

PEC Chairman's Report to the BOPC
July 23, 2020

The Pilot Evaluation Committee was not able to meet on July 15, as originally scheduled, due to possible COVID-19 exposure (non shipboard) to myself and several trainees. On Monday July 13, the shipboard training portion of the program was suspended due to the same per Governor's order N-52-20. The trainees were instructed to remain engaged in the program by studying for pilotage exams; reviewing shiphandling publications, nautical charts of the area, their personal notes regarding maneuvering at various berths and to stay up to date with the Local Notice to Mariners. Shipboard training resumed on Monday July 20.

The eight current trainees include Adams, Benedict, Burchard, Deisher, Murney, Nelson, Rogers, and Stevens. The trainees range of time in the program span from 3 to 36 months. One trainee, Burchard, is presently in evaluation stage. Burchard, Nelson and Stevens have their full unlimited Coast Guard pilotage endorsement and are handling vessels as much as possible along with the occasional observation trip to watch a licensed pilot perform their duties. Adams, Benedict, Deisher, Murney and Rogers are in the final stages of acquiring route trips and are handling vessels in areas where they meet the present requirements to do so. These five are in a holding pattern with testing for federal pilotage routes while the Coast Guard has suspended testing during the present pandemic situation. On July 8, the Coast Guard issued a letter stating there is still no date as to when testing will resume. All individuals are meeting the recommended benchmarks in the training program and are progressing at their own rates.

The next PEC meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 19, 2020 at 0730 at this office.

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I have no action to take on agenda item B.

I have no action to take on agenda item C.

Respectfully submitted, Captain Steve Teague