

PEC Chairman's Report to the BOPC
January 28, 2021

The Pilot Evaluation Committee met on January 20, the members present were Captains 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.

Agenda item A:

The eight active trainees include Adams, Benedict, Deisher, Murney, Olmsted, Rogers, Stevens and Weber. The trainees range of time in the program span from 3 months to 24 months. Stevens, Benedict and Rogers have the full First Class pilotage endorsement for unlimited tonnage upon San Francisco Bay, issued by the Coast Guard, on their federal licenses. 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, Murney is testing and both are handling in areas where they meet the present requirements to do so. With regards to Adam's testing, his progress has halted, which is by no means any fault of his own due to issues at the Coast Guard revolving around his limited tonnage license and a request for additional sea time. As committee chair, I have called and emailed the local REC, as well as the NMC, several times asking 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. Captain Garfinkle has been inquiring into this issue as well. Weber is testing, acquiring route trips and beginning to handle. Olmsted is acquiring route trips and beginning to partial handle vessels in areas 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 February 17, 2021 at 0730 in this office.

Agenda item B:

The committee has authorized me to make a recommendation to replace a member of the PEC. Captain Mark Haggerty has been a sitting member of the committee since June 2015 and will be stepping down this month by his own decision, due partly to presently being Not Fit For Duty and the necessity to maintain a full compliment on the committee. Mark has been a solid member of this committee for 5 ½ years. He has contributed in not only evaluating trainees and recommending them for licensing, but also for assisting in developing, vetting and administering several entrance exams over his years of service. I would like to extend to Mark a personal and professional "Thank You" for all he has done to make the training program successful and better while he was a seated member of PEC.

At this time, the committee has unanimously agreed and authorized me to recommend Captain Drew Aune as Mark's replacement. Drew graduated from CMA in 1990 and sailed as 3rd and 2nd mate offshore with various shipping companies. He worked a short time as vessel operation

superintendent after shipping out and before becoming a tug captain. As a tug captain, Drew worked for various companies on the bay conducting barge moves, ship assist and tank vessel escort work prior to entering the pilot training program. Drew was licensed by the Board in March 2009, and has served as an Operations Pilot for the SFBP. I would like to recommend to the Board that Captain Aune be appointed to the Pilot Evaluation Committee for a 4 year term.

Agenda item C:

No action at this time.

Agenda item D:

See attached.

Respectfully submitted, Captain Steve Teague