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My name is Bart Sappington and I am 41 years old. I currently live in Battle Ground WA which is a small town located just North of Vancouver WA. I have been married for over 15 years to my Wife Christen and we have two daughters, Lilly age 14 and Violet age 10. Some of the hobbies I participate in is RV camping with my family, cooking, barbecuing, hiking, fishing, razor clamming, and upland game hunting with my 4 year old Pudelpointer bird dog named Bruna.

I grew up on the Oregon Coast in the area of Coos Bay Oregon. It was there my Father owned and operated fishing boats before turning to Offshore towing in the 80's where he was Captain for Sause Bros. Ocean towing and then later Seacoast Towing before his untimely passing in 2005. He was my primary maritime influence.

At 19 years old, I started working as an Ordinary Seaman onboard Sause Bros. tugs for entire summers and occasionally on other small tug companies in the Coos Bay area. At age 21, I had collected enough sea time to test at the Coast Guard for my first license of Mate 200 Ton Near Coastal. I immediately began working for a small privately owned company called Oregon Offshore Towing, working as a mate doing various tows between the West Coast to the Gulf Coast. I later moved on to working as a Mate for Dunlap Towing working in Alaska, then Sirius Maritime, and then in 2007 I transferred over to Olympic Tug and Barge, formerly of Harley Marine Services. The following year I began operating as Captain for Olympic Tug and Barge doing bunker work and terminal moves between ports in Puget Sound and Columbia River while operating conventional twin screw tugs. In the last 5 years I have been operating ASD Tractor tugs doing offshore towing from Canada and Puget Sound to Los Angeles CA towing 80,000 barrel petroleum barges.

I have been drawn to the SFBP training program because I've always wanted to improve myself and work towards a better working lifestyle that not only benefits me and my future, but more importantly my family's. If I do complete the difficult training program and become accepted into the SFBP association, I would not only bring income and home life security to my family, but I would also be a part of an organization that is of the highest regard to maritime world. To me, becoming a San Francisco Bar Pilot represents the pinnacle of a mariner's career that I hope to someday achieve.

I'm looking forward to working with all of you.

Thank you,

Bart Sappington

