

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

**May 9, 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/V OCEAN FALCON allision 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.

After further evidentiary gathering and review, on May 9, 2016, the Subcommittee decided to align its decision with USCG findings in that contributing factors of high winds and propulsion issues lead to the allision, and found no Pilot culpability. The Subcommittee voted unanimous to close matter to file with no further action.

Adjourned