

PEC Chairman's Report to the BOPC
December 10, 2020

The Pilot Evaluation Committee met on December 2, the members present were Captains Haggerty, Robinson, 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. The trainees range of time in the program span from 2 months to 23 months. Stevens and Rogers have the full unlimited Coast Guard pilotage endorsement on their federal licenses. Benedict has completed all testing and is waiting on the Coast Guard to issue the full unlimited endorsement on his license. These three trainees are in the Evaluation Stage and are handling vessels as much as possible along with the occasional observation trip to watch a licensed pilot work. Deisher has completed all testing, is also waiting on the issuance of the full endorsement and is handling as much as possible. Adams and Murney are in the final stages of acquiring route trips, testing and are handling in areas where they meet the present requirements to do so. With regards to Adam's testing, his progress has slowed down which is by no means any fault of his own, due to administrative issues at the federal level revolving around his limited tonnage license and a request for additional sea time. As committee chair, I have called the local REC and asked for resolution in this matter so he can complete the testing phase and then be able to focus his attention on the shipboard training aspect of the program. Weber is testing, acquiring route trips and beginning to handle. Olmsted is mostly observing to acquire route trips but is beginning to partial handle vessels where he meets the present requirements to do so. 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 January 20, 2021 at 0730 in this office.

I have no action to take on agenda items B or C.

Respectfully submitted, Captain Steve Teague