

# MEETING MINUTES

## STATE OF WASHINGTON ~ BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

January 19, 2017

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was convened at 10:05 a.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 and Sara Thompson

Administration: Jaimie Bever, Shawna Erickson, Peggy Larson

Mike Moore: Pacific Merchant Shipping Association

Linda Styrk, Eric vonBrandenfels, Jostein Kalvoy, Bill Lowery, Joe Semler, Peter Giese: Puget Sound Pilots

Lou Paulsen: The Northwest Seaport Alliance

Mary Nelson: Port of Grays Harbor

Rod Myers: Pilot Trainee

David Melin: Pilot Applicant

Laird Hail: USCG VTS

Joe Raymond, Krysta Zangle: USCG

Jay Mooney, Beth Stowell, Bill Michael: Port Captains, Washington State Ferries

John Wright, Andrew Drennen: Polar Tankers

**Minutes.** Motion: Marmol/Kiley – approve the November 10, 2016 Minutes as written – Carried.

### **BPC Staff Report.**

- Senate Bill 5262 and House Bill 1409 concerning raising gross tonnage limitations on vessel exemptions for both yachts and passenger vessels were introduced yesterday by Senator Curtis King in the Senate and today by Representative Judy Clibborn in the House. Clipper Navigation has an interest in the bill as well as Northwest Marine Trade Association. The bill would raise the existing exemption limits for yachts from 750 GRT to 1,300 GRT and limitations on passenger vessels from 500 GRT to 1,300 GRT. Staff will track the bill to see when the first hearing will be.
- Peggy Larson introduced new Puget Sound Pilots President Eric vonBrandenfels.
- The Senate Transportation Committee has invited Commissioners Mayer, Kiley and Kirtley to attend Confirmation Hearings in Olympia on either January 30, 31 or February 1. They have also requested a briefing by Chair Tonn on Board activities and its diversity plan.
- Captain Mike Blake has resigned from the TEC. Captain John Scragg, who has already been on the TEC for several months, is his replacement.
- Amy Scarton, the new Assistant Secretary of Washington State Ferries, will replace Lynne Griffith as the Board's statutory chair on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Sheri Tonn serves as the Chair's designee.
- Peggy Larson announced that her target retirement date is July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Jaimie Bever informed the Board they will be required to take two procurement training courses in order for the agency to receive renewed procurement authority. The target is March 1<sup>st</sup> for completion of the courses.
- Shawna Erickson advised of corrections and changes to statistical data spreadsheets. There is still difficulty in getting consistent statistical data from Puget Sound Pilots. Staff will continue working with PSP.

### **BPC Chair Report.**

- Chair Tonn has been working with State HR services regarding possible re-classification of the three staff members.
- Chair Tonn welcomed Eric vonBrandenfels and thanked Captain David Grobschmit for his work as the previous president of PSP.

**Activity Reports.** Eric vonBrandenfels and Linda Styrk representing Puget Sound Pilots, Lou Paulsen representing The Northwest Seaport Alliance, Mike Moore representing Pacific Merchant Shipping Association and Mary Nelson representing the Port of Grays Harbor offered current and projected statistical data as well as updates on current maritime activities. Krysta Zangle introduced herself as the Port Safety Control Branch Chief for USCG Sector Puget Sound.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Letter from PSP Pilot Captain Neil Kelleher:** Captain Kelleher submitted a letter of explanation to the Board after he was assigned and piloted a vessel that was above his license level. The issue was with the Agent who did not notify dispatch there was product on the vessel Captain Kelleher was piloting. Chair Tonn expressed gratitude to the pilot for submitting the letter, which will be filed with the Board.

**Approval of Pilot License Upgrade Program.** Captain Eric Lichty is nearing completion of his third license year. Motion: Mayer/Kiley – approve the license upgrade program for Captain Lichty as drafted by the TEC – Carried.

**Consideration of Licensure of PSPD Pilot Candidates.**

- Motion: Mayer/Marmol - the TEC finds that Captain David Henderson is suitable for licensing pending completion of his federal pilotage requirements – Carried.
- Motion: Mayer/Kiley – the TEC finds that Captain Chris Rounds is suitable for licensing when a position becomes available – Carried.

**Consideration of Request for Vessel Exemption:**

**Motor Yacht *PLAYPEN*** – 142’, 395gt, Marshall Islands registry, Captain James Southgate  
Motion: Marmol/Kiley – grant a one-year exemption – Carried.

**Motor Yacht *AURORA*** – 105’, 414gt, Cayman Islands, Captain Jake Roush  
Motion: Mayer/Adams - Defer to the Chair to grant a one-year exemption once staff receives a copy of the captain’s full license, new Cayman Islands Registry, and crew list – Carried.

