

A meeting of the Advisory Subcommittee (the “Subcommittee”) of the Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee (the “PBIRC”) was convened on Tuesday September 21, 2021. The following members and staff were present:

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

Chairman Foret called the meeting to order.

- 1) M/T ATLANTIC GRACE collision with the T/V TIMOTHY C. ALLEN near buoys 69/70 on August 21, 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, Captain Usher, and Captain Thompson voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 2) M/T BOW FLORA collision with M/T EAGLE KINABALU at Houston Fuel Oil #1 on February 2, 2021, 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 Usher, and Captain Thompson voted Aye. Captain Russell recused himself from voting. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 3) ATB PRIDE collision with T/V ORION on April 5, 2021, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: The construction vessel encroached on the ATB PRIDE while it was topping around. There is no evidence of pilot error.

Proposed Recommendations: Close matter to file. The Advisory Subcommittee requests that the Lonestar Harbor Safety Committee look into the licensing requirements of construction vessels.

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

- 4) M/V MSC AQUARIUS grounding on May 10, 2021, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: The pilot was given the wrong draft by the vessel’s crew. Shoaling in the vicinity of the Bayport Flare also contributed to the grounding. 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, Captain Usher, and Captain Thompson voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 5) M/T ALBERT grounding on May 17, 2021, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: Severe weather was the primary cause of the grounding. 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 Usher, Captain Woodring, and Captain Russell voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 6) M/V CMA CGM TAGE bump and go near the Bayport Flare on June 3, 2021, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: The pilot acted with prudent seamanship. Shoaling in the vicinity of the Bayport Flare contributed to a lower-than-expected rate of turn. 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, Captain Usher, and Captain Russell voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

Adjourned

The above are the proposed findings and recommendations of the PBIRC and do not reflect the opinion of other investigating entities.



Captain David Foret, Chairman