

PEC Chairman's Report to the BOPC
October 22, 2020

The Pilot Evaluation Committee met on October 14, the members present were Captains Haggerty, Slack, Wehr and myself. At the request of the committee, Captain Garfinkle initially joined the meeting so we could discuss an overview of this past month.

The eight active trainees include Adams, Benedict, Deisher, Murney, Olmsted, Rogers, Stevens and Weber. Nelson is presently on a 2 month leave of absence, as approved by the Board on August 28. The trainees range of time in the program span from 3 weeks to 21 months. Stevens has the full unlimited Coast Guard pilotage endorsement on his federal license and is in Evaluation Stage. He is handling vessels as much as possible along with the occasional observation trip to watch a licensed pilot perform their duties. Benedict and Rogers have completed all testing, are handling vessels as much as possible and were advanced into Evaluation Stage at the October 14 meeting. Adams, Deisher and Murney are in the final stages of acquiring route trips, testing and are handling vessels in areas where they meet the present requirements to do so. Weber is presently testing, observing, acquiring route trips and beginning to partial handle. Olmsted started training on October 1st with an all day orientation. He is presently observing aboard vessels while acquiring route trips and gaining familiarity with the program. In closed session, all trainees were individually interviewed and counseled on their progress in the training program. All are meeting the recommended benchmarks and are progressing at their own rates.

The next PEC meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2020 at 0730 in this office.

I have no action to take on agenda item B.

Agenda item C:

The Pilot Evaluation Committee met on October 2, the members present were Captains Haggerty, Robinson, Wehr and myself. The purpose of this meeting was for the committee to review and amend, as necessary, the draft statement explaining the determination to not recommend David Burchard be granted a certificate of completion from the Pilot Trainee Training Program. The committee met on October 14, the members present were Captains Haggerty, Slack, Wehr and myself, where we reviewed the draft statement once again. A motion was made to accept the statement as written. The motion carried with a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed. The statement is provided to you in your binder.

I have no action to take on agenda item D.

Respectfully submitted, Captain Steve Teague

My name is Jonathan Olmsted, and I live with my family in San Rafael, where I grew up. During my senior year at Cal Maritime, one of my instructors told me that the San Francisco Bar Pilots were the best in the business, and this has been my ultimate career goal ever since.

After graduating CMA in 1996, I joined Military Sealift Command (MSC) to advance my license and gain as much ship handling experience as possible. During my 24 years with MSC I have provided combat and non-combat support to the US Navy all over the world, including eight deployments to the Persian Gulf, seven humanitarian missions, dozens of US and international fleet exercises, and thousands of underway replenishment operations.

Near the midpoint of my MSC career I met with the former BOPC Executive Director, who recommended taking advantage of MSC's variety of hull types to maximize my opportunities for ship handling. Since then, I have made it a point to work on as many different ship classes as possible. I have served on twenty-three vessels of nine different classes and sizes ranging from ocean tugs to post-Panamax logistics and special mission ships including: Ocean Towing, Navy Salvage, Fleet Oiler, Ammunition, Dry Cargo, Fast Combat Support, Hospital Ship, Expeditionary Sea Base, and the newest class US Navy Destroyer DDG-1001. I have been sailing as Master (unlimited) since 2007 with seventeen ships under my command. Most recently, I was Master of USNS *Mercy* during her deployment to LA for a COVID relief mission.

My wife Susan and I have two young daughters, Clara (4) and Violet (2), as well as a travel-size scruffy terrier mix named Taffy. We enjoy hiking and other dog-friendly Bay Area outings, and longer trips to visit Susan's side of the family in Connecticut. I am a life-long sailor, cyclist, and skier, but most of my recent time has been spent chasing kids and doing home/auto repair. During quiet hours I like to read or pick my guitar and sing to the girls (and dog) for as long as they will let me. Susan, who taught at Stanford before becoming a stay-at-home mom, has seen me through five (!) deployments since we've had kids, and MSC's schedule has been demanding: Four months on, two months off. I could not be happier to finally be able to live and work full-time in the Bay Area.

I feel incredibly fortunate to have reached this step in my career and am looking forward to working on the SF Bay and Delta. I can think of no better job or fuller responsibility than to guide ships safely through these waters I have always called home.

