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BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

Spring 2018

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

MARINE PILOT EXAM

The exam is scheduled for
November 5, 2018.

Please visit

www.pilotage.wa.gov

for additional information.

NEW NAME FOR THE BPC QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Many thanks to retired Puget
Sound pilot Captain Peter Giese
for the recommendation!

WA PILOTAGE HIGHLIGHTED IN PACIFIC MARITIME MAGAZINE

Check out a Q&A about
marine pilots in the
April edition of PMM

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Women in Maritime Leadership

BPC Chair, Sheri Tonn, moderated a session, "Piloting: It's for you!", at CalMaritime's Women in Maritime Leadership Conference in Vallejo, CA held March 2-3. Maritime academy cadets from all over the country, high school students, as well as alumni and various maritime industry representatives were present. The panel included pilots from Washington, Oregon and California. The session had an impressive turnout! The following day, pilot aspirants held a panel, "Their Paths to Pilotage", which provided valuable information on the different routes to pilotage. Overall, pilotage was a major topic of interest at the conference!



Picture above from left to right: Captain Andy Murray, San Francisco Bar Pilots, Captain Anne McIntyre, Columbia River Pilots, Captain Eric vonBrandenfels, Puget Sound Pilots, and Sheri Tonn, WA State Board of Pilotage Commissioners. Not pictured: Captain Debbie Dempsey, Columbia River Bar Pilots, retired



New Cranes for the Port of Tacoma

On Friday, February 23rd, 2018 Puget Sound Pilots, Captains John Harris and Gordon Wildes, piloted the vessel *ZHEN HUA 28* carrying 4 of the West Coast's largest container cranes, to be delivered to Husky Terminal at the Port of Tacoma. The Port expects 4 additional cranes to be delivered in 2019 as a part of terminal improvements allowing the terminal to accommodate two 18,000 TEU vessels at a time.



Photo Credit: The Northwest Seaport Alliance

Legislative Update

On March 15th, Governor Inslee signed into law Substitute Senate Bill 6519, which transferred the BPC's tariff setting responsibility to the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC). The bill goes into effect on July 1, 2019. The BPC has set tariff rates for Washington's Pilotage Districts since the inception of the commission, in 1935. We plan to work closely with the UTC to ensure that our mission of safe pilotage is properly incorporated into the UTC's rate setting process.

DISTRICT SNAPSHOTS



Puget Sound

Retirements:

There were no retirements in January, February, or March.

License Upgrades to Unlimited:

Captain Bud Carley – 1/10/18

Captain Bill Lowery – 2/11/18

Great job and congratulations!

Training Program:

Currently in training are Captains Keith Kridler, Sandy Bendixen, Ken Grieser, Travis McGrath, Pat Ninburg, and Adam Seamans. Captains David Melin, Matt Miller, and Trevor Bozina will begin training on 05/01/2018.

Captain Bendixen recently began the final phase of her training program.

Keep up the good work!

Grays Harbor



Training Program:

Grays Harbor is seeking candidates with the 2018 Exam.

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