

# MEETING MINUTES

## STATE OF WASHINGTON ~ BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

June 16, 2016

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### **CLOSED SESSION – Call to Order**

*A Closed Session of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was convened from 11:00 a.m. to 12:55 p.m. in the Agate Conference Room, 2901 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington to consider matters relative to the pilot training program. In attendance were Commissioners Tonn, Kiley, Adams, Mayer, Marmol, Morrell at 11:35, Stewart, Kirtley and Thompson; Assistant Attorney General Guy Bowman; and BPC staff Jaimie Bever, Shawna Erickson and Peggy Larson.*

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### **REGULAR MEETING - Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was convened at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Sheri Tonn in the Agate Conference Room, 2901 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

#### Present:

Chair: Sheri Tonn Vice Chair: Ned Kiley

Commissioners: Chuck Adams, Phil Morrell, Grant Stewart, Don Mayer, Ed Marmol,  
Eleanor Kirtley, Sara Thompson

Assistant Attorney General: Guy Bowman (Closed Session only)

Administration: Jaimie Bever, Shawna Erickson, Peggy Larson

Jordan Royer: Pacific Merchant Shipping Association

David Grobschmit, Linda Styrk, Peter Giese: Puget Sound Pilots

Lou Paulsen: Northwest Seaport Alliance

Gary Nelson, Kayla Dunlap: Port of Grays Harbor

David Surface: GH pilot trainee

SeaAnna Smith, Paul Tramm: USCG Sector Puget Sound

**Minutes.** Motion: Marmol/Stewart – approve the May 12, 2016 minutes as written – Carried.

#### **BPC Staff Report.**

- There was discussion regarding adding another Board-Designated Physician from the Polyclinic in Seattle per a pilot request. The Board agreed that BPC staff should contact the pilot-recommended doctor.
- The Progeny contract for the Training Program Evaluation is in place and work is commencing.
- Shawna is preparing pilot statistical data for May and will be sending it out within the week.

#### **BPC Chair Report.**

- Chair Tonn has attended a couple of sessions with the Puget Sound Pilots concerning their “Transportation System” which Captain Grobschmit will expand on at a future Board meeting. Also she will be presenting some draft documents regarding the Board’s 2015 Annual Report at the next meeting.

#### **Discussion and Consideration of Trainee Evaluation and Licensing Issues.**

- On behalf of the Trainee Evaluation Committee (TEC) Commissioner Mayer stated that the TEC unanimously reports that Captain David Henderson has successfully completed all shipboard sections of his Training Program Agreement as detailed in its letter to the Board dated June 14, 2016. Captain Henderson is scheduled for PPU Training in early July. Motion: Mayer/Thompson – accept the report from the TEC that Captain Henderson has successfully completed all of the shipboard requirements of his Training Program and the Board has conducted a thorough review and discussion concerning all of his training records during Closed Session – Carried.
- Commissioner Mayer gave a status report on Capt. Rounds’ training program stating he had just a few trips left to complete and recommends him for PPU training along with Capt. Henderson; the Board concurred.
- Motion: Mayer/Kirtley – provide a one-time stipend increase of up to \$2400 for PPU training for Captains Henderson and Rounds – Carried.

- Captain David Surface – Motion: Stewart/Morrell – Terminate Captain David Surface's Grays Harbor Training Program and remove him from pilot training based on WAC 363-116-078(14) (e) and (h) – Carried. Commissioner Kiley stated that his vote was based on Captain Surface's own admission that he lacked the ability to maintain focus and situational awareness. Commissioner Mayer stated that the TEC's recommendation was based on the kind and number of interventions requiring basic shiphandling skills. Commissioner Adams added that he believed Captain Surface was provided a long and fair training program. Commissioner Kirtley concurred with Commissioners Kiley, Mayer and Adams' comments.
- Captain Al Furst will come before the Board in Closed Session on July 21, 2016.

