

Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports

May 20, 2013

To: Pilot Board Investigation Recommendation Advisory Subcommittee

From: Mike Usher

Subject: Minutes of May 20, 2013, Pilot Board Investigation Recommendation Advisory Subcommittee (Committee).

The Pilot Board Investigation Recommendation Advisory Subcommittee meeting was held in the Port of Houston Authority Executive Office Building at 10:00, Monday May 20, 2013.

Committee members in attendance were Chairman Marcus Woodring, Paul Caruselle, and Tim Leitzell. Captain Robert Thompson and Dave Foret voted by proxy. Staff member in attendance was Compliance Coordinator Mike Usher.

The Chairman convened the meeting of the Committee.

Investigation Activity:

- 1.) September 16, 2011 - MV VEREINA collision with UTV SHORTY C
Unanimous vote to close matter to file.
- 2.) October 30, 2011 – MT BOW SANTOS collision with UTV JOEL SMITH
Unanimous vote to close matter to file.
Recommended lesson learned: Improved communications of ship and towing operators in traffic density areas. VTS traffic management.
- 3.) December 13, 2011 - MV HARVEST SUN collision with MT CHARLESTON
Unanimous vote recommend full hearing.
- 4.) August 24, 2012 - MV IKAN ACAPULCO allision with Cargill No. 1
Unanimous vote to close matter to file.
Recommended lesson learned: Pilot establishes effective bridge resource management with bridge team and look outs.
- 5.) September 19, 2012 - MV AP SOLANO allision with Woodhouse No. 1
Unanimous vote to close matter to file.
Recommended lesson learned: Facilities ensure safe and effective mooring fender system.
- 6.) October 27, 2012 - MT ASTRO ANTARES collision with UTV MISS ROSLYN
Majority vote to close matter to file.

Recommended lesson learned: Improved communications of ship and towing operators in traffic density areas. VTS traffic management.

- 7.) January 1, 2013 – MT MERCINI LADY collision with UTV BELLE
Unanimous vote recommend full hearing.
- 8.) March 8, 2013 – BBC ROMANIA grounding
Unanimous vote to close matter to file.
- 9.) Update provided to members regarding Captain Paul Bartholmey.