

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting
April 10, 2018
899 Morrison Dr.
Charleston, SC 29402

Board Members present were:

Ms. Amy Riley (Chairman)
Mr. David Galloway
Capt. Chris Thornton
Mr. Henry Hay
Mr. Darrell Johnson

Excused Absences were noted for:

Mr. Ken Riley
Mr. Keith Nell

Staff and other present were:

Capt. Whit Smith, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Ms. Elizabeth Hills, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Mr. Hardwick Stuart, LLR Advice Attorney
Ms. Annabelle Thies, Maritime Assoc.
Mrs. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday April 10, 2018 at the Maritime Association Office, 899 Morrison Dr. 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 at the Maritime Association Office 24 hours prior to the time scheduled for the meeting and quorum having been noted as present, Chairman Riley called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. All votes reference herein was unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Chairman Riley asked the Commission to approve the agenda. **Motion:** Commissioner Galloway moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner Thornton seconded it. **The motion passed.** Chairman Riley asked the members to read the draft of minutes taken during the March 13, 2018 meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Galloway seconded the motion. **The motion passed.** Next, the Financial Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$584.67 and there were no deposits, the Commission had \$10,088.90 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the Financial Report and Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Under Old Business Capt. Cameron gave the Coast Guard report. The Fort Sumter Range lights are completed and the feedback was positive but the lights are very bright at night.

Mr. Stuart gave the LLR Report. There are two physicals due for April and none for May. There was no new information to report on the Lower Pilotage Policies and Procedures Manual. Please continue to send updates to the LLR Web site.

There was nothing new to report on the Savannah River Maritime Commission.

The Harbor Deeping Project is underway and they are the doing survey work. The pilots are getting daily updates from the dredging company.

Capt. Cameron drafted a letter for the Commission to review in regards to the concerns the pilots have with the Corp of Engineers placement of new reefs in the Pilot Boarding Area B. The letter asks the Coast Guard to make the Pilot Boarding Area B, as currently charted on NOAA charts 11521 and 11525, a one nautical mile radius circle centered on the Fort Sumter Range adjacent to Buoy 6 to become a regulated Navigation Area to be permanent from the time of promulgation. The requested specifics of the restriction are as follow, and closely resembles regulations previously established for the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach in 33 CFR 165.1152(e).

1. Port of Charleston "Pilot Area B"

(i) No vessel may enter Pilot Area B unless it is:

(a) entering or departing the Port of Charleston and is under appropriate pilotage as applicable to foreign and domestic vessels, and is passing through the Pilot Area B within the charted federal channel or

(b) embarking or disembarking a duly licensed pilot for the Port of Charleston, or a pilot dispatched from the Port of Charleston, within Pilot Area B

(ii) Vessels entering Pilot Area B as authorized above shall pass directly through without stopping or loitering except as necessary to embark or disembark a pilot.

(iii) Pilot Area B is located as charted on NOAA Charts 11521 and 11525, and is a one-nautical mile radius circle centered at 32° -39'-17" N/079° -40'-06"W, which is on the centerline of Fort Sumter Range approximately 8.3 nautical miles seaward of the COLGREGS line.

Motion: Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the letter as drafted and be submitted to the Coast Guard on behalf of the Commissioners of Pilotage Lower Coastal Area and have Chairman Riley sign it. Commissioner Hay seconded it. **The motion passed.**

There was no new business to be brought before the Commission.

There were no Commissioners comments.

There were no legal comments.

Chairman Riley asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

There were no announcements.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Riley
Chairman

Noreen K. Milligan
Secretary