

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

**March 9, 2021**

A meeting of the Advisory Subcommittee (the “Subcommittee”) of the Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee (the “PBIRC”) was convened on Tuesday March 9, 2021. The following members and staff were present:

Captain David Foret, Chairman  
Captain Robert Thompson  
Captain Marcus Woodring  
Captain Richard Russell  
Captain M. Tyler Gavis, PBIRC Compliance Coordinator

Chairman Foret called the meeting to order.

- 1) M/T RONALD N grounding on April 12, 2020 in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: Mechanical issues on the vessel in front of the M/T RONALD N caused the M/T RONALD N to have to take emergency actions to avoid collision. 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 Chairman Foret. Captain Thompson, and Captain Woodring voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 2) M/V CMA CGM DALILA grounding near the Bayport Flare on April 22, 2020, 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 a full PBIRC hearing. Motion was brought by Chairman Foret, seconded by Captain Woodring. Captain Russell voted Aye. Captain Thompson voted nay. Motion APPROVED.

- 3) M/V BBC DOLPHIN allision with the M/V BBC VIRGINIA at Manchester dock E on July 28, 2020, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: Mechanical issues led to an unexpected loss of propulsion, and in turn caused the M/V BBC DOLPHIN to allide with the M/V BBC VIRGINIA. 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 Thompson, seconded by Captain Woodring. Captain Russell, and Chairman Foret voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 4) M/T NORDIC AMI allision with the unlit mooring dolphin at Stolthaven dock #2 at on August 19, 2020, in the Houston Ship Channel

Proposed Findings: The M/T NORDIC AMI was sent to the wrong dock. This mistake altered the pilot's approach, and ultimately contributed to the allision. 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 Chairman Foret. Captain Woodring, and Captain Thompson voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 5) M/V NAVIOS ASTRA loss of propulsion on August 24, 2020, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: Mechanical issues led to an unexpected loss of propulsion. 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 Foret, seconded by Captain Thompson. Captain Woodring, and Captain Russell voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 6) M/T BOW SUN loss of steering on September 5, 2020, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: Mechanical issues led to the loss of steering. 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 Woodring, seconded by Captain Russell. Captain Thompson, and Chairman Foret voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 7) M/V BBC CAMPANA near miss with the M/V TUNGOR at Manchester dock B on September 15, 2020, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: An issue with the control pitch led to the near miss. 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 Woodring, seconded by Chairman Foret. Captain Thompson, and Captain Russell voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 8) M/V SATURN mast allision with the 610 bridge on September 27, 2020, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: The pilot was presented with an incorrect air draft, which led to the mast of the vessel alliding 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 Captain Russell, seconded by Chairman Foret. Captain Thompson, and Captain Woodring voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 9) M/V NISYROS grounding on December 18, 2020, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: The helmsman did not properly carryout the order of the pilot. The helmsman's error led to the vessel running 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 Chairman Foret, seconded by Captain Thompson. Captain Woodring, and Captain Russell voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 10) M/V HYDERABAD grounding on December 24, 2020, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: Mechanical issues led to the M/V HYDERABAD losing propulsion and steering. The pilot had to take emergency actions to avoid collision and did an excellent job of avoiding collision. 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 Chairman Foret. Captain Thompson, and Captain Woodring voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 11) M/T SCORPIO grounding on January 16, 2021, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: Unknown shoaling led to the vessel running 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 Chairman Foret, seconded by Captain Russell. Captain Woodring, and Captain Thompson voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 12) M/T CLIO grounding on January 31, 2021, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: Unknown shoaling led to the vessel running 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 Thompson, seconded by Captain Russell. Captain Woodring, and Chairman Foret voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 13) M/V BBC BRAZIL loss of propulsion on February 19, 2021, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: Mechanical issues led to an unexpected loss of propulsion. 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 Foret, seconded by Captain Thompson. Captain Russell, and Captain Woodring voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

Adjourned



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Captain David Foret, Chairman