

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

July 12, 2016

A meeting of the Advisory Subcommittee (the "Subcommittee") of the Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee (the "PBIRC") was convened on July 12, 2016, at the Port of Houston Authority Executive Offices, Fourth Floor Boardroom, 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
Paul Caruselle
Captain Mike Usher, PBIRC Compliance Coordinator

Chairman Woodring called the meeting to order.

- 1) M/T BOW SKY grounding on March 23, 2016, in the Bayport Ship Channel.

Proposed findings: By miss-interpreting conning orders given by the pilot, crew error lead to the grounding. No evidence of pilot error.

Proposed recommendation: Close matter to file.

Captain Usher asked for a motion to close matter to file. Motion was brought by Chairman Woodring, seconded by Captain Shearon. Mr. Caruselle, Captain Foret and Captain Russell voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 2) M/T SIVA ROTTERDAM collision with CFV MISS ANDREA on March 25, 2016, in the Galveston Bay Entrance Ship Channel.

Proposed findings: Pilot acted with prudent seamanship in response to the Rules of the Road violations by Commercial Fishing Vessel MISS ANDREA that lead to the collision.

Proposed recommendation: Close matter to file.

Captain Usher asked for a motion to close matter to file. Motion was brought by Mr. Caruselle, seconded by Captain Shearon. Captain Foret, Chairman Woodring, and Captain Russell voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 3) M/T NEW CONQUEST allision with mooring dolphin at Houston Fuel Oil on March 27, 2016, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed findings: Sluggish response to engine revolutions leads to minor bump to mooring dolphin with subsequent minimal damage. No evidence of pilot error.

Proposed recommendation: Close matter to file.

Captain Usher asked for a motion to close matter to file. Motion was brought by Mr. Caruselle, seconded by Captain Foret. Chairman Woodring, Captain Shearon and Captain Russell voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 4) M/T MATTHEOS I alleged wake damage on April 4, 2016, in the Bayport Ship Channel.

Proposed findings: No evidence of pilot error.

Proposed recommendations: Close matter to file. To the Houston Pilots Association, recommend pilots report slack line issues to VTS, with an emphasis on bunkering operations.

Captain Usher asked for a motion to close matter to file. Motion was brought by Captain Foret, seconded by Captain Russell. Mr. Caruselle, Chairman Woodring, and Captain Shearon voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 5) M/V PAN SPIRIT surge line incident on April 19, 2016, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed findings: No evidence of excessive speed by inbound ship, no evidence of pilot error. Lack of line tender attention found aboard PAN SPIRIT.

Proposed recommendation: Close matter to file.

Captain Usher asked for a motion to close matter to file. Motion was brought by Captain Foret, seconded by Captain Russell. Mr. Caruselle and Captain Shearon voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED. Chairman Woodring recused himself.

- 6) M/T NORDIC MARI collision with barge tied up to UTV SAN JOAQUIN on April 22, 2016, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed findings: Lack of investigative data. Insignificant damage.

Proposed recommendation: Close matter to file.

Captain Usher asked for a motion to close matter to file. Motion was brought by Chairman Woodring, seconded by Captain Foret. Mr. Caruselle, Captain Shearon and Captain Russell voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 7) M/T CHEMTRANS SEA bollard pull incident at Bosco Terminal on April 24, 2016, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed findings: Structural failure leads to chock give-way and bollard deck plate tear. No evidence of pilot error.

Proposed recommendation: Close matter to file.

Captain Usher asked for a motion to close matter to file. Motion was brought by Chairman Woodring, seconded by Captain Shearon. Captain Foret, Mr. Caruselle, and Captain Russell voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 8) M/V BBC SWEDEN allision with City Dock 42 on April 29, 2016, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed findings: Sluggish response to engine revolutions, no fault with maneuver, and no evidence of pilot error.

Proposed recommendation: Close matter to file.

Captain Usher asked for a motion to close matter to file. Motion was brought by Mr. Caruselle, seconded by Captain Shearon. Captain Foret and Captain Russell voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED. Chairman Woodring recused himself.

- 9) M/T NEW DAWN grounding on May 2, 2016, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed findings: Lack of evidence.

Proposed recommendation: Tabled.

Captain Usher asked for a motion to table matter. Motion was brought by Captain Shearon, seconded by Mr. Caruselle. Captain Foret, Chairman Woodring, and Captain Russell voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 10) M/T KYOTO grounding on May 10, 2016, in Bolivar Roads Anchorage "A".

Proposed findings: Anchor drag leads to grounding. No evidence of pilot error.

Proposed recommendation: Close matter to file.

Captain Usher asked for a motion to close matter to file. Motion was brought by Chairman Woodring, seconded by Mr. Caruselle. Captain Foret, Captain Shearon and Captain Russell voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

Adjourned