



STATE OF WASHINGTON BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

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

Winter 2023



Announcements

Spotlight on Grays Harbor

[Great news](#) from the Grays Harbor Pilotage District! Here are some highlights:

Site plan for the Terminal 4 Expansion Project



In October 2022, the Port of Grays Harbor announced that they had been awarded a \$25.5 million grant from the U.S. DOT Maritime Administration (MARAD) for Terminal 4 Expansion and Redevelopment. The project will

accommodate the growth of the Port's biggest customer Ag Processing (AGP) and their soybean meal export expansion. The project includes adding rail, new cargo laydown area, secured site access and roadway improvements, replacing the marine terminal fendering and stormwater systems, as well as bringing new opportunities and jobs to the area. Find more information regarding the grant and expansion [here](#).



In November 2022, the Port's Executive Director, Gary Nelson, received the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA) Distinguished Service Award. According to the [Port's press release](#), "the award honors recipients for their significant contributions to the Northwest navigation, energy, irrigation, and recreation communities". Congratulations, Gary!

And, at the December 15, 2022 monthly meeting of the BPC, the Board [issued pilot license](#) #18 to Captain Ryan Leo! The Port graciously hosted a small group in person including GH Commissioner Tom Quigg, with others attending online. The BPC is very excited to have Captain Leo onboard!

From left: Commissioner Tim Farrell, Chair Sheri Tonn, Executive Director Jaimie Bever, Commissioner Mike Anthony, Commissioner Sandy Bendixen, and new GH Pilot Captain Ryan Leo



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



A Well-Deserved Honor

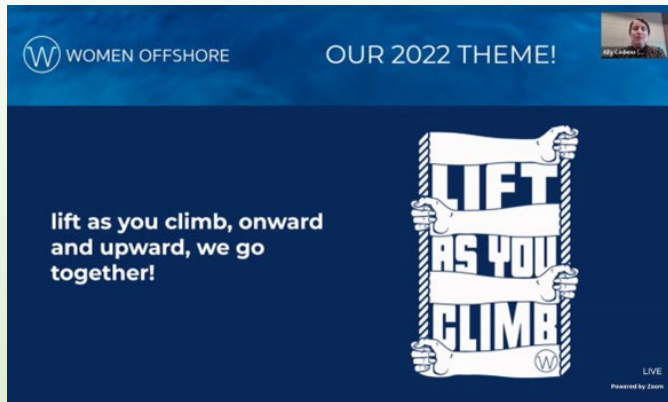
Puget Sound Harbor Safety Committee Chair, and former Marine Exchange Executive Director John Veentjer received the USCG's Distinguished Public Service Award at December's Harbor Safety Committee meeting.



USCG Sector Puget Sound Captain of the Port Patrick Hilbert (left) reads the award inscription before presenting it to John Veentjer (right).

Women Offshore Conference 2022

The 5th Annual Women Offshore Conference was held in person and online October 7-14. During the week-long conference, attendees from around the world came together to hear from keynote speakers and panel discussions focused on empowering others under the Conference's 2022 theme Lift as You Climb. The Board was pleased to have the opportunity to sponsor this conference again.



Women Offshore founder Ally Cedeno (top right) introduces the 2022 Conference theme.

Analytics and Highlights (courtesy of Women Offshore)

Total Attendees	340	Message Exchanges	6071
Speakers	37	Profile Views	4764
Sessions	27	Lounge Meetings	45



Maritime Industry professionals from the BIPOC Mariner Panel Discussion: No One Size Fits All, Language to Talk About Race & Ethnicity.



Chief Mate Charlene Hipsky joined the panel discussion Moms Offshore: What it was like to go back to the vessel.



3rd Mate Elijah Herman spoke at both the BIPOC panel as well as the LGBTQIA+ panel for an Inclusive Industry.

20 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

- United States
- Chana
- Canada
- United Kingdom
- Liberia
- Trinidad & Tobago
- Nigeria
- Croatia
- Brazil
- Denmark
- Korea, Republic of
- Fiji
- Lithuania
- Bulgaria
- South Africa
- Australia
- Turkey
- Kazakhstan
- Greece
- Jamaica

Spread the Word!

Help us get the word out about our Spring 2024 [Marine Pilot Exam](#)! The Board welcomes questions and inquiries. Contact our Training Program Coordinator Jolene Hamel at (206) 515-3904 or HamelJ@wsdot.wa.gov.

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District Snapshots

Puget Sound



Retirements:

There were no retirements in the 4th Quarter of 2022.

License Upgrades to Unlimited:

Capt. Phil Hunter – October
Capt. Rod Myers - November
Well done and congratulations!

Training Program:

Currently training are Captains Holland, Riddle, Cassee, Scott, Kelly, Mancini, Fleischfresser, and Sturgell.



GH Trainee Captain Colby Grobschmit (left) aboard the pilot boat VEGA with BPC Pilot Commissioner Captain Mike Anthony (right) in Westport, WA.

Grays Harbor



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Currently training is Captain Grobschmit.

