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BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

Spring 2020

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

Puget Sound Licensure!

Congratulations to our newest Puget Sound pilot, Captain Trevor Bozina! Captain Bozina received Washington State Pilot License #208 at the January 16, 2020 meeting.



BPC Chair Sheri Tonn (left) congratulates Captain Bozina (right) on his licensure.



Captain Bozina's parents, wife, and children were in attendance for this important milestone.

COVID-19 Impacts on Pilotage

In addition to many other industries, the maritime industry has been greatly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. From cargo to passenger vessels, the effects of the pandemic are fierce and unimaginable. Washington State licensed pilots are considered [Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers](#), per Governor Inslee's March 23, 2020 [Stay Home-Stay Healthy Proclamation 20-25](#). Puget Sound Pilots President, Captain Eric vonBrandenfels, recently spoke to KIRO Radio about how pilots are currently operating. To read/hear, click below:



[Puget Sound Pilots keep cargo and passengers moving during pandemic](#)

Puget Sound Pilots were founded in 1935, but official "pilotage" of vessels in Washington dates to the 1860s; this is the steamship "Santa Rosa" arriving on the Seattle waterfront on December 18 ...

Courtesy of www.mynorthwest.com

The Board continues to operate with staff mostly working remotely. At a special public phone meeting on March 20, 2020, the Board adopted Emergency WAC language to address COVID-19 effects on the Pilot Training Program. Information regarding the adopted language can be found on our website [here](#). Our website also contains additional information regarding safety procedures, Personal Health Declarations for both pilots and pilot trainees, as well as USCG updates regarding procedures and credentialing. Be safe, be well, and rest assured that pilots are working hard to keep vessels moving to and from Washington's waters.

The Board has issued a Request For Proposals (RFP) for the 2021 Marine Pilot Exam. The RFP can be found [here](#).

Save the Date and Achieve the Dream

2021 WA Marine Pilot Exam
Target Date: April 6, 2021



<https://pilotage.wa.gov/exam-information.html>



Photo credit: Puget Sound Pilots

OTSC Update

The Board's Oil Transportation Safety Committee (OTSC) has had two meetings now, and is making good progress toward implementing the directives of ESHB 1578 *Reducing threats to southern resident killer whales by improving the safety of oil transportation*. Information about OTSC membership and Meeting Minutes can be found on our website [here](#).

Ecology Representative Changes

Department of Ecology Director Laura Watson appointed Ecology's Spills Program Manager Dale Jensen to the Board as the Ecology representative effective April 1, 2020. Dale replaces Vessel and Oil Transfer Unit Supervisor Sara



Thompson, who started her term with the Board February 1, 2016. Sara has been an incredible asset to the Board. We are pleased that she will continue to participate in several Board committees. Dale previously served on the Board as Ecology's representative and we welcome him back!

Cal Maritime's WIML Conference

For the 4th year in a row, the BPC was present at California Maritime Academy's Women in Maritime Leadership conference. One thing we appreciate about this conference is that male cadets are encouraged to and do attend. It's important for future male maritime leaders to be equipped with the understanding and the tools to support an inclusive workforce. Conferences like this one provide valuable information for aspiring mariners.



Chair Tonn describes the pathway to pilotage to a Cal Maritime cadet.

BPC on Social Media

The BPC is now on Instagram! Our social media accounts are a great way to stay connected with cadets, aspiring pilots, organizations, and the maritime community. We plan to use these accounts to provide information about the 2021 marine pilot exam as well as other BPC initiatives, news about pilotage, and our Board. Follow us on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and now [Instagram](#).

DISTRICT SNAPSHOTS



Puget Sound

Retirements:

There were no retirements in January, February, or March of 2020.

License Upgrades to Unlimited:

There were no license upgrades in January, February, or March of 2020.

Licensure

Captain Trevor Bozina

Congratulations!

Training Program:

Currently in training are Captains Matt Miller, Pete Velarde, Joe Siddell, Matt Hannuksela, Neil McGourty, Severin Knutsen, Ryan Gartner, Eric Michael. Welcome to Nick Moore, Andrew Stewart and Robert Ekelmann, who began training on March 1, 2020.

Captain McGourty is transitioning to the Evaluation Phase of his program.

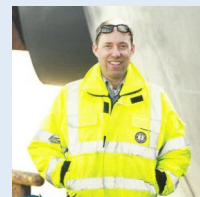
Keep up the great work!

Grays Harbor



Training Program:

Currently in training is Captain Forest McMullen.



Captain Forest McMullen was recently highlighted in the Port's 2019 Business Report. Photo courtesy of the Port of Grays Harbor.

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