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BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

Fall 2019

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

More Puget Sound Licensures!

We are excited to announce the licensures of three more pilots in the Puget Sound Pilotage District!

At the August 15, 2019 BPC meeting, Captain Pat Ninburg received Washington State Pilot License #205.



And...

at the September 19, 2019 BPC meeting, Captains Keith Kridler and David Melin received Washington State Pilot Licenses #206 and #207, respectively.



Congratulations on this achievement!

Puget Sound Pilots Named Evergreen's 2018 Marine Vendor of the Year

The Evergreen Shipping Agency (America) Corporation has awarded Puget Sound Pilots with their 2018 Marine Vendor of the Year award.

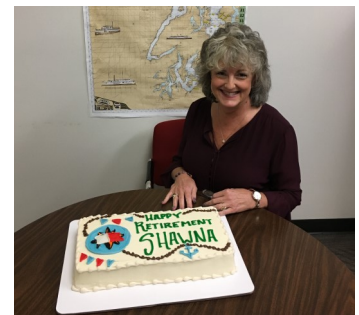
On December 19, 2018, Evergreen's THALASSA AXIA became the first 14k TEU call to the Port of Tacoma. In preparation, Puget Sound Pilots custom designed a training to simulate maneuvering a vessel this size to/from the end of the Blair Waterway and docking/undocking from the Pierce County Terminal through the Blair Waterway and to/from the berth.



Above: Jeffrey Chang, President of Evergreen Line, presents PSP President Captain Eric vonBrandenfels with the 2018 Marine Vendor of the Year award. Photo courtesy of Puget Sound Pilots. Below: Evergreen's 14k TEU THALASSA AXIA is the largest ship ever to call at the Port of Tacoma. Photo courtesy of the Port of Tacoma.

Farewell and Happy Retirement to BPC Program Specialist Shawna Erickson

BPC's Program Specialist, Shawna Erickson, attended her last Board meeting as staff on September 19, 2019. Shawna retired from the State as of October 1, 2019, after 10 years with the BPC. She will be missed but we thank her for her outstanding service and wish her all the best in her retirement!



A Sad Time for Pilotage

The BPC is sad to report that Puget Sound pilot and former Washington State Ferries captain Fred Engstrom passed away on July 15, 2019. Captain Engstrom received his state pilot license in November 2012. He was an excellent pilot and will be remembered for his infectious laugh and good nature. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.



BPC at the Port of Grays Harbor

The BPC continued the tradition of August meetings in Grays Harbor County. The Board met at the Port of Grays Harbor in Aberdeen for the August 15, 2019 meeting. The meeting was followed by a tour of Port operations, graciously conducted by Port of Grays Harbor Executive Director, Gary Nelson. Many thanks to the Port for a great day!



Port of Grays Harbor Staff, BPC Commissioners and Staff, and members of the public after a tour of the Port's marine terminals.

Women Offshore's UNITE Conference

BPC Chair Sheri Tonn, representing Washington pilotage, attended Women Offshore's 2nd annual UNITE conference, held in Houston, TX July 12-13. The conference drew maritime professionals from all over the world, including a panel of female pilots from several countries. The BPC attends several conferences focused on women in maritime each year.



A panel of maritime pilots from around the world. From left: Moderator Captain Bob Carr, San Francisco Bar Pilots, USA; Captain Josephine Clark, Port Authority of New South Wales, Australia; Captain Liz Marami, Kenya Ports Authority, Kenya; Captain Reshma Nilofer, Calcutta Hugli Pilots Guild, India; Captain Karen Nola, Sandy Hook Pilots, USA; and Captain Hanna Odengrund, Eastcoast Pilots, Swedish Maritime Administration, Sweden.

DISTRICT SNAPSHOTS



Puget Sound

Retirements:

Captain Dan Shaffer — 9/18/2019

Captain Dave Sanders — 9/30/2019

Thank you for your service to the State of Washington!

License Upgrades to Unlimited:

Captain Scott Coleman

Well done, Captain Coleman!

Licensure

Captain Patrick Ninburg — 8/15/2019

Captain David Melin — 9/19/2019

Captain Keith Kridler — 9/19/2019

Congratulations, Captains!

Training Program:

Currently in training are Captains Matt Miller, Trevor Bozina, Pete Velarde, Joe Siddell, Matt Hannuksela, Neil McGourty, Severin Knutsen, Eric Michael, and Ryan Gartner.

Captains Hannuksela, McGourty and Knutsen are transitioning to the Training Phase of their programs.

Keep up the great work!

At the July 18, 2019 meeting, the BPC increased the number of authorized pilot licenses in the PSPD from 52 to 56.

Grays Harbor



Training Program:

Captain Forest McMullen will begin training in the Grays Harbor Pilotage District in October 2019.

At the June 20, 2019 meeting, the BPC increased the number of authorized pilot licenses in the GHPD from 2 to 3.

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