

MEETING MINUTES

STATE OF WASHINGTON ~ BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

February 5, 2013

Present:

Chairman: Harry Dudley

Commissioners: Norm Davis, Elsie Hulsizer, Chuck Adams, Ned Kiley, Don Mayer,
Phil Morrell and Grant Stewart

Administration: Shawna Erickson, Peggy Larson

Jonathan Ward, Ivan Carlson, Steve Moreno and Walt Tabler: Puget Sound Pilots

Gary Nelson: Grays Harbor Pilots (*by telephone*)

Mike Moore, Jordan Royer: Pacific Merchant Shipping Association

Paul Schachtner, William Hickey, Eric Young: USCG

Jeff Shaw: Polar Tankers

Lou Paulsen: Port of Tacoma

Bill Lowery: PS Pilot Candidate

Jamie Galvin: Pilot Applicant

Loren Lee: Public

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was convened at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Harry Dudley in the Alki Conference Room at 2901 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Minutes. The January 10, 2013 Minutes stand approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Pilot's Report of Incident: PS Pilot V. Engstrom – ALASKAN FRONTIER, 11-24-12

Cherry Point BP Dock	Repairs to the dock have been completed.	Action deferred until further information is received.
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Pilot's Report of Incident: PS Pilot D. Soriano – POLAR RESOLUTION, 12-4-12

Cherry Point BP Dock	Repairs to the dock have been completed.	Action deferred until further information is received.
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Assessment of Need for Trainees in Grays Harbor and Puget Sound Pilotage Districts – Status

Report. The process of sending invitations to begin training in Grays Harbor is ongoing. It is anticipated that two trainees will start four months apart. An estimated three invitations to begin training in Puget Sound will go out in March for an intended July 1st start date.

NEW BUSINESS

Review and Consideration of Licensure of PSPD Pilot Trainee: Captain William Lowery. On behalf of the Trainee Evaluation Committee (TEC) Commissioner Mayer reported that after a thorough review of Captain Lowery's *Training Program* the TEC unanimously recommends the issuance of a state pilot license to Captain Lowery as detailed in its letter to the Board dated February 5, 2013. Motion: Mayer/Davis – upon the TEC's recommendation, the Board deems Captain William Lowery suitable for licensing pending verification of successful completion of his federal license requirements – Carried. Motion: Davis/Kiley – empower Chairman Dudley to sign and issue state pilot license #187 for the Puget Sound Pilotage District to Captain William Lowery upon receipt of his federal pilotage endorsement – Carried. PPU training will be made available during this interim period. Upon licensure the number of licensed pilots in the PSPD will be 53, the set number.

Approval of Pilot License Upgrade Programs: Captain Larry Seymour is nearing completion of his fourth license year and Captain John Scragg his third. Motion: Mayer/Stewart - approve the license upgrade programs for these two captains as drafted by the TEC - Carried.

Request for Vessel Exemption:

Motor Yacht RENEGADE – 57’, 69 gt, Panamanian registry, Captain Christopher Luckerath.

Motion: Kiley/Adams – concur with Chair’s granting of a three-month exemption – Carried.

In an effort to streamline the process of issuing yacht exemptions for new-builds submitted by Westport Shipyard, they are proposing that a pre-approved list of captains and vessel specifications be retained by the Board.

Pilot’s Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: CORESHIP OL, 12-16-12

Underway east of Johnson Point, Olympia	Main engine was shutdown to repair a leaking exhaust valve. No communication between engine room & bridge.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion:</u> Mayer/Adams File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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Pilot’s Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: CAPE MAAS, 1-1-13

Northbound from Tacoma	Anchored in Elliott Bay West to repair an engine exhaust valve – no success. COTP cleared the vessel to sail at reduced speed with 1 of 8 cylinders shut down.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion:</u> Mayer/Adams File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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Pilot’s Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: TIAN YANG FENG, 1-26-13

In transit from Port Angeles to Tacoma	Onboard VHF radio & gyrocompass not working properly. Gyro problem self-corrected after about 4 hours.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion:</u> Mayer/Adams File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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Committee Reports.

Trainee Evaluation Committee:

- The TEC met on February 4th
- Training Program progress was reviewed with Captains Lowery, Coryell and Brouillard as a group and individually. Lessons learned regarding the *LILY OLDENDORFF* and the *PORTLAND BAY* incidents were shared among the trainees.
- Clarification was provided to one of the trainees regarding how interventions are documented when extra training trips are taken beyond trip 200.

Legislative/WAC Committee: Committee Chair, Chuck Adams, is reviewing WAC 363-116-084 for purposes of drafting necessary revisions. He is also researching the status of WAC 363-116-140.

Tariff Policy Committee: The Committee is scheduled to meet this afternoon.

Activity Reports. Gary Nelson, representing Port of Grays Harbor, Captain Jonathan Ward, representing Puget Sound Pilots, and Captain Mike Moore, representing Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, offered current and projected statistical data as well as updates on current maritime events. A request was made by Captain Ward to increase the number of pilots in the Puget Sound Pilotage District from 53 to 54. Motion: Mayer/Hulsizer – let the next regular meeting agenda reflect discussion and possible resolution of PSP’s request to increase the number of pilots – Carried with a vote of 4 in favor and Stewart, Morrell and Adams opposed.

Correspondence Review. A letter has been received from a 2012 Pilot Exam applicant commenting on the relative weight of exam scores compared to experience in determining qualification for entry into a pilot training program. Chair Dudley will prepare a response for review by the Board.

BPC Staff Report. Dates for the Regional Pilotage Conference were discussed. Motion: Adams/Mayer – set the conference dates for April 18/19 – Carried. Agenda items have been proposed but not finalized; suggestions are welcome. The CR-102 has been filed for a public hearing on March 14, 2013 to consider modifications to WAC 363-116-078 with regard to stipends paid to Grays Harbor trainees. Gubernatorial appointments are temporarily on hold while the new Governor’s staff is transitioning.

Confirmation of Next Regular Meeting Dates. March 14th was confirmed as the date for the public hearing on WAC 363-116-078 and next regular monthly meeting, to be held at 9:30 a.m. in the Alki Conference Room, 5th floor, 2901 3rd Avenue, Seattle. The April meeting was not determined; discussion led to possible cancellation or combination with the May meeting. Discussion is ongoing to consider setting future monthly meeting dates on various Tuesdays in order to accommodate those with Wednesday and Thursday conflicts.

Review of Pilot/Trainee Physical Examination Reports. Motion: Adams/Davis - accept the physicians' reports for Captains E.C. Klapperich and M.J. Shuler for annual pilot license renewal and Captain W.W. Lowery for initial pilot licensure - Carried. One Puget Sound Pilot remains medically unfit and is temporarily relieved of pilotage duties. A second Puget Sound Pilot was declared medically unfit and was temporarily relieved of pilotage duties.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Dudley adjourned the regular session Board meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Larson, Executive Director

Harry H. Dudley, Chairman

Norman W. Davis, Acting Vice Chairman

Commissioner Elsie J. Hulsizer

Commissioner Charles F. Adams

Commissioner Edmund I. Kiley

VACANT
Pilot Member

Commissioner Donald W. Mayer

Commissioner Philip Morrell

Commissioner J. Grant Stewart