**Pilot’s Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: *HERMA P, 11-1-16***

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| Port Angeles, Inbound | Crane arm was down on berth #1. Vessel had a close call with the crane while transiting to berth #2. | Near-Miss | <u>Motion:</u><br>Marmol/Thompson<br>File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried. |
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**Pilot’s Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: *HYUNDAI MERCURY, 11-5-16***

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| Tacoma, Outbound to Seattle | Equipment malfunction caused a loss of propulsion. The problem was not identified or fixed. The vessel was anchored and the pilot went ashore. | Navigational Safety Concern | <u>Motion:</u><br>Marmol/Thompson<br>File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried. |
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**Pilot’s Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: *APL GWANGYANG, 11-13-16***

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| Tacoma, Inbound | Equipment malfunction was a faulty bow thruster. The pilot completed docking controlling the bow with a tug. | Navigational Safety Concern | <u>Motion:</u><br>Marmol/Thompson<br>File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried. |
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**Pilot’s Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: *SAKURA DREAM, 11-24-16***

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| Anacortes, Outbound to Port Angeles | Equipment malfunction was caused by a faulty starting air system. The pilot was able to anchor the vessel, as planned. Repairs were completed and the vessel was underway after passing a Class inspection. | Navigational Safety Concern | <u>Motion:</u><br>Marmol/Thompson<br>File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried. |
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**Pilot’s Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: *CEMTEX INNOVATION, 12-19-16***

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| Seattle, Outbound | Equipment malfunction caused lack of propulsion. The problem was not identified or fixed. USCG directed the vessel to anchor at Smith Cove for Class inspection. The pilot departed. | Navigational Safety Concern | <u>Motion:</u><br>Marmol/Thompson<br>File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried. |
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**Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: *NORD MARU*, 12-21-16**

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| Grays Harbor, Terminal #2 | Equipment malfunction was due to a tug line parting when docking. The tug operator replaced the line and the vessel docked without further issues. | Navigational Safety Concern | <u>Motion:</u><br>Marmol/Thompson<br>File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried. |
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**Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: *STI FONTVIELLE*, 12-24-16**

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| Port Angeles, Underway | Equipment malfunction caused a lack of propulsion. A fuel filter replacement was necessary. The vessel was re-anchored in preparation of the repairs. | Navigational Safety Concern | <u>Motion:</u><br>Marmol/Thompson<br>File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried. |
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**Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: *MATSON TACOMA*, 1-4-17**

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| Tacoma, Outbound | Equipment malfunction was caused by an exhaust leak in main engine cylinder #2. The vessel was anchored with tug assistance and the engine was repaired. The tug was released and the vessel proceeded to Port Angeles. | Navigational Safety Concern | <u>Motion:</u><br>Marmol/Thompson<br>File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried. |
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**Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: *WESTWOOD PACIFIC*, 1-11-17**

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| Tacoma, Inbound | Equipment malfunction caused by circuit breaker failure resulted in loss of power that involved loss of steering, radars, and rudder angle indicator. The vessel was anchored until a tug arrived to provide escort services to Seattle Harbor. | Near-Miss | <u>Motion:</u><br>Marmol/Thompson<br>File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried. |
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**Pilot's Report of Incident: PS Pilot Giese with 2<sup>nd</sup> Pilot Anthony – *EVER LIVING*, 11-10-16**

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| Tacoma, Blair Waterway | The vessel made a routine passage from the PCT berth, through the Blair Waterway and on to Port Angeles. Later, the Zim Rotterdam which was moored at the WUT reported damage to its gangway. It was reported that the tension winches were not being used when the Ever Living passed by which was the Zim's practice when alongside berths that are sheltered from ocean surges. |  | <u>Motion:</u> Mayer/Marmol<br>File as Incident with damage and no pilot error – Carried. |
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**Training Program Evaluation Update.** Chair Tonn gave a powerpoint presentation on this project and provided a detailed overview of the committee's scope of work. The Board's consultant, Dr. Norman Hertz will attend our next Board meeting in February. A Train-the-Trainer Course will be offered in both March and April, which will include diversity and equity training. Implementation of the new training program will begin on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Committee Reports.**

**Trainee Evaluation Committee:**

- The TEC met on January 17<sup>th</sup>
- Training Program progress was reviewed for all current trainees: Captains Henderson, Rounds, Hunter, Myers, Vestal and Kridler. Captain Myers attended the meeting.
- Motion: Marmol/Stewart – authorize Captain Rod Myers to attend PPU training which includes a one-time increase to his stipend of up to \$2400 – Carried.
- Motion: Marmol/Stewart – authorize Captain Phil Hunter to attend PPU training which includes a one-time increase to his stipend of up to \$2400 – Carried.
- Motion: Mayer/Marmol – issue the first candidate from the 2016 Exam waiting list a letter of invitation for commencement of training on May 1<sup>st</sup> – Carried.

**Legislative/WAC Committee:**

- Chuck Adams met with the BPC Chair and staff in December and will be coordinating with USCG officials concerning the current nomenclature of federal MM documents.

**Diversity Committee:**

- The Committee has a meeting scheduled for next Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Training Program Evaluation Committee:**

- Committee work is slated for completion in February.

**Review of Pilot/Trainee Physical Examination Reports.** Motion: Mayer/Kiley - accept the physicians' reports for Captains G.P. Thoreson, A.J. Newman, W.M. Carley, R.M. White, J.T. Kearns, G.R. Wildes, M.J. Shuler and J.T. Scoggins for annual pilot license renewal.

**Confirmation of Next Regular Meeting Dates.** The next regular meeting dates are set for February 16, 2017 and March 16, 2017. Due to the limited number of commissioners available to attend the February 16, 2017 Board meeting, the meeting will be rescheduled. Staff will work with Board members to select a new date.

**VTS Debrief – Captain of the Port, Joe Raymond, USCG and Captain Laird Hail, (ret.) USCG.** A video and audio commentary was presented to the Board concerning the cruise ship Regatta and the WSF M/V Tacoma in the vicinity of Pier 52, Seattle in July, 2016. This was brought to the Board's attention as an educational tool from a Lessons Learned experience.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Tonn adjourned the regular session Board meeting at 1:35 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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