

**MONITOR NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY**  
**Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting – Virtual/Conference Call**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, August 24, 2023

11:00 am to 11:45 pm

Meeting Location: N/A (Virtual – Google Meets)

**Meeting Objectives:** (1) *Monitor* 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries; (2) Upcoming charter renewal and revision; (3) Revision of SAC seats

**Attendance:** (see attached attendance roster)

8 community seats present (of 13 filled seats - not including alternates)

4 government seats present (of 8 filled seats - not including alternates)

7 sanctuary staff members present

**Meeting Notes**

**Administrative Business and Announcements**

**Chair's Welcome**

Joe Poe, Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Approval of Draft Minutes from previous meeting (04/27/2023)**

Joe Poe asked council members if there were any revisions or edits to the draft minutes from the April 27 meeting. Hearing none, a motion to accept the minutes was requested. Nathan Richards motioned to approve the draft minutes. Will Hoffman seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**Upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of USS *Monitor***

Tane Casserley gave an overview of the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of USS *Monitor*. He said that August 27, 1973, is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the discovery of *Monitor* and one way to honor and reach a national audience is through the release of new virtual products. These products honor the technological legacy of *Monitor*. He said that in 2022, working with GFOE (Global Foundation of Ocean Exploration) to explore the shipwreck site and working with The Mariners' Museum and Park (TMM&P), we are now able to share *Monitor*'s artifact and legacy through the 3D printing of artifacts and a 360° video. He said that 3D printing of the artifacts now enables the public to actually see and hold the artifacts. He also said that the virtual models are now live on the [website](#). You cannot only see them, but you can also download the files to 3D

print them yourself. Tane explained that now schools will be able to print *Monitor* artifacts in their technology classes. In addition, on Friday, August 25, 2023, the [360° virtual reality video](#) of the GFOE expedition will be released to the public. Also, on Thursday, August 31, 2023, at 1:00 pm, John Broadwater, former MNMS sanctuary superintendent, will give a webinar on the discovery of *Monitor*. These events are just a start to our three years of anniversaries. In 2024, the sanctuary will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the announcement and confirmation that the *Monitor* had been found. And in 2025, it will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sanctuary's designation.

Joe Poe encouraged everyone to watch the video and to join the webinar.

### **Public Comments**

- None

### **Upcoming Charter Renewal and Revision**

Sammy Orlando, Superintendent for MNMS, said that it is exciting to see Tane's work on this and looks forward to what comes next. He explained that these types of products are conduits into the community, and that all ideas are welcomed on how to use them with constituents.

Sammy then described the evolution of the sanctuary advisory council over the years. He said for years, MNMS was focused outward on expansion, but now it is focused back on *Monitor* and its core mission. He said that the Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) and our partners, such as The Mariners' Museum and Park, are the most important connection the site has to the community. He said that the sanctuary also depends on the SAC and our partners to tell us what the community needs.

Sammy explained that with the four pillars, the sanctuary is refocused on *Monitor* and the management plan from 2013. But it has been a decade since it was written, and although much of it is still relevant, it needs input and help from the SAC and community. Therefore, we have been restructuring the council to match and be compliant with sanctuaries' structure for SACs.

Sammy said that the idea of restructuring the SAC was first brought up to Joe Poe, and then in April, at the last SAC meeting, the ideas were presented to the SAC. A lot of great feedback was received, which we took very seriously. The proposal that you are seeing today is what we think will work and reflects that feedback.

To refresh everyone's memory of the four pillars, Sammy went over them – Historic Legacy, Artifact Conservation, Ecology, and Service to Community.

Sammy shared the slide presentation (see [Appendix A](#)) and noted that the left side of the slide shows the current existing seats, which is 10 members and no alternates. In April, he said that he had explained that we wanted to max out the seats and comply with new guidelines within sanctuaries, while also aligning with the four pillars. The right side of the slide is what we are now proposing. Ten members and alternates. As you compare the seats, there is a lot of overlap. And they overlap with the four pillars. These are all voting seats.

Sammy explained that the community members' role is to provide recommendations to the superintendent related to the management plan's evolution. It is the way the core community can communicate and advance ideas, through voting. There are also other ways for the superintendent to get input and that is through working groups – subsets. These working groups can be SAC members but also outside partners that relate to MNMS's management plan. There are lots of ways to be involved. The sanctuary is 95% non-regulatory, therefore, we do not vote on a lot of things, not a lot of need. But it is one tool for the community to use. Sammy also explained that The Mariners' Museum and Park and the Youth Seat are also moving to non-voting.

