

# MEETING MINUTES

## STATE OF WASHINGTON ~ BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

March 26, 2013

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### Present:

Chairman: Harry Dudley

Commissioners: Norm Davis, Elsie Hulsizer, Chuck Adams, Don Mayer, Phil Morrell and Grant Stewart

Administration: Shawna Erickson, Peggy Larson

Jonathan Ward, Ivan Carlson, Ed Marmol, Verne Justice, Alec Newman, David Grobschmit, Bill Sliker,  
Peter Giese and Walt Tabler: Puget Sound Pilots

Gary Nelson, Mary Nelson: Port of Grays Harbor

Mike Moore, Jordan Royer: Pacific Merchant Shipping Association

Paul Tramm, Ian Oviatt: USCG

Lou Paulsen: Port of Tacoma

Scott Coleman, Jamie Galvin, Eric Lichty: Pilot Applicants

Jason Mihok: Clipper Navigation

Gregg Trunnell: Pacific Maritime Institute

Loren Lee, Pat Hannigan: Public

Rebecca Ponzio: Washington Environmental Council

### PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was convened at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Harry Dudley in the Alki Conference Room at 2901 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

**WAC 363-116-078: Training Program.** The proposed changes to this rule were adopted at the request of the Port of Grays Harbor, under emergency provisions, on November 15, 2012. The new rule permits the Port of Grays Harbor to provide funding to pay trainee stipends to Grays Harbor Pilotage District pilot trainees other than by means of a Grays Harbor Pilotage District tariff surcharge. Stipend payment provisions and minor housekeeping modifications were also adopted. There was no oral testimony provided. The public hearing was closed by Chairman Dudley at 9:36 a.m.

### REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board was convened immediately following the public hearing.

**Consideration of Preceding Hearing: WAC 363-116-078.** All previous written and oral testimony was reviewed and considered by the Board. Motion: Hulsizer/Adams – adopt the new rule under permanent provisions as previously adopted under emergency provisions – Carried.

**Minutes.** The February 5, 2013 Minutes stand approved as written.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### **Pilot's Report of Incident: PS Pilot V. Engstrom – ALASKAN FRONTIER, 11-24-12**

Cherry Point BP Dock	While docking, the eye pads to which the chains and turnbuckles were fastened failed and ripped away. Nothing unusual observed. Repairs have been made.	<u>Motion:</u> Davis/Adams File as an Incident with Damage and No Pilot Error – Carried.
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#### **Pilot's Report of Incident: PS Pilot D. Soriano – POLAR RESOLUTION, 12-4-12**

Cherry Point BP Dock	While docking, the fender spring chains were broken and the rubber portion of the fender was torn. All appeared routine. Repairs have been made.	<u>Motion:</u> Davis/Adams File as an Incident with Damage and No Pilot Error – Carried.
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**Assessment of Need for Trainees in Grays Harbor and Puget Sound Pilotage Districts – Status Report.** Captain Ryan White has accepted an invitation to begin training in the Grays Harbor Pilotage District on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion: Mayer/Hulsizer – extend an invitation to begin training on September 1<sup>st</sup> to Dave Henderson, the next applicant on the final ranked list of successful applicants who selected Grays Harbor as a district in which to train, followed by subsequent invitations if necessary to attain an

affirmative response – Carried. Motion: Mayer/Davis – extend an invitation to begin training on July 1<sup>st</sup> to the top three successful applicants who selected Puget Sound as a district in which to train; Captains Scott Coleman, Jamie Galvin and Eric Lichty – Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of Pilot License Upgrade Programs:** Captain Blair Bouma is nearing completion of his second license year and Captain Mike Anthony his first. Motion: Mayer/Davis - approve the license upgrade programs for these two captains as drafted by the TEC - Carried.

**Portable Piloting Unit (PPU) Systems.** Puget Sound Pilots presented a status report on the progress of their intended acquisition of PPUs. They have not yet placed the order nor have they determined with certainty which model they will purchase. After a lengthy discussion, it is the consensus of the Board that it will not mandate the use of PPUs in either the PSPD or the GHPD; nor will it make provisions for them in the Pilot Training Programs at this time. Chairman Dudley will continue to discuss this matter with Walt Tabler following further research.

