From: [redacted]
To: BOPC Board of Pilot Commissioners
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Pilot Ladder Deficiency Report - President Monroe
Date: Thursday, November 19, 2026 11:42:21 AM

Good afternoon Mr. Garfinkle,

USCG has followed up with the vessel operator and the manufacturer of the affected pilot ladder. Follow up on this issue has occurred as noted below:

1. Vessel (PRESIDENT MONROE) has removed the affected pilot ladder from service. A replacement ladder installation was verified by the Sector San Francisco Domestic Inspections office on 13OCT2026.
2. The manufacturer of the pilot ladder was notified, and an internal investigation was opened. The affected ladder is to be returned to the manufacturer on or about 23NOV for detailed inspection and to confirm investigation findings. A new replacement ladder will be delivered at this time.
3. The owners of all pilot ladders manufactured in the same lot as the MONROE ladder were notified and requested to conduct a thorough inspection for ladder fairness and any other potential compliance concerns.
4. Sector San Francisco has notified the USCG Type Approval office regarding the deficient ladders for further investigation and follow up.

Should any additional information become available we will let you know. Please continue to pass any identified ladders or installations of concern to this office as you see fit.

Respectfully,

Hannah Taylor
Third Party Oversight Coordinator
USCG Sector San Francisco
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2026 12:06 PM
To: 'BOPC Board of Pilot Commissioners' <bopc@bopc.ca.gov>; [redacted]
<[redacted]>
Cc: portagent <[redacted]>; Millspaugh, Matthew@BOPC
<[redacted]>; Shepherd, Greg@BOPC <[redacted]>
Subject: RE: Pilot Ladder Deficiency Report - President Monroe

Good day Mr. Garfinkle,

USCG Sector San Francisco has received your report and will follow up with the vessel during this port call. We will keep you apprised of any available follow up information as it becomes available.

Respectfully,

Hannah Taylor
Third Party Oversight Coordinator
USCG Sector San Francisco
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From: BOPC Board of Pilot Commissioners <bopc@bopc.ca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2026 11:55 AM
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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] FW: Pilot Ladder Deficiency Report - President Monroe

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Good day,

Please find attached Pilot Boarding Arrangements Deficiency Report submitted to the Board of Pilot Commissioners by a local San Francisco Bar Pilot.

We would appreciate it if your team could investigate and, if possible, respond with any findings, so that we may close the loop on this matter.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Allen G.

Allen Garfinkle
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From: Port Agent <[redacted]>

Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2026 10:36 AM
To: BOPC Board of Pilot Commissioners <bopc@bopc.ca.gov>; Millspaugh, Matthew@BOPC
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Subject: FW: Pilot Ladder Deficiency Report - President Monroe

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Allen & Matthew,
Forwarding attached Pilot Ladder Deficiency Report submitted by Captain Weber.
Best,
John

Captain John Carlier
Port Agent
San Francisco Bar Pilots

From: Eric Weber [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2026 10:24 AM
To: Port Agent [redacted]
Cc: Operations Pilot [redacted]
Subject: Pilot Ladder Deficiency Report - President Monroe

Good Morning,

See attached report and two pictures of the pilot ladder on the President Monroe. Bottom rungs are extremely slanted, and therefore when stepped on, the high side swings out, turning the Pilot on the ladder. A challenge in calm weather. Would be extremely dangerous in rough weather.

Regards,

Eric Weber