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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.

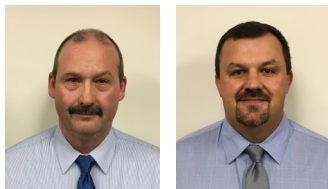
THE BPC PILOTAGE QUARTERLY

Announcements

Two More Puget Sound Licensures!

Welcome to our two newest Puget Sound pilots, Captains Matt Miller and Pete Velarde, who were licensed by the Board in April 2020! Unfortunately, the Board was not able to meet in person to acknowledge their accomplishments, but will plan to celebrate in person at a future date.

Congratulations, Captains!



ESHB 1578 Interpretive Statement and OTSC update

The Board's Oil Transportation Safety Committee (OTSC) has completed its first phase of work, which was to recommend definitions for ESHB 1578 terms via an Interpretive Statement and to identify geographic zones to inform the Department of Ecology's risk model per the directives of the 2019 legislation, ESHB 1578 *Reducing the risks to southern resident killer whales by improving the safety of oil transportation* (The Act). The Board adopted the [Interpretive Statement](#) at the June 18, 2020 regular meeting. At the upcoming July 16, 2020 regular meeting, the Board will consider the recommended geographic zones. Information about that meeting, including materials, can be found on our website at <https://pilotage.wa.gov/meetings.html>.

As of September 1, 2020, tug escorts will be required on tank vessels between 5,000 and 40,000 deadweight tons in Rosario Strait and connected waterways east. The Board will be hosting a webinar to explain the Interpretive Statement, provide information regarding next steps for ESHB 1578, concluding with a Q&A session. If you are interested in attending one of the two webinar sessions being offered, please register [here](#).



Vessels identified in ESHB 1578. From left, a 17,000 DWT oil tanker (photo by M.L. Jacobs), a Crowley ATB (photo courtesy of Crowley.com), and a towed oil barge (photo courtesy of Sause.com)

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

BPC Operations

The staff of the BPC continues to work remotely, taking turns to be in the office periodically. Public meetings of the Board and BPC committee meetings continue to occur virtually, per the Governor's orders. Despite the disruption, agency operations continue to run smoothly. Though a state agency, BPC is not one of the Governor's Cabinet nor Executive agencies and therefore is not required at this time to furlough under the Governor's recent orders.

If you need to come in to the office, please contact BPC staff at (206) 515-3904 or PilotageInfo@wsdot.wa.gov to schedule a time.

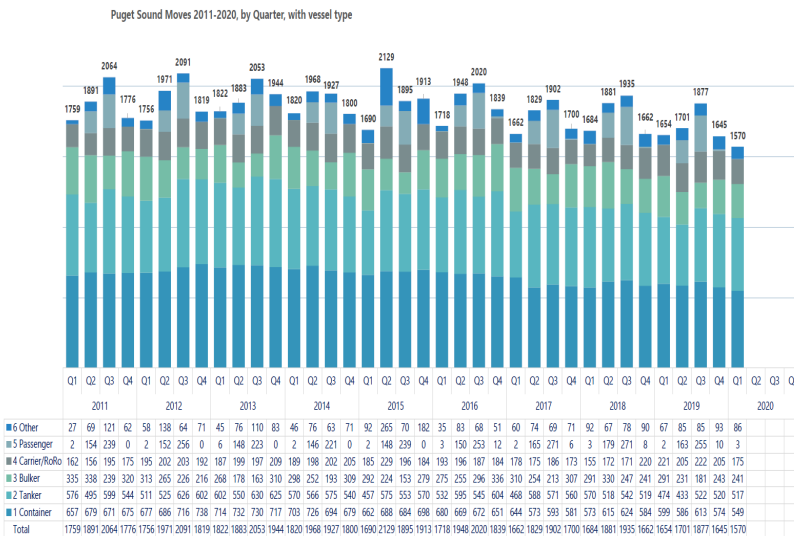
Piloting During a Pandemic

Puget Sound pilot, Captain Chris Rounds (right) and the crew of the PSARA I demonstrate safety precautions as they depart Port Angeles on their way to Cherry Point. Captain Rounds wears a mask representing the white and red of the pilot flag. Photo courtesy of Puget Sound Pilots.



PS Pilotage District Data Analysis

At the June 18, 2020 BPC meeting, the Board reviewed data regarding moves by vessel type prepared by BPC Program Analyst Bettina Maki. The data below will be updated to include 2nd Quarter numbers, which will indicate the impacts of the pandemic on the cruise industry.



DISTRICT SNAPSHOTS



Puget Sound

Retirements:

Captain Don Mayer — May 2020

Thank you for your outstanding service to the BPC, its committees, and to the state of Washington!

License Upgrades to Unlimited:

No pilots upgraded to Unlimited during April, May, or June.

Licensure

Captain J. Matt Miller

Captain Pete Velarde

Congratulations!

Training Program:

Currently in training are Captains Joe Siddell, Matt Hannuksela, Neil McGourty, Severin Knutsen, Ryan Gartner, Eric Michael, Nick Moore, Robert Ekermann, and Andrew Stewart.

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

Keep up the great work!



Puget Sound pilot Captain Rod Myers (left) supervises pilot trainee Captain Matt Hannuksela during a recent Evaluation trip. Photo courtesy of Puget Sound Pilots.

Grays Harbor



Training Program:

Currently in training is Captain Forest McMullen.

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