**Approval of Grays Harbor Pilot Training Program for Captain Ryan White.** The TEC has reviewed and evaluated the experience of Captain White for purposes of developing his customized pilot training program. Motion: Adams/Davis – approve the Training Program as drafted for Captain Ryan White but without the section pertaining to Portable Piloting Units – Carried. He has fifteen days to respond to the Board concerning the acceptance of his training program. Upon acceptance of his program and completion of training orientation, the Board shall issue Captain White *Trainee License #32* intended for commencement of training on May 1, 2013.

**Pilot’s Report of Incident: PS Pilot S. Mork – DIMITRUS L., 3-10-13**

TEMCO Dock, Tacoma	While docking, one of the shore side linemen fell into the water. He was assisted out of the water in less than one minute.	<u>Motion</u> : Mayer/Morrell File as an Incident with No Damage, No Injury and No Pilot Error – Carried.
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**Consideration of Requests for Vessel Exemption:**

**Passenger Vessel VICTORIA CLIPPER** – 127’, 431 gross tons, The Netherland Antilles registry,  
**Passenger Vessel VICTORIA CLIPPER IV** – 118’, 478 gross tons, Bahamian registry,  
Captains M. Erich Ackermann, David Carney, Cabell Carr, Robert Earle, David Fulton, David Mayden, Michael Mielke, Jason Mihok, Robert Reeder, Andrea Tiffany and William Tiffany.

Motion: Hulsizer/Adams – continue annual exemption for both vessels beginning May 1, 2013 – Carried.

**Motor Yacht HARMONY** – 164’, 492 gross tons, Cayman Islands registry, Captain Mitchell Heath.

Motion: Adams/Davis – grant a one-year exemption – Carried.

**Motor Yacht POLAR BEAR** – 93’, 216 gross tons, New Zealand registry, Captain Jason Milton.

Motion: Adams/Davis – concur with Chair’s granting of a one-year exemption – Carried.

**Consideration of Appointment of a New Board-Designated Physician.** Dr. Jon P. Younger has notified the Board that he is leaving practice at the end of May and is suggesting the Board consider appointing his colleague Dr. Marc Cordova as his replacement. Dr. Cordova submitted his Curriculum Vitae for review by the Board. Motion: Morrell/Stewart – approve Dr. Cordova as a Board-Designated Physician to conduct pilot and trainee physical examinations – Carried. Chairman Dudley will proceed with an interview and discussion of the Board’s physical standards and examination requirements.

**Pilot’s Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: SS KAUI, 2-1-13**

Elliott Bay East Waterway	Engine failure during astern propulsion testing. Vessel was docked as a “dead ship” with tug assist.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion</u> : Adams/Morrell File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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**Pilot’s Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: ORION LEADER, 2-3-13**

Approach to Maersk Terminal, Tacoma	Unresponsive engine while docking. Tugs assisted.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion</u> : Adams/Morrell File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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**Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: ALASKAN FRONTIER, 2-6-13**

In TSS south of Hein Bank	Escort tug had engine trouble and was replaced with a different tug. Vessel then proceeded to Cherry Pt. via Rosario.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion:</u> Adams/Morrell File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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**Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: ALASKAN FRONTIER, 2-6-13**

South Dock, Cherry Point	It was noted that the Vapor Recovery Arm was extended past the edge of the fenders and needed to be retracted.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion:</u> Adams/Morrell File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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**Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: HOYANGER, 2-14-13**

SA Precautionary Area	Cooling water leak on main engine. Anchored in Port Townsend to make repairs.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion:</u> Adams/Morrell File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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**Pilot's Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: EVER ELITE, 2-20-13**

Blair Waterway, Tacoma	While exiting the waterway, one of the three tugs lost its z-drive third engine. No hindrance to vessel's departure.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion:</u> Adams/Morrell File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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**Committee Reports.**

