maine- yes, for STCW and potentially pier side. Nothing determined at this time
 - Mass- trying to get approval. Mid-may USCG testing
 - Tim McGeein and Paul Gilmour- use list for your own use
- Consensus:
 - Without testing, we can't move forward
 - If enough cadets don't show up, we can't do it
 - 200/220 break even
- Who is actually seeking out test kits?
 - NY- Health Director and other angles, SUNY to get kits but no other info has been provided
 - Difficult to find/get
 - CA- Resident Physician seeking them out, as well as Police Chief looking
 - **MARAD's assistance/having DOT support to put some weight behind getting test kits for the academies would be beneficial to moving forward**
 - What about KP? Have they been able to get kits?
 - Unsure, likely not
- Texas: McNiece- Junior classes are the one likely to not show up. Seniors are ready to go! August and December 2020 grads ready
 - With relaxed sea time, a lot of cadets were able to pass through
 - Still some (about 50 texas, 20ish CMA grads) still need some sea time
 - Senior only cruise?? But possibly not cost efficient