

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

**November 12, 2018**

A meeting of the Advisory Subcommittee (the "Subcommittee") of the Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee (the "PBIRC") was convened on Monday November 12, 2018, 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 Mark Mitchem  
Captain David Foret  
Captain Richard Russell  
Paul Caruselle  
Captain M. Tyler Gavis, PBIRC Compliance Coordinator

Chairman Woodring called the meeting to order.

- 1) M/T EVEREST SPIRIT allision/dock failure with HFO #1 mooring dolphin on May 10, 2018, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: The vessel docked as would normally be expected. There is no evidence of pilot error.

Proposed Recommendations: Close matter to file.

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

- 2) M/T SUMMIT AFRICA loss of propulsion on June 5, 2018, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: The vessel experienced mechanical issues leading it to run aground. There is no evidence of pilot error.

Proposed Recommendations: Close matter to file.

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

- 3) M/V YOCHOW allision with OSG Barge 243 at Texas Petrochemical Dock A on June 13, 2018, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: The helmsman executed the wrong command at a critical time. This error caused the vessel to allide into OSG Barge 243. There is no evidence of pilot error.

Proposed Recommendations: Close matter to file. The PBIRC Subcommittee requests that the Houston Pilots discuss the matter at their next meeting, and that this matter be presented as a case study at the next Brownwater- Bluewater seminar.

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

- 4) M/V THRUSH mast allision with the 610 bridge on June 22, 2018, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: The pilot was provided with incorrect mast measurements. This error caused an Inmarsat antenna to allide with the 610 bridge. There is no evidence of pilot error.

Proposed Recommendations: Close matter to file.

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

- 5) M/V OKINAWA allision with M/T KING DARWIN near Magellan Terminal on July 4, 2018, in the Houston Ship Channel.

The Subcommittee reviewed this matter and determined that it warranted a full PBIRC hearing.

Captain Gavis asked for a motion to recommend full PBIRC hearing. Motion was brought by Captain Foret, seconded by Mr. Caruselle. Captain Russell, Captain Mitchem, and Chairman Woodring voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 6) M/T MISS BENEDETTA collision with UTV ST. THOMAS near Jacintoport on August 13, 2018, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: A steering gear failure caused the UTV ST. THOMAS to collide with M/T MISS BENEDETTA. There is no evidence of pilot error.

Proposed Recommendations: Close matter to file.

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

- 7) M/T EAGLE KLANG allision with Exxon Berth #5 on September 27, 2018, in the Houston Ship Channel.

The Subcommittee reviewed this matter and determined that it warranted a full PBIRC hearing.

Captain Gavis asked for a motion to recommend full PBIRC hearing. Motion was brought by Chairman Woodring, seconded by Mr. Caruselle. Captain Mitchem, and Captain Foret voted Aye. Captain Russell recused himself from voting. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

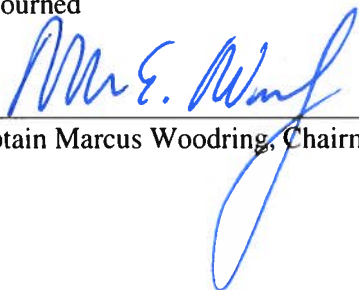
- 8) M/V PUSAN C loss of propulsion on October 2, 2018, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: The vessel experienced mechanical issues generating the need to anchor. There is no evidence of pilot error.

Proposed Recommendations: Close matter to file.

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

Adjourned

  
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Captain Marcus Woodring, Chairman