



Meeting Minutes
Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners
January 7, 2026

1. Meeting called to order at 9am
2. In Attendance: Capt. Shannon Marks, Capt. Baline Donner, Capt. Jace Eschete, Michael Delesdernier (Executive Director) and Mary Delesdernier (Executive Staff)
3. The Meeting Minutes from the December 3, 2025, meeting was approved with no changes.
4. No Public Comments
5. Apprentice Training
 - March Training Agenda was reviewed
 - Discussed the progress of apprentices
 - Reviewed the schedule of January/February additional trainings
 - Reviewed apprentice trips
6. Executive Session
 - Report on New Notices to Commissioners
 - 12/7/25 Unit 101 – Maryam D – Machinery Failure - Reviewed and confirmed Machinery Failure.
 - 12/7/25 Unit 100 – Maryam D – Machinery Failure - Reviewed and confirmed Machinery Failure.
 - 12/10/25 Unit 47 – Torm Gwendolyn – Wake Damage/Complaint - Reviewed and determined to be a non-issue. Will be filed in the hold for one year file.
 - 12/11/25 Unit 108 – Tymfi – Grounding (tugs required) - Reviewed and determined to be a non-issue. Will be filed in the hold for one year file.
 - 12/12/25 Unit 146 – Hafnia Africa – Machinery Failure - Reviewed and confirmed Machinery Failure.
 - 12/20/25 Unit 58 – Navigation OL – Other - Reviewed and determined to be a non-issue. Will be filed in the hold for one year file.
 - 12/24/25 Unit 101 – Venture Acadia – Alleged damage to dock - Reviewed and determined to be a non-issue. Will be filed in the hold for one year file.
 - 12/26/25 Unit 153 - The Sheriff – Machinery Failure - Reviewed and confirmed Machinery Failure.

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- 1/1/26 Unit 61 (**Steve Vogt**) – The Sheriff – Machinery Failure - Reviewed and confirmed Machinery Failure.
 - 1/1/26 Unit 121 (**Lin Jacobson**) – The Sheriff – Machinery Failure - Reviewed and confirmed Machinery Failure.
 - 1/2/26 Unit 141 (**Chris Phillips**) – CL Hengyang – Machinery Failure - Reviewed and confirmed Machinery Failure.
 - 1/3/26 Unit 180 (**Cameron Plaisance**) – African Pelican – Complaint (Alleged Damage) – Investigated with operator and informed him that a Crescent Pilot was not on this ship based on photographs. The Crescent Pilot could not have caused the damage.
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- No Current Investigations
 - Report on Pilot Compliance
 - Report given on Continuing Education Compliance
 - Report given on License and Physical Compliance. Reviewed the changes upcoming on the National Maritime Center website.
 - Reviewed three year-old Notices to Commissioners and determined them to be non-issues.
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7. Executive Director Report – 10am meeting at the NOBRA office with pilots, Coast Guard and industry.
 8. Status of Deputy Pilots moving to Tier 2 was reported.
 9. Committee Reports
 - Safe Navigation – Capt. Donner will be setting up a meeting with new members.
 - Professional Development – Zoom Meeting was held to talk about Two Man Training Seminar
 10. Update given on appointment of Capt. Donner and Capt. Eschete to the commission and appointment of Capt. Marks to the Board of Review.
 11. Final update given on the qualification of Apprentice Applications.
 12. Parameters were set for the report request on dockings for all pilots and request was made to Crescent River Port Pilot Association.
 13. No New Business
 14. Meeting Adjourned at 4:15pm