For the government seats, Sammy explained that it remains the same as it was presented in April. Most of the seats remain the same. However, the state of Virginia has not been represented in the past, so there will be two local government seats now, one for North Carolina (and alternate) and one for Virginia (and alternate). Government seats are now non-voting, which is consistent across sanctuaries. They are non-voting because there is a different mechanism available to agencies to give input – it's consultation. Government seats have authority and jurisdiction, so they interact in different ways than community members. With the shift to non-voting, this does not minimize the value we have for the government members.

Sammy went through the timeline and process (see [Appendix A](#)). He said that after the charter is approved at Headquarters, there will be a Federal Register Notice published. Once that is released, we will then start to advertise and solicit applications for the seats. He asked that everyone to be involved in helping to find people who want to be a part of the council. Once the process is complete, the new SAC will be seated with the first meeting tentatively set for sometime in February of 2024. Sammy went on to explain that the SAC charter and all the SAC seats expired in July, so he appreciates everyone hanging on through the process. He asked for everyone to please consider staying a SAC member and applying for a seat that interests them.

#### Discussion

- Kimberly Kenyon expressed interest in staying on the SAC, but noted that her seat is no longer there. She asked how the new seats reflect her role.
  - Tane said that Kimberly is a state of North Carolina employee, so she could serve on the government seat for North Carolina. He said that Chris Southerly would decide who would serve for that seat.
- Alexis Catsambis thanked NOAA for considering all comments and for meeting with him individually to discuss concerns. He indicated that he and the Navy are looking forward to working with the sanctuary.
  - Sammy commented that the sanctuary would do a better job reaching out to the Navy in the future, and he thanked Alexis for his comment.
- Joe asked if there were any additional comments.
  - Bucky Oliver said that he would like to have an in-person meeting and that he wants to go to the museum. He thinks it would be really helpful to have everyone in the same room to expand our relationships.
  - Sammy agreed, but explained upcoming travel restrictions for the first three weeks of October.

- Dave Hallac said he wanted to commend Sammy and his team for reaching out and for listening to ideas. He said he appreciated that Sammy considered all the input, and he thought that was commendable. Dave indicated that the park service is excited to work with the team.
  - Sammy said he was excited as well!
- Nathan Richards told everyone about the upcoming [NC Maritime Heritage Conference](#) being held on November 30-December 2. He said there is a call for proposals (deadline is September 15, 2023) and encouraged everyone to attend and put in a proposal. He asked Shannon to send email to the group with the conference information.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

With no addition discussion or questions, Joe Poe asked for a motion to adjourn. Bucky Oliver made the motion and Joe Poe seconded the motion. All were in favor of adjourning.

### **Meeting Close-Out**

Actions to Take:

**Attendance Roster:**

<b>Community Members</b>		
Open	Citizen-at-Large	
Kim Kenyon	Conservation	Present
Tom Kies	Economic Development	
Salvatore Mercogliano	Education	Present
Andre Nabors	Heritage Tourism	Present
Nathan Richards	Maritime Archaeological Research	Present
K.P. Scott, III	Recreational/Commercial Fishing	
Rom Whitaker	Recreational/Commercial Fishing	
Joe Poe	Recreational Diving	Present
Kamau Sadiki	Recreational Diving	
Debby Boyce	Ocean Sports	Present
Will Hoffman	The Mariners' Museum	Present
Tina Gutshall	The Mariners' Museum (Alt)	Present
Stephanie Sterling	Student Seat (Non-Voting)	
<b>Government Members</b>		
Dave Hallac	NPS (Primary)	Present
OPEN	NPS (Alternate)	
Chris Southerly	NC DCR (Primary)	
OPEN	NC DCR (Alternate)	
Jason Peters	NC Dept. Environmental Quality	
Steve Poland	NC Dept. Environmental Quality (Alt)	
Charles "Bucky" Oliver	NC Local Gov't – Town of Beaufort	Present
Bob Terwilliger	NC Local Gov't – Town of Beaufort (Alt)	
Bobby Outten	NC Local Gov't – Dare County	
Drew Pearson	NC Local Gov't – Dare county (Alt)	
LCDR Matthew Kahley	US Coast Guard	
Kate Moore	US Coast Guard (Alt)	
TBD	US Navy	
Alexis Catsambis	US Navy (Alt)	Present
Brendan Burke	VA DHR	Present
Samantha Henderson	VA DHR (Alt)	
<b>Sanctuary Staff</b>		
Paul "Sammy" Orlando	Superintendent	Present
Tane Casserley	Research/Resource/Permit Coordinator	Present
David Dodsworth	IT Coordinator	
Shannon Ricles	Education/Outreach/SAC Coordinator	Present
Mark Losavio	Media/Outreach Coordinator	Present
Megan Ossmann	Science/Research/Interpretation Specialist	Present
Jessie Frayser	Education/Outreach Support Specialist	Present
Dana Sanchez	CCCC Intern	Present
<b>Guests/ Public/Other</b>		