

PEC (Pilot Evaluation Committee) Chairman's Report to the BOPC (Board of Pilot Commissioners)

January 15, 2025

The Pilot Evaluation Committee met on January 15, 2025. The members present were Captains Slack, Wehr, Bridgman, Stultz and Ruff. Captain Garfinkel joined us in an open session where we talked about the next exam and third-party proctoring, PMI or OCC and the BOPC committee work being done. Thank you to Jennifer Schmidt and that committee. We talked about raising the trainee stipend. Trainees here make less than PS trainees, but the cost of living is higher and asked if the BOPC could raise to meet or exceed PS stipend. USCG REC has changed requirements for attaining first class pilotage and these changes will make some sections very difficult to get federal pilotage within the prescribed timeline of our training program. I have reached out to Oakland REC for a meeting to see if we can come to an arrangement to help prevent needlessly extending this timeline.

Agenda item A:

There are six active trainees including Barron, Gallo, Johnson & Johnston, Thinger and Ahrens. The trainee's time in the program ranges from 1 month to 16 months. All getting trips to obtain their first-class pilotage endorsement for unlimited tonnage upon San Francisco Bay. They are observing, part handling and handling ship under direct supervision of a licensed pilot. Trainees Gallo and Barron have completed testing for their federal pilotage with the US Coast Guard and have a few trips to and from Sacramento to raise their pilotage licenses to unlimited first-class pilot. In closed session, all trainees were individually interviewed and counseled on their progress in the training program. Time was spent answering their questions and concerns they had. As of now, all trainees are meeting recommended benchmarks and are progressing at their own rate.

The next PEC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 0730 in this office.

Agenda item B: Probation or dismissal

No action currently

Agenda item C: Completing training program

No action currently

Agenda item D: Issue state license

No action currently

Respectfully given, Captain Paul Ruff