

## Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

November 12, 2019  
6 Concord Street  
Charleston Branch Pilot Office  
Chas, SC 29401

Board Members present were:

Mr. David Galloway (Chairman)  
Ms. Amy Riley  
Mr. Henry Hay  
Capt. Chris Thornton  
Mr. Joel Britt

Excused Absences were noted for:

Mr. Ken Riley  
Mr. Darrell Johnson

Staff and other present were:

Capt. John Cameron, Charleston Pilot Assoc.  
Capt. Whit Smith, Charleston, Pilot Assoc.  
Ms. Elizabeth Hills, Charleston Pilot Assoc.  
Lt. Chad Ray, USCG  
Ms. Laura Smith LLR (phone)  
Mr. Hardwick Stuart, LLR Advice Counsel (phone)  
Mr. Randy Drafty, Trans Atlantic Race Organizer  
Mrs. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday November 12, 2019 at the Charleston Branch Pilot Office, 6 Concord Street in Charleston, South Carolina. Whereas, proper notice of date, time, place and agenda information having been properly provide to the Charleston Post and Courier and proper notice also having been posted on the LLR website/Pilotage 24 hours prior to the time scheduled for the meeting and quorum having been noted as present, Chairman Galloway called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. All votes reference herein was unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Chairman Galloway asked the Commission to approve the agenda. **Motion:** Commissioner Riley moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner Thornton seconded it. **The motion passed.** Chairman Galloway asked the members to read the draft of minutes taken during the October 8, 2019 meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Riley seconded the motion. **The motion passed.** Next, the Financial Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$535.99 and there were no deposits, the Commission had \$23,101.64 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to accept the Financial Report and Commissioner Riley seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Under Old Business, Lt. Ray gave the Coast Guard report. Buoy 8 is getting worse and it is a hazard for the pilots. The Pilots asked for this to be added to January's agenda

to be discussed further. The Charleston Boat Parade is on December 14. Admiral Jones is planning a trip to Charleston.

Ms. Smith gave the LLR Report. There was one physical for November and two for December. There was no new information to report on the Lower Pilotage Policies and Procedures Manual. Ms. Smith asked the Commissioners if anyone was interested in getting a Pilot Commission license plate. Please continue to send updates to the new LLR Web site [llr.sc.gov/pilot](http://llr.sc.gov/pilot).

Capt. Cameron said that there was nothing new to report on the Savannah River Commission.

Mr. Drafty from the Trans-Atlantic Race gave the Commission an update on the race that is being held in May 2020. In the 60ft class there are 20-23 boats and they draw 16ft. They are docking at the City Marina, Patriots Point, Cooper River Marina, Carolina Yacht Club and Union Pier. Capt. Cameron informed the Commission that the pilots do not see a need for the boats to have pilots. They are not engaged in commerce. Capt. Cameron will send LLR information on this. The Commission asked Mr. Drafty to let them know what the draft is on the sailboats when the keel is up.

Capt. Cameron said that there were no updates on Senate Bill #689. He will continue to give updates to the Commission.

Under new business, Capt. Cameron said that Captains Cisco, Campsen and Teal would be taking the Fourth Short Branch license test in December. Under this license there is no tonnage limit, deep draft limit shall be the deepest draft applicable to merchant vessels whose movements are not draft-restricted under Reg 136-071 A. The licenses will be valid January 1, 2020.

Under Commissioner Comments, Commissioner Thornton informed the Commission that all pilots have taken a sexual harassment class

There were no legal comments.

Under public comments, Ms. Hills extended an invitation to the Commission to the Harbor Pilots annual Christmas Party. It will be on December 14, 2019 at the pilot's office located at 6 Concord Street. She will also be sending out invitations.

There were no announcements.

There being no further business to bring before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David Galloway  
Chairman

Noreen K. Milligan  
Secretary