**Activity Reports.** Jordan Royer representing Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, Gary Nelson representing the Port of Grays Harbor, Captain David Grobschmit representing Puget Sound Pilots, Lou Paulsen representing The Northwest Seaport Alliance, and Paul Tramm representing the USCG Sector Puget Sound offered current and projected statistical data as well as updates on current maritime activities.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of Pilot License Upgrade Programs.** Captain Jamie Galvin is nearing completion of his second license year and Captain Fred Engstrom is nearing completion of his fourth license year. Motion: Mayer/Adams - approve the license upgrade programs for Captains Galvin and Engstrom as drafted by the TEC – Carried.

**Consideration of Request for Vessel Exemption:**

**Sailing Yacht TAMSEN** – 172', 463 gt, Cayman Islands registry, Capts John Zamir & Richard Catlett  
Motion: Adams/Morrell – concur with Chair's granting of a three-month exemption – Carried.

**Motor Yacht STAMPEDE** – 117', 191 gt, Marshall Islands registry, Captain Keenan Allen  
Motion: Adams/Morrell – concur with Chair's granting of a one-year exemption – Carried.

**Motor Yacht ANNASTAR** – 164', 492 gt, Cayman Islands registry, Captain Robert Loveall  
Motion: Adams/Morrell – grant an annual renewal of exemption – Carried.

**Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: *BARDU, 5-19-16***

South of Browns Point, Tacoma	Loss of propulsion was caused by a complete electrical blackout and loss of main engine. The vessel was returned to anchor at Tacoma.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion</u> : Marmol/Kiley File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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**Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: *CMA CGM RHONE, 5-27-16***

Port Angeles, Inbound	Equipment malfunction was caused by fuel switching. Captain chose to order a third tug and the vessel was docked at the berth as a dead ship.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion</u> : Marmol/Kiley File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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**Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: *TTM HARMONY, 5-30-16***

Turning Basin to T-1, Grays Harbor	Loss of power was caused by equipment malfunction. Repairs were completed and the vessel proceeded to sea with no further abnormalities.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion</u> : Marmol/Kiley File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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**Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: *SOUTHERN HIGHWAY, 5-31-16***

South of Browns Point, Tacoma	Loss of steering and propulsion was caused by Emergency Fire Pump being started and stopped, triggering an emergency shutoff of all pumps. Steering and propulsion were restored and the vessel was cleared to continue.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion</u> : Marmol/Kiley File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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**Committee Reports.**

**Trainee Evaluation Committee:**

- The TEC met on June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Letters of invitation to begin training on October 1<sup>st</sup> will be sent to Captains Vestal & Kridler on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Legislative/WAC Committee:** A 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop was held on May 19<sup>th</sup> to further a preliminary draft of proposed WAC revisions.

**Exam Committee:** Simulator Evaluation reviews will be completed in late July with a final ranked list approved by the Board at the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Diversity Committee:** Letters of invitation to join the committee will be distributed soon.

**Creation of Tariff Committee:** Chair Tonn inquired if there was any interest in creating a tariff committee. CR-102 submittal deadlines were discussed for both Puget Sound (September) and Grays Harbor (August).

**Review of Pilot/Trainee Physical Examination Reports.** Motion: Marmol/Morrell - accept the physicians' reports for Captains G.D. Hurt, D.L. Shaffer, M.E. Blake, B.W. Bouma, D.A. Brouillard and I.J. Carlson for annual pilot license renewal – Carried. One PS pilot has been declared unfit for duty.

**Confirmation of Next Regular Meeting Dates.** The next regular meeting dates are set for July 21 and August 18, 2016.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Tonn adjourned the regular session Board meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Peggy Larson, Executive Director

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Sheri J. Tonn, Chair

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Edmund I. Kiley, Vice Chair

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Commissioner Charles F. Adams

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Commissioner Philip Morrell

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Commissioner J. Grant Stewart

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Commissioner Donald W. Mayer

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Commissioner Edmund Marmol

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Commissioner Eleanor Kirtley

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Commissioner Sara Thompson