

MEETING MINUTES

STATE OF WASHINGTON ~ BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

July 21, 2016

CLOSED SESSION – Call to Order

A Closed Session of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was convened from 12:35 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Agate Conference Room, 2901 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington to consider matters relative to trainee evaluation and licensing issues. In attendance were Commissioners Tonn, Kiley, Adams, Mayer, Marmol, Morrell (by phone), Stewart (by phone), Kirtley (at 12:50 p.m.) and Thompson; and BPC staff Jaimie Bever, Shawna Erickson and Peggy Larson. Commissioners Stewart, Kirtley and Thompson were excused during the last ten minutes of discussion.

REGULAR MEETING - Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was convened at 1:05 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 (by phone), Grant Stewart (by phone),
Don Mayer, Ed Marmol, Eleanor Kirtley, Sara Thompson

Administration: Jaimie Bever, Shawna Erickson, Peggy Larson

Jordan Royer, Mike Moore: Pacific Merchant Shipping Association

Linda Styrk, Eric Klapperich, Ivan Carlson: Puget Sound Pilots

Lou Paulsen: The Northwest Seaport Alliance

James Thompson: Washington Public Ports Association

Mary Nelson: Port of Grays Harbor

Mauri Shuler: Public

SeaAnna Smith, Paul Tramm, Kira Moody: USCG Sector Puget Sound

Minutes. Commissioner Kiley requested a correction to his statement concerning the termination of Captain Surface's training program. Motion: Mayer/Adams – approve the June 16, 2016 minutes with the correction to Commissioner Kiley's statement – Carried.

BPC Staff Report.

- Work is underway in preparation of tariff hearings scheduled for late fall.

BPC Chair Report.

- Chair Tonn is working to update the Annual Report format and content.

Activity Reports. Guest speaker James Thompson representing Washington Public Ports Association, Mary Nelson representing the Port of Grays Harbor, Linda Styrk representing Puget Sound Pilots, Mike Moore representing Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, and Paul Tramm representing the USCG Sector Puget Sound offered current and projected statistical data as well as updates on current maritime activities. Paul Tramm introduced Kira Moody as the new USCG Chief of Investigations.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Pilot License Upgrade Programs. Captains Tom Coryell and Brian Jensen are nearing completion of their third and second license years respectively. Motion: Mayer/Kiley - approve the license upgrade programs for Captains Coryell and Jensen as drafted by the TEC – Carried.

Consideration of Request for Vessel Exemption:

Motor Yacht VIRGINIA DEL MAR – 121', 341 gt, Cayman Islands registry, Captain Keith Talasek
Motion: Adams/Thompson – concur with Chair's granting of a one-year exemption – Carried.

Motor Yacht ARROWHEAD – 115', 193 gt, Marshall Islands registry, Captain Michael St. Pierre
Motion: Adams/Thompson – concur with Chair's granting of an annual renewal – Carried.

Sailing Yacht JANICE OF WYOMING – 130', 198 gt, Cayman Islands registry, Captain Chris Wilson
Motion: Adams/Thompson – grant a three-month exemption – Carried.

Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: WESTWOOD PACIFIC, 6-16-16

Pier 3, Tacoma	Loss of power was caused by a governor mismatch. The vessel was anchored until the engine was able to be restarted.	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: OCEAN VENTURE, 6-20-16

Inbound to T-2, Grays Harbor	Tug line defect led to parted line. The vessel was docked without incident and the line was replaced before the next job.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion:</u> Marmol/Kiley File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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Pilot's Report of Incident: PS Pilot Harris – BRITISH COUNCILLOR, 7-9-16

Alongside Intalco Dock, Ferndale	Damage to northerly fender pad in the form of two bolts shearing and deformation of steel structure.	<u>Motion:</u> Kiley/Adams Defer to next meeting in order to gather more information regarding extent of damage – Carried.	
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2015 BPC Annual Report Status. Chair Tonn gave an update on the status of the 2015 Annual Report.

Tariff Process Discussion. A draft timetable for Grays Harbor Pilotage District tariff document submission was reviewed. Motion: Adams/Thompson – approve the submittal schedule as proposed – Carried. The 2016 GHPD tariff hearing will be held October 20th. A draft timetable for Puget Sound Pilotage District tariff document submission was reviewed. Motion: Mayer/Adams – approve the submittal schedule as proposed subject to amendment at the next Board meeting – Carried. The 2016 PSPD tariff hearing is scheduled for November 10th. There was discussion concerning the Board's "petition-based tariff setting process" that is currently being used to set rates. Former AAG and Board member Chuck Adams gave an overview of this process.

Committee Reports.

Trainee Evaluation Committee:

- The TEC met on July 19th.
- Training Program progress was reviewed for all current trainees: Captains Henderson, Rounds, Hunter and Myers.
- Captain Furst does not currently have medical clearance to continue training at this time.
- 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 including PPU Training. Motion: Mayer/Thompson - the TEC finds that Captain David Henderson is suitable for licensing pending completion of his federal pilotage requirements – Carried.
- The Board conducted a thorough review and discussion concerning all of Captain Chris Rounds' training records during Closed Session. On behalf of the Trainee Evaluation Committee (TEC) Commissioner Mayer stated that the TEC unanimously reports that Captain Rounds has successfully completed all shipboard sections of his Training Program Agreement including PPU Training as detailed in its letter to the Board dated July 19, 2016. Motion: Mayer/Kiley – the TEC finds that Captain Chris Rounds is suitable for licensing pending completion of his federal pilotage requirements – Carried.
- Both Captains Vestal & Kridler have accepted their invitation to begin training on October 1st.

Legislative/WAC Committee: Committee Chair, Chuck Adams, cautioned the Board about the consolidation and reorganization approach to making WAC amendments. Because we have so many cross-referenced rules, the process gets very complicated.

Exam Committee: Simulator Evaluation reviews will be completed next week and a final ranked list of successful candidates will be approved and announced by the Board at the August 18th meeting.

Diversity Committee: Letters of invitation to join the committee have been distributed with good results. The first meeting will be held in August.

Review of Pilot/Trainee Physical Examination Reports. Motion: Mayer/Kiley - accept the physicians' reports for Captains S.E. Mork, B.F. Henshaw, J.P. Bujacich, S.T. Coleman, D.W. Mayer, J.C. Scragg, M.L. Anthony and P.A. Giese for annual pilot license renewal; and direct staff to make follow-up requests with two other pilots regarding their physicians' recommendations – Carried. Captain E.C. Lichty continues on medical leave as well as Captain E.A. Furst.

Public Comments. Captain Eric Klapperich, on behalf of Puget Sound Pilots, reported that the rock retrieval project in the Hylebos Waterway has restored the 23-foot waterway unrestricted depth and allowed PSP to remove their guideline amendment dated 3/25/16. PSP will again be using 26.6 feet as the least depth when calculating under-keel clearances for deep draft ships.

Confirmation of Next Regular Meeting Dates. The next regular meeting dates are set for August 18 and September 15, 2016.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Tonn adjourned the regular session Board meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Larson, Executive Director

Sheri J. Tonn, Chair

Edmund I. Kiley, Vice Chair

Commissioner Charles F. Adams

Commissioner Philip Morrell

Commissioner J. Grant Stewart

Commissioner Donald W. Mayer

Commissioner Edmund Marmol

Commissioner Eleanor Kirtley

Commissioner Sara Thompson