



Meeting Minutes
Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners
March 4, 2026

1. Meeting called to order at 9:00 am
2. In Attendance: Capt. Shannon Marks, Capt. Blaine Donner, Capt. Jace Eschete, Michael Delesdernier (Executive Director) and Mary Delesdernier (Executive Staff)
3. Meeting Minutes from February 4, 2026, were approved with no changes.
4. No Public Comments
5. Apprentice Training
 - Reviewed April Training Agenda
 - Discussed progress of apprentices
 - Reviewed evaluation counts
 - Debriefed on BRMP / Sam Stephenson training
 - Discussed trip sheets and requested apprentices to all log trips the same way
6. Executive Session
 - Report on New Notices to Commissioners
 - 2/9/26 Unit 189 – Twin Delight – Other – Unsafe Berth - Reviewed and confirmed Machinery Failure
 - 2/14/26 Unit 123 – Suzanna D -Other – Main engine sensor malfunction - Reviewed and confirmed Machinery Failure
 - 2/15/26 Unit 132 – SM Falcon – Machinery Failure - Reviewed and confirmed Machinery Failure
 - 2/17/26 Unit 118 – Calobra – Other – Faulty Gyro compass - Reviewed and confirmed Machinery Failure
 - 2/24/26 Unit 49 – MSC Dubai VII – Machinery Failure - Reviewed and confirmed Machinery Failure
 - 2/25/26 Unit 105 – Valentia Blue – Machinery Failure - Reviewed and confirmed Machinery Failure
 - No current investigations to report

- Report on Pilot Compliance
 - Report given on Continuing Education
 - Report given on Licenses and Physicals
 - Reviewed disposition of one year-old Notices to Commissioners and it was a non-issue.
7. Executive Director Report
- Report given on meeting with Dr. Bourgeios.
 - Reviewed Medication Review Request Form
8. Update on BRPPC System given.
9. Committee Reports
- Safe Navigation committee update given.
 - Professional Development - Two Man Training Seminar – update given on seminar.
10. Reviewed the responses to changes for tanker LOA requirements for Tier 1 & 2 deputies. All reviews were positive.
11. VTS Training for apprentices and deputies has been cancelled for now due USCG closures as a result of the partial government shutdown.
12. Discussed need for the development of VTS and MRTIS training curriculum.
13. USCG / VTS Incident & Hazardous Condition Reporting Guidelines – postponed discussion to a later date.
14. Possibility of eliminating the Pilot license requirement for Inner Harbor Navigation Canal to Lake Pontchartrain – postponed until a later date.
15. Reviewed commissioner agenda to present at Quarterly Association meeting. Items to do discuss will be:
- Deficiency reporting
 - Two-man Seminar
 - PPU
 - When to call a commissioner
 - MMC renewals – Suggest starting the process 6 months before renewal date
16. No New Business
17. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.