

MEETING MINUTES

STATE OF WASHINGTON ~ BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS April 19, 2018

REGULAR MEETING - Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was convened at 10:05 a.m. by Chair Sheri Tonn in the Rainier Conference Room, 2901 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Present:

Chair: Sheri Tonn Vice Chair: Ned Kiley

Commissioners: Chuck Adams, Mike Anthony, John Scragg, Grant Stewart, Phil Morrell and Sara Thompson

Assistant Attorney General: Albert Wang

Administration: Jaimie Bever, Shawna Erickson, Jolene Hamel

Linda Styrk, Ivan Carlson, and Eric vonBrandenfels: Puget Sound Pilots

Peter Giese: Retired Puget Sound Pilots

Mary Nelson: Port of Grays Harbor (via phone)

Lou Paulsen: The Northwest Seaport Alliance

Peter Mann: Puget Sound Pilotage District trainee aspirant

Jason Mihok: Clipper Navigation

Monique Webber: Pacific Yacht Management

Andrew Drennen: Polar Tankers

Minutes. Motion: Scragg/Morrell – approve the March 15, 2018 Minutes as written with the removal of the line “Commissioner Adams suggested a revision to the definition of an ATB in regards to safety.” – Carried.

BPC Staff Report.

- Board Designated Physician, Dr. Ray Jarris, passed away on April 14, 2018. Dr. Jarris was recognized for his outstanding work in and commitment to the maritime community.
- Jaimie Bever attended the Puget Sound Harbor Safety Committee meeting on April 11th. Highlights included AIS usage, current whale reports, and upcoming Salish Sea forums.
- The BPC Pilotage Quarterly newsletter, Spring Edition, has been circulated and is available on the Board website. Story suggestions are welcome.
- The 2017 BPC Annual Report will be available for Board review at the July 19, 2018 meeting.
- Business cards are available for Board members.
- Board materials were posted to the BPC website. Reminder: the deadline is close of business on the Tuesday prior to the Board meeting.
- The Board reviewed statistical data regarding vessel traffic in both the Puget Sound and Grays Harbor Pilotage Districts.

BPC Chair Report.

- Chair Tonn attended the Salish Sea Ecosystem conference April 4-6 and commended Puget Sound Pilot Captain, and former Board Commissioner, Ed Marmol on his superb presentation during a piloting session.
- BPC Staff and Chair Tonn will be attending several meetings in the future. Chair Tonn extended an invitation to any Commissioner who would like to join them at: UTC on April 26th, Department of Ecology on May 2nd, Legislative Strategy with the WSF Legislation Liaison on May 10th, and OFM on May 21st.
- Chair Tonn had no updates regarding Board appointments.

Activity Reports. Linda Styrk and Captain Eric vonBrandenfels representing Puget Sound Pilots (PSP); Mary Nelson representing the Port of Grays Harbor; and Lou Paulsen representing The Northwest Seaport Alliance offered current and projected statistical data as well as updates on current maritime activities.

Puget Sound Pilots reported a possible pilot shortage due to upcoming retirements. There was discussion regarding the “comp day” cap and possibly suspending it for the time being.

The Board will provide the annual open letter to shipping regarding compulsory pilotage in Washington waters to Puget Sound Pilots for distribution.

Puget Sound Pilots will present their 2017 audited financials at the May 17, 2018 meeting. Their tax accountant will be present to help answer questions from the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Pilot License Upgrade Program for Captain Scott Coleman. Captain Coleman is nearing completion of his fourth license year. Motion: Scragg/Kiley – approve license upgrade program for Captain Coleman as drafted by the TEC – Carried.

2018 Legislative Update: Oil Transportation Safety Bill. Commissioner Thompson reiterated that the Board will be meeting with the Department of Ecology on May 2nd, which should provide more information about the Board’s role with the vessel safety study. There will be more to report at the May 17th meeting. The report is due to the Legislature in December.

Consideration of Statement of Policy Regarding: Payment of Stipends to Pilot Trainees.
Motion: Anthony/Adams– approve the draft Statement of Policy as written. – Carried.

Rule-Making: WAC 363-116-0751 Qualifications for pilot applicants. The Board is considering changes to the qualifications for pilot applicants to include a category for Articulated Tug Barge (ATB) and expansion of the qualification chart to include the substitutions listed in Section (2) of the WAC for the purposes of clarity, in preparation for future marine pilot exams.

Motion: Kiley/Thompson – approve the filing of the CR102 to update the language regarding qualifications for pilot applicants with a correction to the pilot sea service category – Carried.

