



STATE OF WASHINGTON
BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

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2024 Washington State Pilot Examination Simulator Evaluation Advisement

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Washington State Board of Pilotage Commissioners is anticipating holding an exam during the Spring of 2024 to identify qualified candidates for pilot training for the Puget Sound Pilotage District or Grays Harbor Pilotage District.

ADVISEMENT

In order for candidates to more effectively plan their study time the following guidelines are provided:

The simulation evaluation will focus primarily on general ship handling skills. Candidates wishing to practice for the exam in a simulator would do well to focus on ship handling skills rather than on the type of pilot prep courses that were offered by outside parties in the past. Candidates should not assume that the content or format of the upcoming simulation evaluation will be similar to past evaluations.

An exam blueprint and preliminary bibliography will be available in October and further details will be provided as soon as possible once the development process is complete. A series of informational webinars are also planned for the Fall of 2023.

The objective of the Simulator Evaluation portion of the 2024 Washington State Marine Pilot Exam is to assess your overall skills as a Captain. Simulator training or experience is not a prerequisite to passing the Washington State Marine Pilot Exam Simulator Evaluation. Limited guided simulation time (approximately 1 hour), as well as a broad outline of the skills to be assessed, will be provided to all candidates progressing to the Simulator Evaluation portion of the exam.

The 2024 Washington State Marine Pilot Exam Simulation Evaluation is scheduled in the OSV (Offshore Supply Vessel) simulator at MITAGS West the week of April 22, 2024. In the event of technical problems or malfunctions affecting the OSV simulator prior to or during a Washington State Marine pilot applicant's Simulation Evaluation, the Evaluation will be switched to one of the other two remaining simulators available at MITAGS West.

Refer to the Board's web site for more information and specific links at: <https://pilotage.wa.gov/become-a-pilot.html>

If you are interested in receiving more information or signing up for notices regarding the examination, please contact the Washington State Board of Pilotage Commissioners via e-mail at hamelj@wsdot.wa.gov