

My name is Eric Weber. I'm originally from the Seattle area, where I grew up in a family of seven. I've lived throughout the Bay Area on and off for a combined 13 years, residing in Bodega Bay, Alameda, S.F., Napa, Berkeley, Albany, and Vallejo. My wife, Chris, is active duty in the U.S. Coast Guard as a Civil Engineering Officer, currently stationed in Norfolk, Virginia. We have a daughter Heidi (6yr) and a son Nicholas (4yr). I've just moved to Oakland for the Training Program, while my wife stays back in Virginia with our children until they can join me out here upon tour completion. We are grateful for the support we receive from my parents, who have always been keen to help Chris care for our children while I've been underway. And we are fortunate to have the opportunity to instill an appreciation for farm life in Heidi and Nick with frequent visits to my in-law's farm in Illinois.

I joined the Coast Guard in 2000 and served six years active duty enlisted as a Boatswain's Mate. I was first stationed on the East Coast as crew aboard the USCG Barque Eagle for three years, then worked three years at the Search and Rescue Station in Vallejo as a small boat coxswain in San Pablo and Suisun Bays. Afterwards, I attended the California Maritime Academy, where I continued to work in S.F. Bay driving Vessel Assist boats on weekends and summers. I graduated top of my class with a degree in Marine Transportation, along with a Business Minor. I then worked solely on tugboats out of CMA, the most relevant experience being four years operating ship assist tugs for Foss in S.F. Bay. Additionally, I've spent several years operating ship assist tugs for Foss in the Puget Sound, and for Moran in Norfolk, Virginia. My Mate experience was on linehaul tugs with Western Towboat in Alaska, and at Olympic Tug & Barge along the West Coast.

In my spare time, I enjoy carpentry and recently added dovetail joinery to my woodworking pieces. Over the last year, I've had fun learning John Prine songs to play on the guitar for my kids at bedtime. My last Bay Area residence was a rented house by the Bodega Bay Links Course, where I began enjoying the many frustrations of golf.

In the summers of 2008 and 2009, I was lucky enough to intern at the SFBP office with Business Director Kenny Levin. During that very positive experience, one of the Pilots pulled me aside to share some wisdom. With a smile and almost the sense of a secret, he said this was truly the greatest job one could ever have. I desired to belong to an organization with such an environment of work satisfaction, and have since steered my maritime career choices towards this goal. I count myself fortunate to take on the responsibility and demands of the SF Bar Pilots' Training Program and aim to meet the challenge with my very best effort.

