

The Pilot Evaluation Committee met on January 20, 2021 at which time it completed a final assessment of whether trainee Will Benedict has successfully completed all elements of subsection 214 (c) and (h) of Title 7, CA Code and Regulations, which are the training requirements in the Board's regulation. The committee has unanimously agreed in this matter and has authorized me to present this recommendation to the Board today.

Trainee Performance under Title 7, 214(c) and (h):

Will lives in Danville with his wife and 2 sons, the older of which is attending CMA. His initial interest in the maritime world came from his family's involvement in sailboats. He worked for the America's Cup Team operating support boats before transitioning to harbor tugs on San Francisco Bay. He last sailed as a captain for AmNav for 9 years immediately prior to starting the training program. Will entered the training program on August 13, 2019. To date, he has a total of 571 training jobs with the San Francisco Bar Pilots. 148 jobs were as observer, 423 jobs were handled or partially handled, directing the navigation and control of vessels under the direct supervision of a San Francisco Bar Pilot.

He has worked extensively with the PEC, acquiring 96 PEC rides, 28 of which were in the previous 90 days. As required by regulation, he has maintained an average score over 4.0 in each of the last 3 months with PEC members, resulting in a 3 month average score of 4.22.

The committee used detailed trip reports and personal observation to insure he demonstrated a working knowledge of the fundamentals of ship handling in each of the categories listed in subsection 214(c) and (h) of Title 7, CA Code and Regulations, and has demonstrated the skills and knowledge necessary to become a Board licensed pilot. It is the unanimous decision of the Pilot Evaluation Committee that Will Benedict has completed the pilot trainee training program.

On behalf of the Pilot Evaluation Committee, I would like to recommend to the Board that Will Benedict be issued a Certificate of Successful Completion of the Board's Pilot Trainee Training Program effective today January 28, 2021.

Respectfully submitted, Captain Steve Teague