



STATE OF WASHINGTON

## BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

Winter 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.*

# BPC QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## Announcements

### *MARINE PILOT EXAM*

The exam has been scheduled for November 5, 2018. Please visit [www.pilotage.wa.gov](http://www.pilotage.wa.gov) for additional information.

### *NEW COMMISSIONERS*

The Board has two new pilot commissioners. Captains John Scragg and Mike Anthony were appointed by Governor Inslee on January 19, 2018. Welcome John and Mike!

### *WOMEN IN MARITIME LEADERSHIP*

BPC Chair, Sheri Tonn, will moderate a panel titled Pilotage: It's for You! at CalMaritime's Women in Maritime Leadership conference March 2-3 in Vallejo, CA. The panel will include pilots from Washington, Oregon, and California. Additional details can be found at <https://www.csum.edu/web/diversity/wml>

### *The 150th Anniversary of the Pilotage Act*

On Tuesday, January 23rd, 2018 the Board of Pilotage Commissioners celebrated Maritime Day in Olympia. The day's events were followed by an evening reception where Maritime Sector Lead, Joshua Berger, read Governor Inslee's Proclamation proclaiming January 30th, 2018 the 150th Anniversary of Washington State's Pilotage Act.



*Pictured above, left to right were: Capt. Mike Moore, PMSA\*, Sheri Tonn, Pilotage Commission Chair, Linda Styrk, Puget Sound Pilots Executive Director, Capt. Eric vonBrandenfels, Puget Sound Pilots President, Joshua Berger, Governor's Maritime Sector Lead, Eleanor Kirtley, Pilotage Commissioner, Capt. Michael Anthony, Pilotage Commissioner, Jaimie Bever, Pilotage Commission Executive Director, and Jordan Royer, PMSA\* (\*Pacific Merchant Shipping Association)*



## *Changes to Commission Membership*

At the January 18, 2018 the Board bade farewell to pilot commissioners Captains Don Mayer and Ed Marmol. Captain Mayer was appointed to the Board in 2010 and served as Trainee Evaluation Committee Chair. Captain Marmol was appointed in 2013. Both Captains were very active in multiple Board committees as well as provided investigative reports for Marine Safety Occurrences and Incidents. The Board acknowledges and is grateful for the excellent work and contributions of these two pilots. Both will continue to be active in various Board committees. Thank you Don and Ed!



*Captain Don Mayer*



*Captain Ed Marmol*

## *Pilot Recognition in Response to Tsunami*

Washington State Senator Curtis King recognized and thanked Washington's pilots at the Senate Transportation Committee's January 23, 2018 Public Hearing for their emergency response to the 7.9 magnitude earthquake in Alaska, which triggered tsunami warnings on Washington's coastal waters. The pilots quickly and effectively repositioned numerous vessels in preparation for a tsunami. The warning was later rescinded.

### **PILOTAGE DISTRICT** **SNAPSHOTS**



#### ***Puget Sound***

#### **2017 Retirements:**

Captain Stuart Mork — 7/04/2017  
Captain Mike Blake — 7/12/2017  
Captain Peter Giese — 10/12/2017  
Captain Vic Engstrom — 11/28/2017  
Captain Gary Hurt — 12/01/2017

***Much gratitude to these pilots for their outstanding service to the state of Washington!***

#### **Training Program:**

Currently training are Captains Keith Kridler, Sandy Bendixen, and Ken Grieser.

Captains Travis McGrath, Adam Seamans, and Pat Ninburg will begin training on 02/01/2018.

3 trainees will be called up to begin training on 05/01/2018.

#### ***Grays Harbor***



#### **Training Program:**

1 trainee will be called up to begin training 05/01/2018