

The Pilot Evaluation Committee met on March 18, 2020 at which time it completed a final assessment of whether trainee Chris Pyne Mercier has successfully completed all elements of subsection 214 (c) and (h) of Title 7, CA Code and Regulations, which are the training requirements in the Board's regulation. The committee has unanimously agreed in this matter and has authorized me to present this recommendation to the Board today.

Trainee Performance under Title 7, 214(c) and (h):

Chris is from Pasadena, Maryland and graduated from the New York Maritime Academy in 1993. He initially worked aboard New York harbor tugs then transitioned to deep sea ships, and last sailed as master for US Shipping for 11 years immediately prior to starting the training program. Chris's wife, a US Navy Captain, works for the US Coast Guard as an electrical engineer. He has two children that are presently attending college. Chris entered the training program on January 18, 2018. To date, he has a total of 829 training jobs with the San Francisco Bar Pilots. 203 jobs were as observer, 626 jobs were handled or partially handled, directing the navigation and control of vessels under the direct supervision of a San Francisco Bar Pilot.

He has worked extensively with the PEC, acquiring 204 PEC rides, 18 of which were in the previous 90 days. As required by regulation, he has maintained an average score over 4.0 in each of the last 3 months with PEC members, resulting in a 3 month average score of 4.20.

The committee used detailed trip reports and personal observation to insure he demonstrated a working knowledge of the fundamentals of ship handling in each of the categories listed in subsection 214(c) and (h) of Title 7, CA Code and Regulations, and has demonstrated the skills and knowledge necessary to become a Board licensed pilot. It is the unanimous decision of the Pilot Evaluation Committee that Chris Pyne Mercier has completed the pilot trainee training program.

On behalf of the Pilot Evaluation Committee, I would like to recommend to the Board that Chris Pyne Mercier be issued a Certificate of Successful Completion of the Board's Pilot Trainee Training Program effective today March 26, 2020.

Respectfully submitted, Captain Steve Teague