



STATE OF WASHINGTON

BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

Winter 2019

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

Announcements

2018 Exam Update

The 2018 Washington State Marine Pilot Exam was held in Seattle on November 5, 2018. Of the twenty-eight qualified applicants who took the written portion of the exam, twenty moved on to the simulator evaluation. The result was sixteen successful applicants who now comprise a ranked list and await an invitation to be called in the pilot training program. The ranked list of successful applicants, identified by name, will be available on the BPC website after the January 17, 2019 meeting.

The Board wishes to extend a huge thank you, again, to all those who helped make the 2018 Exam possible, especially the volunteer pilots and the Exam Committee who put in numerous hours towards this effort.

**We couldn't have done it
without you!**

Big Changes at the Pilotage Commission

At the November 7th regular monthly meeting of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners, Chair Tonn announced that Commissioner Grant Stewart, the BPC's foreign-flagged shipping representative, would retire from his position at the end of the year. Commissioner Stewart has been with the BPC since 2012. He has helped inform many important decisions with his industry expertise.

The retirement of Commissioner Stewart wasn't the only change the new year brought. We also bade farewell to our long-time public member Chuck Adams. Commissioner Adams had been a BPC member since 2009. Prior to membership, he was our assistant attorney general from 1994-2000. His institutional knowledge of BPC operations has guided us in carrying out our mission of maintaining efficient and competent pilotage service in Washington waters.

We wish Commissioners Stewart and Adams all the best and thank them for their outstanding service to the Board of Pilotage Commissioners and to the State of Washington!

The Governor's Office appointed replacements for these two important seats. Captain Henrik (Rik) Krombeen, Sr. Director of Marine Operations for Holland American Group, was appointed to fill the seat as the Board's foreign-flagged shipping representative. As a member of the BPC's Fatigue Management Committee, Captain Krombeen is already familiar with the some of the operations of the Board.

Pilotage Commission Changes Cont'd

Former Port of Tacoma CEO, Timothy J. Farrell, was appointed to the seat of public representative. Mr. Farrell comes to the BPC with extensive knowledge of and experience in the maritime industry and will be valuable addition to the team.

Welcome Commissioners Krombeen and Farrell to the Board of Pilotage Commissioners!



Captain Rik Krombeen
Photo courtesy of hollandamerican.com



Timothy J. Farrell
Photo courtesy of turningpointfunds.com

Women on the Water Conference

BPC Chair, Sheri Tonn, attended the Women on the Water conference at Maine Maritime Academy November 1st - 3rd. She was joined on a piloting panel by recently licensed Puget Sound pilot and Maine Maritime graduate Captain Sandy Bendixen as well as retired, active, and aspiring pilots from around the country.



From left: Moderator Gretel Williams, Capt. Lindsay Price, pilot aspirant, Capt. Deb Dempsey, retired Columbia River Bar pilot, Capt. Sandy Bendixen, Puget Sound pilot, Sheri Tonn, BPC Chair, and Capt. Michael Tolley, Columbia River Bar pilot.
Photo courtesy of Maine Maritime Academy

BPC at Salish Sea Shared Waters Forum

In early October, BPC Executive Director, Jaimie Bever (third from right above) represented the Board on a panel regarding regulatory authority at the Salish Sea Shared Waters Forum in Bellingham, WA. BPC Chair, Sheri Tonn, who was in attendance as well, described the event as being "well attended with cross-boarder representation, including NGOs and First Nations." Learn more about the forum at the Pacific States/British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force webpage.



Panel on regulatory authority as oil moves inland to marine waters.
Photo Credit: John Duffy

DISTRICT SNAPSHOTS



Puget Sound

Retirements:

No pilots officially retired in October, November or December of 2018.

License Upgrades to Unlimited:

Captain Tom Coryell – 12/13/2018

Congratulations, Captain Coryell!

Training Program:

Currently in training are Captains Keith Kridler, Ken Grieser, Travis McGrath, Pat Ninburg, Adam Seamans, David Melin, Matt Miller, Trevor Bozina, Pete Velarde and Joe Siddell.

Captains Travis McGrath and Adam Seamans are transitioning to the Evaluation Phase of their programs.

Keep up the great work!

Grays Harbor



Training Program:

The Port of Grays Harbor looks forward to starting a trainee in the pilot training program in early 2019. Invitations will be considered at the January 17th BPC meeting.

Loss of a Leader



Photo courtesy of the Port of Grays Harbor

The BPC extends its deepest sympathy to the Port of Grays Harbor for the sudden loss of long-time Port Commissioner Jack Thompson in early October 2018.