Pilot’s Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: CAPE BASTIA, 03-10-18

Cherry Point BP South Berth	Fast running flood current caused movement on the shore gangway, stopped engine and it was brought inboard. The vessel proceeded to Vendovi Is without further issues.	<u>Motion:</u> - Kiley/Morrell File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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Pilot’s Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: MEDI KAZAHAYA, 03-16-18

Underway at Dolphin Point	Non-functioning Gryro-Compass. Repairs were completed and the vessel successfully anchored.	<u>Motion:</u> - Kiley/Morrell File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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Pilot’s Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: GREEN BAY, 03-17-18

Underway at Spring Beach	Faulty Fuel Line Gasket was leaking. The repairs were completed with the tug on station. The remainder of the transit was without any further issues.	<u>Motion:</u> - Kiley/Morrell File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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Pilot’s Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: BALAO, 03-18-18

Underway in Elliott Bay	Possible kayak protestors. After investigating, it was determined the kayakers did not intend to delay vessel and trip proceeded smoothly.	<u>Motion:</u> - Kiley/Morrell File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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The Board reviewed a video of a broken pilot ladder on the M/V CLARON. The MSO report will be reviewed at the May 17, 2018 meeting.

Consideration of Request for Vessel Exemption:

Motor Yacht VICTORIA CLIPPER/CLIPPER IV– 131’, 431 gt, Bahamas registry, Multiple Captains.
Motion: Kiley/Adams – Grant an annual exemption renewal – Carried.

Motor Yacht PICOSA LADY– 103’, 180 gt, Marshall Islands registry, Captain Nicholas Ocobock.
Motion: Thompson/Kiley – Grant an annual exemption renewal – Carried.

Motor Yacht HUNTRESS– 197’, 1218 gt, Cayman Islands registry, Captain Jeffrey Guymon.
Motion: Adams/Kiley – Grant an annual exemption for Port Angeles only – Carried.

Motor Yacht SOLAIA– 131’, 427 gt, Cayman Islands registry, Captains Boxshall & Dekker.
Motion: Adams/Thompson – Grant an annual exemption – Carried.

Motor Yacht TRITON– 163', 527 gt, Marshall Islands registry, Captain Paul Johns.

Motion: Kiley/Adams – Grant an annual exemption renewal – Carried.

Motor Yacht EL MIRAR II– 108', 204 gt, British Virgin Islands registry, Captain Paul Simon.

Motion: Adams/Stewart – Grant a 3 month exemption renewal – Carried.

Motor Yacht WOFANU– 47', 0 gt, German registry, Captain Knut Hildebrand.

Motion: Kiley/Adams – Grant an annual exemption renewal – Carried.

Motor Yacht FORTUNA STAR– 54', 44 gt, Channel Islands registry, Captain Peter Niederreiter.

Motion: Thompson/Stewart – Grant an annual exemption – Carried.

Committee Reports.

Trainee Evaluation Committee (TEC):

- The TEC met on April 17, 2018. Training Program progress was reviewed for all current trainees: Kridler, Bendixen, Grieser, McGrath, Ninburg and Seamans. There were no significant issues to report.
- 3 trainees will be starting on May 1st; Captains Melin, Miller, and Bozina. Training orientation will be held on April 23, 2018.

Legislative/WAC Committee:

- Commissioner Adams requested input regarding language revisions/reorganization for WAC 363-116-078 *Training Program*. The TEC will begin focusing on this WAC.

BPC/PSP Joint Diversity Committee (JDC):

- The next meeting is scheduled for May 29, 2018 at 1:00pm.
- Linda Styrk and Eric vonBrandenfels participated in Sound Day sponsored by the Maritime Youth Collaborative. It was very well attended and the kids were very excited for the opportunities presented. One of them was a future pilot aspirant who interviewed Captain vonBrandenfels regarding piloting.
- WSF will be present to brainstorm on possible partnerships with the Board to help expand the exam pipeline.

Exam Committee:

- The Board reviewed the latest draft of the exam contract with Progeny Systems Corporation.
Motion: Adams/Stewart – Staff will provide answers to questions indicated on the draft contract and allow one week (commencing when the email is sent) for Board questions and comments, at which time the Board approves Chair Tonn to finalize the contract with Progeny for the 2018 Exam if no issues arise – Carried.
- The pilot applicant fees for the 2018 exam will be reduced from the previous exam. It is anticipated to be \$3,900.00, which breaks down to \$400.00 for the application fee, \$1,500.00 for the written examination, \$2,000.00 for the simulation evaluation.

Fatigue Management Committee:

- The next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2018 from 9:00-11:00am.
- The committee will be looking at National Transportation Safety Board recommendations and policies in comparison to existing Board and pilot policies, and recommendations from Dr. Czeisler.

Commission Investigative Committee:

- The Committee members have received and are investigating information from other districts.

Review of Pilot/Trainee Physical Examination Reports.

Motion: Anthony/Morrell - approve the physicians' reports for Captains D.S. Anacker, N.T. Kelleher, J.E. Kalvoy for annual pilot license renewal, and Captain T.M. Bozina for initial trainee licensing – Carried.

Confirmation of Next Regular Meeting Dates. The next regular meeting dates are set for:

- May 17
- June 21

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Tonn adjourned the regular session Board meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaimie C. Bever, Executive Director

Sheri J. Tonn, Chair

Edmund I. Kiley, Vice Chair

Commissioner Charles F. Adams

Commissioner Philip Morrell

Commissioner J. Grant Stewart

Commissioner John Scragg

Commissioner Michael Anthony

Commissioner Eleanor Kirtley

Commissioner Sara Thompson