

NAVIGATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

(Committee Approved on 12/12/2016)

The purpose of Navigation Technology Committee (Committee) of the Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Bays of San Francisco, San Pablo, and Suisun (Board) is to investigate and remain abreast of the different types of navigation systems generally found on ships calling on the San Francisco Bay and Monterey Bay areas, and the sufficiency of pilot training in the use of such systems. The Committee shall evaluate and make recommendations to the Board on the need for new navigation equipment, software and technology that can be carried aboard and utilized by pilots to enhance safe ship navigation, and to evaluate and recommend to the Board the need for pilot training to utilize recommended technology.

The Committee's directive involves, but is not limited to, the evaluation of the availability, reliability and cost of new navigation technology, compatibility of new technology with shipboard navigation systems and power sources, related safety issues, particularly in recognition that pilots must carry such equipment when embarking and disembarking ships in open ocean conditions, and legal liability issues.

The Committee, consistent with the provisions of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, shall also encourage a dialogue with and seek input and information from stakeholders and other relevant individuals and organizations.

The Committee will meet as determined necessary by the Committee Chair. Committee meetings shall comply with the provisions of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, and will be appropriately noticed and open to the public.