



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

Summer 2021

Announcements

2021 Marine Pilot Exam Results

The 2021 Washington State Marine Pilot Exam process is complete, and the Board has approved the ranked list of successful pilot trainee candidates.

Congratulations Captains!

RANK	Candidate Name	Grays Harbor	Puget Sound
1	Stephen Scott	X	X
2	Mitchell Hetterle	X	X
3	Name Withheld by Request	X	X
4	Michael Mancini		X
5	George Fleischfresser	X	X
6	Billie Sturgell		X
7	Ryan Leo	X	X
8	Joel Michelson		X
9	Colby Grobschmit	X	X
10	Harlow Wood		X
11	Nicholas Sabbath	X	X

Many thanks to all who assisted with the exam process.

Washington Maritime Blue

The BPC is proud to now be a member of Washington Maritime Blue and support expanding Washington's blue economy. Find out about Maritime Blue at <https://maritimeblue.org/>.



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The Washington State Legislature has created the state's first Office of Equity. The mission of the office is to promote access to equitable opportunities and resources that reduce disparities and improve outcomes statewide across state government.

Governor Inslee appointed, as the Director of the Office of Equity, Dr. Karen A. Johnson ("Dr. J").

Dr. J brings her wealth of knowledge and previous experience leading state and local government towards more equitable outcomes to the Office of Equity. Read more about Dr. J [here](#).



One of the primary goals of the Office of Equity is to develop a five-year equity strategic plan for the state with input from individual state agencies and their stakeholders. Towards that goal, Dr. J and her team held listen and learn sessions with various state agencies throughout May and June. On June 8, 2021, the BPC called a Special Session for a conversation led by Dr. J regarding the anti-racist journey and the unique diversity challenges within the maritime industry. Attendees of the meeting included Board members, BPC Joint Diversity Committee (JDC) members, pilots, and stakeholders. The BPC thanks all who attended and shared their perspectives, which will be considered as a part of the state's 5-year equity strategic plan.

The BPC is committed to the objectives of diversity, equity, and inclusion among pilot trainees and pilots licensed by the Board. The JDC continues to examine barriers and implement measures to attract a diverse pool of candidates toward a career as a Washington State licensed marine pilot.

The BPC is also proud to participate in WSF's Diversity Advisory Group (DAG), which is a subgroup of WSDOT's larger DAG. In celebration of Juneteenth, WSDOT hosted an impactful and educational presentation. The speakers included Representatives Melanie Morgan and Debra Entenman, former Tacoma City Manager James L. Walton, and Edwina Martin-Arnold, former Chair of [B.U.I.L.D.](#) The BPC is pleased that the WA state legislature has officially recognized Juneteenth as a legal state holiday.



Board Changes

Changes to membership of the Board were announced at both the May and June Regular Public Meetings. Foreign shipping representative Captain Rik Krombeen, Holland American Group, stepped down from the Board due an employment opportunity in a different state. His last meeting was the May meeting. Commissioner Krombeen has been a valuable Board member and will be missed. The Governor's Office is working on his replacement.



In addition, Department of Ecology representative Dale Jensen, Spills Program Manager, announced his upcoming retirement from Ecology and the Board in August, with July being his last meeting with the Board. Dale served on the Board twice over the years and has been an engaged commissioner. He too will be missed.



Thank you both for your service to pilotage and the state of Washington!

At the June BPC meeting, Chair Sheri Tonn announced that Ecology appointed Nhi Irwin, Statewide Resources Section Manager, to the Board as Ecology's representative beginning August 1, 2021. Welcome Nhi!

Return of Cruise Season

Cruise ships will start returning to the Pacific Northwest! Port of Seattle has been working hard to prepare for their arrival. Read more about the Port's efforts for a healthy cruise season [here](#).



Princess Cruises ROYAL PRINCESS setting sail for Alaska during the 2019 Cruise Season. Image courtesy of Puget Sound Pilots.

The most current 2021 Sailing Schedule, which you can view [here](#), shows the first vessel sailing on July 19 and the last vessel on October 23. Puget Sound Pilots are standing by to safely guide these vessels in and out of our precious waters. Happy cruising!

District Snapshots

Puget Sound



Retirements:

Captain W.W. Lowery
Captain E.P. Emerson

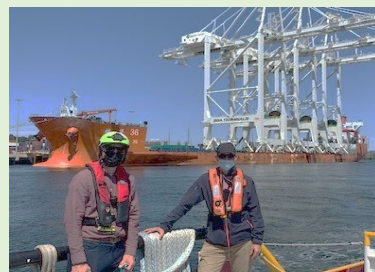
Thank you for your service to the state of Washington!

License Upgrades to Unlimited:

Captain N.T. Kelleher
Well done!

Training Program:

Currently training are Captains Gartner, Michael, Moore, Ekelmann, Stewart, Bostick, Mann, Holland, Riddle, and Cassee.



Pilot Trainees Captains Gartner and Moore in the Duwamish waterway. Image courtesy of Puget Sound Pilots

Grays Harbor



Training Program:

The Port is currently seeking candidates to train in the Grays Harbor Pilotage District.