

**Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports
Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee
Advisory Subcommittee Meeting**

April 21, 2016

A meeting of the Advisory Subcommittee (the “Subcommittee”) of the Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee (the “PBIRC”) was convened on Thursday April 21, 2016, at the Port of Houston Authority Executive Offices, Third Floor Conference room, at 111 East Loop North Houston, Texas 77029. The following members and staff were present:

Captain Marcus Woodring, Chairman
Captain Robert Shearon
Captain David Foret
Captain Richard Russell – (by proxy)
Paul Caruselle
Captain Mike Usher, PBIRC Compliance Coordinator

Chairman Woodring called the meeting to order.

A. M/T JENNY N collision with UTV KAMI RENEE on August 6, 2015, in the Houston Ship Channel.

1. Proposed Findings: No willful misconduct on the part of Captain Michael Pizzitola.
2. Proposed Recommendations: Close matter to file.

The Subcommittee reviewed this matter and determined that the ship and tow had established an overtaking passing agreement and the tow was manipulated by wind or possibly current causing it to lay softly alongside the ships starboard hull during passage. It was also determined that there was no damage to either vessel and any injuries or pollution. USCG has closed their investigation.

The Compliance Coordinator asked for a motion to recommend closing matter to file. The motion was brought by Chairman Woodring, seconded by Mr. Caruselle. Captain Shearon, Captain Foret and Captain Russell (by proxy) voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

B. M/V OCEAN FALCON collision with Barbours Cut Lash Dock October 24, 2015, in the Barbours Cut Ship Channel.

1. The Subcommittee elected to abate their decision pending further evidentiary review.

The Compliance Coordinator asked for a motion to abate their decision pending further evidentiary gathering and review. Motion was brought by Captain Foret, seconded by Mr. Caruselle. Chairman Woodring, Captain Shearon and Captain Russell (by proxy) voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

C. M/T STOLT QUETZAL allision with Old Manchester Dock on October 31, 2015, in the Houston Ship Channel.

1. Proposed Findings: No willful misconduct on the part of Captain Randall Medard.
2. Proposed Recommendations: Close matter to file (except as provided below).

The Subcommittee reviewed this matter and determined that Captain Medard was maneuvering the ship safely alongside the berth when the assist tug, having to maintain its position in the prevailing current, caused undue pressure to the ships side force motion causing the ship to bump the berth during approach. It was also determined that there was minor damage to the ship and no injuries or pollution.

The Subcommittee recommended that this matter be referred to the LSHSC (Lone Star Harbor Safety Committee) Facility Committee for awareness and recommendations to Old Manchester Terminal regarding berthing conditions, i.e. sufficient mooring fenders.

Compliance Coordinator asked for a motion to recommend closing matter to file. Motion was made by Chairman Woodring seconded by Captain Shearon. Captain Foret, Mr. Caruselle and Captain Russell (by proxy) voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

Adjourned