

**SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE  
LOWER COASTAL**

Monthly Meeting Agenda

July 8, 2025

5:00 PM

Charleston Pilots Office

6 Concord Street, Charleston, SC 29401

**Present:**

Board Members Present:

Mr. David R. Galloway (Chairman)  
Mr. Henry Hay  
Mrs. Amy W. Page  
Mr. Henry Coombs  
Mr. Joel Britt (On call)

Staff and Others Present:

Capt. Crayton Walters, Charleston Pilots Assoc.  
Mrs. Laura Smith, LLR Board Executive  
Ms. Mary Lee, LLR Advice Counsel  
Capt. John Cameron, Pilot Commission Consultant  
Ms. Valerie Torres, Maritime Assoc. of S.C.  
Lieutenant Chris Nichols, US Coast Guard  
Lieutenant Nick Jones, US Coast Guard  
Tyler Campbell, US Coast Guard

**Not Present:**

Mr. Derrick Holmes

**Call to Order/Attendance**

**Meeting was called to order at 5pm** by Mr. David Galloway, Lower Pilotage Commission Chairman.

Public Notice of this meeting was properly posted at the office of the LLR South Carolina Board of Commissioners of Pilotage website and at the Charleston Pilots Office, 6 Concord Street, Charleston SC. It was provided to any requesting persons, organizations or news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the 1976 South Carolina Code, as amended, relation to the Freedom of Information Act. A quorum is noted as present/not present. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed.

- **Motion:** Approval of the agenda Mr. Henry Hay
- **Seconded by:** Mrs. Amy Page
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

**Approval of Minutes and Financial Report** Mr. Galloway

The minutes June 10, 2025 and financial report was reviewed.

- **Motion:** Approval of the minutes, Mrs. Amy Page
- **Seconded by:** Mr. Joel Britt
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

## Old Business

### Coast Guard Report – Aids to Navigation

- Lt. Jones reported on an upcoming **joint exercise** called *Sumter Sneath*, scheduled for **August 4–8, 2025**.
- Two safety zones are anticipated: one near Fort Sumter and another on the Ashley River. These are **not expected to impact commercial vessel operations**.
- Commissioners requested to be notified immediately if anchorage or channel operations are affected.

### Incident Discussion:

- A recent **Governor’s Cup Billfish Tournament** incident was discussed, where sportfishing vessels passed between two commercial ships.
- Commissioners emphasized the need for **future coordination** with event organizers to prevent similar safety issues.
- John Cameron will follow up with tournament organizers and DNR to ensure better communication and planning for future events.

### LLR Report

- All required physicals are up to date as of July 1.
- August: Michael Kratz
- No outstanding compliance issues at this time.

### Policy/Procedure Updates

- The pilot staff is now fully operational.
- A chapter-by-chapter review of the **manual and new regulations** will begin, starting with Chapter 1 at the next meeting.
- Commissioners agreed this approach is appropriate and manageable.

## New Business

### Apprentice Training Review

- The second semi-annual apprentice review period ended April 30, 2025
- All three apprentices are in **good standing** and received **positive evaluations**.
- The **approved training course**, which is Coast Guard-certified for five years, will expire on **December 31, 2025**.
- Pilots will submit the renewal application by **late August**. Commissioners are welcome to provide input.

### Commissioners Comments

- There were no commissioner comments.

### Legal Comments

- There were no legal comments

### Public Comments

- There were no public comments.

### Announcements

- The Charleston Harbor Branch Pilots have hired a new **Corporate Affairs Manager, Madeline Vezzosi**, who was welcomed by the Commission.

### Adjournment

- 5:19 PM

Next Meeting scheduled Tuesday, August 12, 2025