

Minutes

The Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Bays of San Francisco, San Pablo and Suisun regular meeting was held in the Board of Pilot Commissioners office, Pier 9, Suite 102, San Francisco, CA commencing at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday November 16, 2006, Commissioner Lundeborg presiding. A quorum was present, including Commissioners Miller, Soares, Wagner and Wainwright. Also present were SFBP Port Agent Captain McIsaac, Executive Director Moloney and Secretary Alice Evans.

Request approval of Minutes of the October 19, 2006 regular Board meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Correspondence and Activities since the October meeting -- Executive Director Moloney

1. The Board forwarded a letter dated November 2, 2006 to Capt. Peter McIsaac, SFBP Port Agent regarding Board's records of Capt. Anthony Chadwick in regard to his declared retirement effective January 1, 2007.
2. The Board received a letter dated November 6, 2006 from SFBP Capt. Peter McIsaac, Port Agent, notifying that he was elected as SFBP Port Agent effective November 1, 2006.

Other Pilot Matters -- Executive Director Moloney

1. The Board received manpower reports and statements for Pilotage fees and surcharges collected from SFBP through September and Inland Pilot through October 2006.
2. The Board issued license renewals to Captains Dowdle and Simenstad during the month of November.

Confirm SFBP Port Agent appointment of Captain Peter McIsaac -- It was moved and seconded to confirm the appointment of Captain Peter McIsaac as SFBP Port Agent. Commissioner Lundeborg asked for comments from the public and discussion. There were no comments from the public and no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Port Agent's Report -- SFBP Captain Peter McIsaac

1. NFFD: Captain Plant is recovering from a non-pilot related injury.
2. Recommended Minimum Rest Period Exceptions: There were 9 exceptions in October; 1 occurred with a full board; 4 occurred when 2 pilots were NFFD; 4 occurred with 1 pilot NFFD and 1 pilot pulled for pilot business; the range of the time off was 9.8 to 11.4 hours.
3. Statistics YTD through October compared to the 3-year average for the same time:

Bar Crossing:	+13%
Bay Moves:	+33%
River Moves:	+13%
GRT:	+23%

4. Pilot Vessels: P/V DRAKE was out of service 10/16-10/20 for emergency reduction gear repair. P/V PITTSBURG was out of serviced 10/15-10/30 due to a lack of crew.
5. It was reported just before this meeting that the ATB TARPIN (with escort) had lost steerage and is anchored outside of the channel.

Unfinished Business

1. Open Incidents -- Executive Director Moloney
 - a. M/V PACIFIC SUCCESS, allision, with Berth Pier 4 Port Chicago, September 10, 2006
 - b. M/V IOANISS THEO, allision with Rich Berth 5A, September 14, 2006Executive Director Moloney reported these incidents remain under investigation.
2. Pilot Ladder reportable incidents -- Executive Director Moloney said there are no reportable incidents.
3. Rules and Regulations Committee -- Commissioner Wainwright said there is no report.
4. Finance Committee -- Commissioner Falaschi -- Report on November 16, 2006 Committee meeting -- including possible recommendations to amend BOPC's expenditure authority to accommodate increased expenses related to pilot trainee training, fiduciary and actuarial study; and possible adjustment to Board Operations Surcharge (currently 2%), Pilot Vessel Surcharge (currently 4.5 mils) and Pilot Training Surcharge (currently \$20/move) rates -- **possible Board action re same**

Commissioner Wainwright reported that the Committee met earlier today and discussed all items noted above. He recommended in the form of a motion to increase the Operations Surcharge, which funds all the Board's non-training operation, to 2.1%, effective January 1, 2007 and increase same to 2.4% effective July 1, 2007 and increase the Serving Pilot Training Surcharge to \$30 per move effective July 1, 2007. (The increases in the Operations Surcharge are subject to approval by the DOF.) He also recommended in the form of a motion to send BOPC leadership to lobby Department of Finance to amend BOPC's expenditure authority to accommodate increased expenses related to pilot trainee training, fiduciary and actuarial study. Commissioner Lundeborg asked for comments from the public and discussion. There were no comments from the public and no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Pilot Training Curriculum Committee -- Commissioner Wagner said there is no report.
6. Pilot Evaluation Committee -- Capt. Roberts -- Report on November 15, 2006 Committee meeting -- report on trainees' progress; possible recommendation to issue Certificate of Completion and license to one or more Trainees if warranted; **possible Board action re same**

Captain Roberts, chairman of the Pilot Evaluation Committee gave the following report:

The PEC met on November 15 at which time it completed a final assessment of whether trainee Captains Ray Ridens and Steve Teague have successfully completed all elements of the Pilot Trainee Training Program outlined in the Board's Regulations in Section 214(h). (A copy of that regulation is before you).

The Committee unanimously agreed on its conclusion and has authorized me to present its recommendations to you at today's meeting.

Captain Ray Ridens

Captain Ray Ridens entered the Board's pilot trainee training program in January 2005. Before his entrance into the Board's training program, Captain Ridens served in the United States Air Force. He started his bay area maritime career with Westar Marine Services. He earned his first license in two years and worked as a Deckhand, Engineer, Tankerman and Captain during his tenure with Westar. He also worked as a Captain for Jones Sand Company and Foss Maritime during his 15 years on the Bay. Captain Ridens completed all Federal Pilotage endorsement, prior to his selection to the Pilot Training Program. Captain Ridens' experience includes ship assists, flat tow marine construction and tanker escort duties.

