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BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

BPC Mission: to ensure against the loss of lives, loss of or damage to property and vessels, and to protect the marine environment by maintaining efficient and competent pilotage service on our State's inland waters.



THE BPC PILOTAGE QUARTERLY

Spring 2023



Announcements

Puget Sound Licensure

Captain Larry Holland received license #222 to pilot in the Puget Sound Pilotage District at the March meeting of the BPC.



Congratulations Captain!

Ride Along with PSP

Many thanks to Puget Sound pilot Captain Sandy Bendixen (right) for bringing BPC Executive Director Jaimie Bever (left) along on a couple of Port of Tacoma harbor shifts.

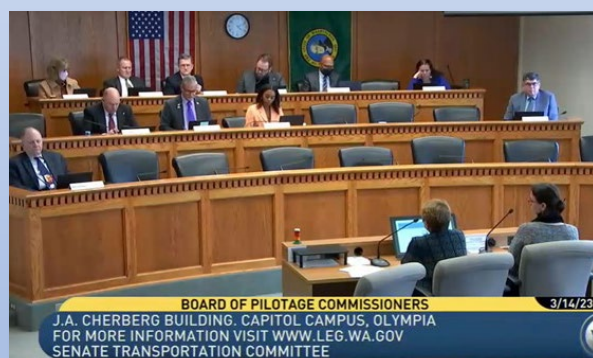


The Board of Pilotage Commissioners was invited to a work session of the Senate Transportation Committee (STC) to present on pilotage and DEI initiatives.

In addition, Commissioners Sandy Bendixen (pilot representative), Jason Hamilton (public representative), Eleanor Kirtley (marine env. representative), and Mike Ross (foreign flag shipping representative) testified in support of their reappointments by the STC in a confirmation hearing that followed the work session. They provided information regarding their roles on the Board and DEI initiatives currently underway by both the BPC and Puget Sound Pilots.



From left: Commissioners Hamilton, Kirtley, and Bendixen, Chair Tonn, and Executive Director Bever.



BPC Chair Sheri Tonn (left) and Executive Director Jaimie Bever (right) present to the STC during a work session on pilotage and diversity. Image courtesy of TVW.



BPC Commissioners Captain Sandy Bendixen (left), Captain Jason Hamilton (center), Dr. Eleanor Kirtley (right), and Captain Mike Ross (virtual) provided testimony for their reappointments to the Board. Image courtesy of TVW.

The BPC would like to thank Senate Transportation Committee Chair Senator Marko Liias, Ranking Member Senator Curtis King, and the rest of the Committee for the opportunity to provide updates on the important work of the BPC and the pilots.

Women in Maritime Leadership Conference

District Snapshots

Puget Sound



Retirements:

Captain Jack Bujacich
Thank you for your service!

License Upgrades to Unlimited:

There were no upgrades to unlimited in the first quarter of 2023.

Training Program:

Currently training are Captains Riddle, Cassee, Scott, Kelly, Mancini, Fleischfresser, and Sturgell.



Passing through the 11th St bridge in the Hylebos Waterway. Courtesy of Puget Sound Pilots.

Grays Harbor



Training Program:

Currently training is Captain Grobschmit.



#EmbraceEquity group photo at the WIML Conference. In attendance were Puget Sound pilots Captains Sandy Bendixen and Trevor Bozina, and BPC Chair Sheri Tonn and Executive Director Jaimie Bever. Photo courtesy of Cal Maritime.

In March, the BPC attended the Women in Maritime Leadership conference at Cal Maritime Acad. This was BPC's 8th consecutive year attending, and 2nd year as a sponsor. The program included panels on Understanding Equity & Privilege, the Nexus Between Vessels and Ship Agents, and Creating Impactful Networks of Support for Women & LGBTQ+ Folks in Maritime. This conference continues to be an excellent opportunity for empowerment and connection. We look forward to the next one!

From left: Puget Sound pilot Captain Trevor Bozina, Chief Mate Fionna Boyle, VADM Joanna M. Nunan, and BPC Commissioner and Puget Sound pilot Captain Sandy Bendixen



Center: Puget Sound pilot Captain Sandy Bendixen during the Use Your Voice panel



Rulemaking Announcement

The BPC, in consultation with Ecology, is beginning rulemaking to amend Chapter 363-116 WAC, Pilotage Rules, concerning tug escorts for oil tankers. The first phase of the rulemaking process, the filing of a Pre-proposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101 form), is complete. Information regarding this rulemaking can be found on [Ecology's website](#). Visit the [BPC's Oil Transportation Safety website](#) for information regarding the legislation that led to this rulemaking. Rulemaking meetings and workshop will be held between May 2023 and December 2024 with rule adoption anticipated in December 2025.

2024 Marine Pilot Exam

Help us get the word out about our Spring 2024 [Marine Pilot Exam](#)! We welcome questions and inquiries. Contact our Training Program Coordinator Jolene Hamel at (206) 515-3904 or HamelJ@wsdot.wa.gov.

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