



## ***Harbor Safety and Coordination Committee***

The Harbor Safety and Coordination Committee coordinates interagency actions and activities on issues related to navigation, safety, and logistics. The committee took shape in the 1980s, when the Port of Baltimore was improving its navigation system to accommodate the larger cargo vessels. The Maryland Port Administration recognized that the success of these projects would depend on the cooperative efforts of several agencies and organized a committee with representatives from the Maryland Department of Transportation/Maryland Port Administration, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Baltimore District and Philadelphia District), U.S. Coast Guard, and Association of Maryland Pilots. In the early 2000s, the committee expanded to include other key organizations responsible for water safety and security.

The safety of vessel transits through Maryland's navigational channels and into the Inner Harbor is the utmost priority not only to the Maryland Port Administration but to the Port of Baltimore's maritime community as well. The collaborative effort of this committee was instrumental in obtaining authorization and appropriations for the straightening of the Tolchester Channel S-Turn for safe and efficient navigation, widening of the Brewerton Extension to the authorized width of 600 feet, and advocating for improvements to the Baltimore Harbor Anchorages in order to reduce delays.

The group meets quarterly, in March, June, September, and December and is staffed by the Maryland Port Administration. To contact committee members, send an e-mail to [greenport@marylandports.com](mailto:greenport@marylandports.com) or call the Maryland Port Administration at 410-385-4438.

### **Membership**

**Association of Maryland Pilots**

**NOAA, PORTS**

**Baltimore Maritime Exchange**

**NOAA, Mapping & Charting**

**MD Department of Natural Resources  
Police**

**U. S. Army Corps of Engineers,  
Baltimore**

**MD Department of Natural Resources  
Boating Services**

**U. S. Army Corps of Engineers,  
Philadelphia**

**MD Docking Pilots**

**U. S. Coast Guard, Fifth District**

**MD Port Administration**

**U. S. Coast Guard, Sector Baltimore**

**MD Transportation Authority**