**Trainee Evaluation Committee:**

- The TEC met on March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- The Grays Harbor Training Program was drafted for presentation to the Board.
- License upgrade letters were drafted.
- Conning quizzes were updated by new pilots Carley, Lowery and Fred Engstrom.
- Motion: Mayer/Davis – remove Captain McCurdy from the TEC and appoint him as a Board committee of one to continue his work on Conning Quiz Development – Carried.
- Motion: Mayer/Davis – add Puget Sound pilot Captain Mike Blake to the TEC to replace Captain McCurdy – Deferred to the next Board meeting - resume' requested for Board review. The Board will also evaluate the balance of the representation of TEC members.
- Captain Anacker was present to review the progress of his prescribed post-incident training trips.
- Training Program progress was reviewed for Captains Coryell and Brouillard.
- Dr. Norman Hertz attended the meeting to observe the activities of the TEC.

**Legislative/WAC Committee:** No new activity.

**Tariff Policy Committee:** No new activity.

**Activity Reports.** Gary Nelson, representing Port of Grays Harbor, Captain Jonathan Ward, representing Puget Sound Pilots, and Captain Mike Moore, representing Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, offered current and projected statistical data as well as updates on current maritime events.

**BPC Staff Report.** Discussion regarding preferred dates for the Regional Pilotage Conference was re-introduced since the selected April timeframe failed to work for some. Board members and stakeholders were encouraged to review their schedules for a potential October or November Conference. Captain Andy Coe returned to active duty on March 7<sup>th</sup> following completion of his requisite familiarization trips. The top three Puget Sound training candidates were all present and introduced – Captains Scott Coleman, Jamie Galvin and Eric Lichty. BPC spreadsheets regarding piloting activity were distributed and will be expounded upon at a future meeting in order to illustrate the many various take-aways. Draft "Activity Report" forms were presented to both Puget Sound and Grays Harbor personnel for submitting written reports to the Board in lieu of verbal reports. Staff will work with both groups to refine the forms. PSP will be submitting a new Comp Day Report to the Board that will show the tracking of the new and old systems. A new rotation system is in place for PSP which is intended to offer more opportunities for the pilot force to work together, train together and share a "cross-fertilization" of ideas.

**Confirmation of Next Regular Meeting Dates.** Board meeting dates for the remainder of the calendar year were set as follows: April canceled, May 14, June 19, July 31, August canceled, September 10, October 15, November 15, December 10. The next regular meeting will be May 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Alki Conference Room, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, 2901 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Seattle.

**Review of Pilot/Trainee Physical Examination Reports.** Motion: Stewart/Mayer - accept the physicians' reports for Captains F.A. Coe, D.S. Anacker, M.D. Wood, D.E. Brusco, G.R. Wildes and R.L. D'Angelo for annual pilot license renewal and Captains D.A. Brouillard and T.D. Coryell for annual trainee license renewal - Carried. Motion: Adams/Mayer – empower Chairman Dudley to review and accept, if satisfactory, the physical exam report for Captain D.A. Sanders for purposes of reinstating his license to active status, if necessary, in order to return to work; action to be affirmed by the Board at the next regular meeting – Carried. Motion: Mayer/Morrell – affirm Chairman Dudley's action on 2-26 to reinstate Captain A.J. Newman's license following his review of a satisfactory physician's report – Carried.

**EXTRA:** Motion: Mayer/Hulsizer – appoint Captain Mike Blake to the Trainee Evaluation Committee conditioned upon receiving no objections from any Commissioner after review of his resume' – Carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Dudley adjourned the regular session Board meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Peggy Larson, Executive Director

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Harry H. Dudley, Chairman

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Norman W. Davis, Vice Chairman

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Commissioner Elsie J. Hulsizer

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Commissioner Charles F. Adams

**Absent**  
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Commissioner Edmund I. Kiley

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**VACANT**  
Pilot Member

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Commissioner Donald W. Mayer

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Commissioner Philip Morrell

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Commissioner J. Grant Stewart