



# STATE OF WASHINGTON BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

*BPC Mission: to ensure against the loss of lives, loss of or damage to property and vessels, and to protect the marine environment by maintaining efficient and competent pilotage service on our State's inland waters.*



## THE BPC PILOTAGE QUARTERLY

Summer 2022



### Announcements

#### **Licensures**

Congratulations to Captains Peter Mann & Eric Michael,



who received state licenses to pilot in the Puget Sound Pilotage District during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2022!

#### **Record Breaking Cruise Season**

Cruise Season has not only returned but has also broken a record with 296 scheduled arrivals, or 592 pilotage assignments, extending into late October 2022!

#### **Meeting Schedule**

The next public BPC meeting is Thursday August 16. We hope you can join us!

Visit our [website](#) for more information regarding meeting agendas, materials, and minutes.

## Pilot Ladder Safety

Pilots all over the world frequently encounter pilot ladders not in compliance with safety standards. Noncompliant ladders have caused serious injury and death.

Puget Sound Pilots and the Port of Grays Harbor are now utilizing a system to report pilot ladder noncompliance to both the U.S. Coast Guard and the BPC. The BPC's Pilot Safety Committee (PSC) reviews the submissions, determines any actions, and reports to the BPC at regular monthly meetings.

The Board issued [Safety Advisory Bulletin 21-01](#) on November 18, 2021 regarding pilot transfer arrangements. In addition, and more recently, the Board issued [Safety Advisory Bulletin 22-01](#) on May 19, 2022 regarding retrieval lines.

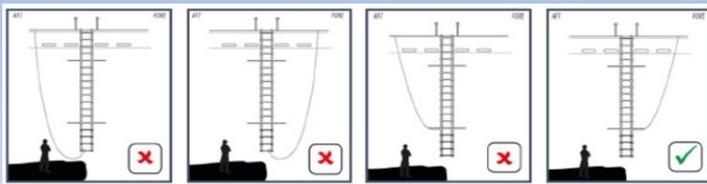
Improperly rigged ladder retrieval lines are dangerous situations for pilots. When retrieval lines are rigged below the lower spreader and/or leading aft, it can lead to the situation below.



Retrieval lines must be rigged at or above the lower spreader and must lead forward so that

Video available at <https://www.ptholland.com/maritime-training-serious-injury-to-pilot/>

the line does not risk becoming entangled with the pilot boat as it approaches from aft.



It is imperative for the safety of all pilots that information regarding unsafe ladders is documented by each pilot and communicated to other pilotage districts as needed, and that corrections to pilot transfer arrangements are top priority. Please be aware that Washington state pilots may refuse to board a ship with a non-compliant ladder.

Puget Sound Pilots is leading the way toward pilot ladder safety. We thank them, and Captains Sandy Bendixen and Scott Anacker in particular, for their efforts!

# Exemptions from Pilotage



Are you cruising in Washington state this summer? Be sure to check out our regulations on mandatory pilotage!

If your recreational vessel is registered outside of the United States or Canada, you are subject to mandatory pilotage no matter the size of your vessel.

If your vessel is less than 1,300 GT(International) and 200 FT length overall, you may be eligible for a pilotage exemption from the BPC!

Find information including FAQ's, Pilotage Exemption Petition, and Foreign Yacht Familiarization Packet on our website at [www.pilotage.wa.gov/pilotage-exemptions.html](http://www.pilotage.wa.gov/pilotage-exemptions.html) or scan the code!



## ERTV and Tug Escort Analyses

The 2019 Washington State Legislature directed the Department of Ecology to develop a model to assess the risk of oil spills from vessels in Washington waters and use this model to perform two analysis projects:

- Ecology - Assess whether an emergency response towing vessel (ERTV) serving Haro Strait, Boundary Pass, Rosario Strait, and connected navigable waterways will reduce oil spill risk ([RCW 88.46.250](http://RCW 88.46.250))
- BPC and Ecology – Tug escorts for certain types of tank vessels carrying oil in Puget Sound ([RCW 88.16.260](http://RCW 88.16.260))

In preparation for the analysis work, Ecology held webinars on June 6 and July 13 to introduce the two analysis projects. Recordings of and information regarding those webinars can be found on Ecology's [Risk Modeling website](#).

For more information regarding the BPC and Ecology's partnership on the deliverables outlined in [ESHB 1578](#), visit the [Oil Transportation Safety](#) page of our website.



<https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Spills/Oil-spill-prevention/Safety-of-Oil-Transportation-Act/Risk-modeling>

## District Snapshots

### Puget Sound



#### Retirements:

Captain Steve Moreno  
*Thank you for your service!*

#### License Upgrades to Unlimited:

Captain Chris Rounds  
*Well done!*

#### Training Program:

Currently training are Captains Ekemann, Bostick, Holland, Riddle, Cassee, Scott, Kelly, and Mancini.



Pilot trainee Larry Holland trains on a vessel out of Terminal 105 in Seattle. Image courtesy of Puget Sound Pilots.

### Grays Harbor



#### Training Program:

Currently training are Captains Leo and Grobschmit.