To date, Captain Ridens has a total of **584** trips in the training program, riding as observer on 165 jobs, (including the required trips on local tugboats) and directing the navigation of the vessel under the direct supervision of a pilot or inland pilot on another **419** jobs.

Captain Ridens has worked extensively with members of the Pilot Evaluation Committee, acquiring far more than the 50 rides required by law (118), with 16 of those rides completed within the last 90 days.

Captain Steve Teague

Captain Steve Teague entered the Board's pilot trainee training program in January 2005. Captain Teague had 16 years of experience in the professional maritime industry. After graduating from California Maritime Academy in 1989, Captain Teague worked out of Guam and Saipan where he sailed as mate and Captain on tugs. He also obtained Federal Pilotage for Guam and worked as a harbor pilot.

From 1990-1999 Captain Teague worked for several San Francisco Bay tug companies including Crowley, SeaRiver, AmNav, Westar and Jones. During that period he also worked for several shipping companies, including West Coast Shipping and Matson, as 3rd, 2nd, and chief mate aboard tankers, bulk carriers and container vessels.

Captain Teague obtained his unlimited ocean master's license in 1997 and by 1999 had obtained all of his unlimited San Francisco Bay federal pilotage. From 1999 until entering the Board's pilot trainee training program, Captain Teague worked for Foss Maritime as a Voith-Schneider tractor tug captain on San Francisco Bay, engaged primarily in ship assist and tank vessel escort. He also assisted in the construction of the new Carquinez Bridge and with delivery of new container cranes for the Port of Oakland.

To date, Captain Teague has a total of **509** trips in the training program, riding as observer on 95 jobs, (including the required trips on local tugboats) and directing the Navigation of the vessel under the direct supervision of a pilot or inland pilot on another **414** jobs.

Captain Teague has worked extensively with members of the Pilot Evaluation Committee, acquiring far more than the 50 rides required by law (95), with 18 of those rides completed within the last 90 days.

As I have reported to you in the past, the Committee regularly reviews each trainee's progress through periodic meetings with him and through its review of evaluation cards (trip reports) from other pilots. Each Committee member personally rode numerous times with Captains Ridens and Teague before making this recommendation.

Captains Ridens and Teague continue to meet all statutory prerequisites for being licensed as a pilot. They have maintained in excess of a 4.0 score (4.73 and 4.87 respectively) on their evaluations by the Committee during the past 11 months, and have adequately demonstrated each of the specific items of local knowledge required by the regulation.

In addition the Committee used detailed trip reports and personal observation to ensure that Captains Ridens and Teague have demonstrated a working knowledge of the fundamentals of shiphandling in each of the circumstances listed in the regulations, and have demonstrated the skills and knowledge necessary to become a Board licensed pilot.

On behalf of the Pilot Evaluation Committee, it is my great pleasure to recommend that the Board issue to Captains Ridens and Teague a certificate of successful completion of the Board's pilot trainee training program and that it authorize the issuance of a pilot's license to Captains Ridens and Teague effective upon the next two openings.

I am happy to answer any questions. There were no questions.

It was moved and seconded to accept the PEC recommendation and issue to Captains Ridens and Teague a certificate of successful completion of the Board's pilot trainee training program and that it authorize the issuance of a pilot's license to Captains Ridens and Teague effective upon the next two openings. Commissioner Lundeborg asked for comments from the public and discussion. There were no comments from the public and no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board and audience then congratulated both Captains Ridens and Teague.

7. Pilot Power Committee -- Commissioner Wagner said there is no report.
8. Pension Committee -- Commissioner Miller -- Report agenda items for Pension Committee meeting immediately following today's Board meeting; including possible recommendations regarding options for selecting/contracting with new fiduciary and for actuarial study -- **possible Board action re same**

Commissioner Miller reported that he reported at the last meeting of the October 3 meeting and that a meeting is scheduled immediately following today's Board meeting. Since the last meeting the various materials were requested from California State Archives and anticipate receiving archived material within the next month. Due to budget constraints contracting with a new fiduciary and actuarial study are on hold.

9. Vessel Interactions -- Executive Director Moloney said there is no report.
10. Pilot Security -- Commissioner Lundberg said this item remains as a placeholder.
11. Ad hoc Committee for Pilot Fitness -- Commissioner Lundberg said this item remains a placeholder.
12. Pilot Identification Cards -- Executive Director Moloney -- status of federal proposal for Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC). Executive Director Moloney reported he continues to discuss with a commercial firm possibilities of a heavy duty I.D. card. Commissioner Lundberg noted that the TWIC might be pushed back due to the Gov. Accountability Office.
13. Ad Hoc Committee on Pilot Safety -- Commissioner Lundberg said this item remains a placeholder.

New Business

1. M/V POLAR CALIFORNIA, allision with fishing boat, Pt. Blunt, October 29, 2006 -- Executive Director Moloney said this item is under investigation.
2. Public Comment on matters not on the agenda -- there were none.
3. Proposals for additions to next month's agenda -- there were none.

Schedule next regular meeting -- the next meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2007, due to the holiday season the Board meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. with the Finance Committee beginning at 9:45 a.m.

Adjournment -- the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice A. Evans
Secretary