

PEC Chairman's Report to the BOPC
November 2nd, 2023

The Pilot Evaluation Committee met on October 18th 2023. The members present were Captains Bridgeman, Ruff, Slack, Wehr and myself.

Agenda item A:

The three active trainees include Barron, Gallo and Meyer. The trainee's range of time in the program span from 2 month to 18 months.

Trainee Meyer has First Class Pilotage endorsement for unlimited tonnage upon San Francisco Bay issued by the Coast Guard on their federal license's. Trainee's Meyer is in the evaluation stage of training.

Trainee's Barron and Gallo are acquiring trips to obtain their First Class Pilotage endorsement for unlimited tonnage upon San Francisco Bay. They are observing mostly and part handle the ship on some jobs under the supervision of a licensed pilot.

In closed session, all trainees were individually interviewed and counseled on their progress in the training program. All of the trainees are progressing at their own rates.

The next PEC meeting is scheduled for December 6th 2023 at 0730 in this office.

Agenda Item A

No action

Agenda Item B

No action

Agenda item C:

See Attached

Agenda item D:

Executive Director Allen Garfinkle

Respectfully submitted,
Captain Eric Robinson

The Pilot Evaluation Committee met on October 18th 2023 at which time it completed a final assessment of whether trainee John Meyer 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 PEC committee has unanimously agreed on this matter and has authorized me to present this recommendation to the Board today.

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

Captain Meyer was born and raised in the Bay Area, as a teenager he started his own business washing boats in several different marinas, and eventually served as deckhand on a boat owned by the Neptune Society. He then made the decision to attend the California Maritime Academy in 2005 and graduated in 2009, receiving a ship handling award from the San Francisco Bar Pilots. From that point forward, John knew he wanted to be a Pilot here in San Francisco and nowhere else. During his time at the academy, he worked during the school year, as well as the summers, at Bay Delta Maritime as a deckhand on tugs, providing ship assist and tanker escorts.

Once John graduated, he worked as a 2nd mate at Western Towboat for about a year towing barges from Seattle to Alaska.

In 2010, John took a 3rd mate position on the "Black Eagle", an ammo ship, on an MSC contract moving retro grade ammo from South Korea to the Concord Naval Weapons station here on the bay.

In 2011, John decided to come back to the bay and return to tugs, to pursue his dream of becoming a San Francisco Bar Pilot. After training as a mate at Bay Delta Maritime he was promoted to Captain in 2015. John then left to pursue a full-time Captain's position at Starlight Marine Services, providing ship assist and tanker escorts on the San Francisco Bay. In 2018, he returned to Bay Delta Maritime to finish out his tug career before training with the pilots.

John has been extremely dedicated for many years to reaching this goal and looks forward to serving and protecting the bay as a San Francisco Bar Pilot. John is grateful for the time, knowledge, and wisdom every member of the San Francisco Bar Pilots and staff shared with him throughout his training.

John has worked extensively with the PEC acquiring 77 PEC rides, 21 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 4.41. John maintained an average of 30.9 jobs per month with a total of 555 jobs completed during training.

PEC committee used detailed trip reports and personal observation to ensure John 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 John Meyer has completed the pilot trainee training program. On behalf of the Pilot Evaluation Committee, I would like to recommend to the Board that Captain Meyer be issued a Certificate of Successful Completion of the Board's Pilot Trainee Training Program effective today November 2nd 2023.