

**139TH ANNUAL REPORT
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FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1985

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Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 8 of the New Jersey Statutes, the Commissioners of Pilotage respectfully submit their 139th Annual report to the Legislature of the State of New Jersey. This report covers the year ending December 31, 1985.

In accordance with the requirements of the Statutes, this report covers the following items:

**A. ALL BONDS TAKEN BY THE COMMISSIONERS PURSUANT
TO SECTION 12:8-17 OF TITLE 12.**

The following bond was received by the Commissioners as a condition to the pilot receiving his original license.

Pilot	Date of Bond	Sureties
Andrew W. McGovern	3/1/85	E.J. Haggerty R.E. Britton

**B. AN ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSIONERS
WITHIN THE YEAR 1985.**

At the annual Meeting held on January 17, 1985 the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President	- Nelson Kornstein
Vice President	- George N. Axiotes
Secretary-Treasurer	- Richard L. Amster

At the same meeting the President appointed the following Commissioners to the Standing Committees:

Executive Committee	- Richard L. Amster
	- George N. Axiotes
	- Nelson Kornstein
Examining Committee	- George N. Axiotes
	- Donald W. Gates

In 1985, the Commissioners advanced one pilot from Second to First Grade, three pilots from Third to Second Grade, one pilot from Fourth to Third Grade, one pilot from Fifth to Fourth Grade, two pilots from Sixth to Fifth Grade and one pilot was granted an original license as Pilot of the Sixth Grade. During the same period, the Commissioners registered one apprentice. In regard to pilot personnel, the accomplishment of the Joint Task Force of the New York and the New Jersey Boards bears mentioning. This Joint Task Force produced a comprehensive analysis and report on pilot manning projected through the year 2,000. This effort to plan for maintenance of pilot and apprentice personnel at adequate levels for future years was revealed to the maritime industry at a meeting of the Ad Hoc Pilotage Committee (AIMES).

The Board is pleased to report that the apprentice system continues to work well. In connection with advancement, assignments for candidates for promotion from Sixth to Fifth Grade are so scheduled that these individuals are now able to acquire sufficient piloting experience within the time frame allotted. Discussions concerning substantial dissimilarities between the New York examinations and the New Jersey examinations have been pursued to minimize differences while still preserving the independence of each states' examination procedures. The Executive Committee of the United New Jersey Sandy Hook Pilots Benevolent Association, acting on instructions of the Board of Commissioners of Pilotage of the State of New Jersey, is composing a booklet of examination questions. This will provide the Board with an additional and valid tool to use for an expanded and increased scope of examination for licensure and promotion of pilots.

The Commissioners investigated a total of three marine casualties during 1985. After conducting hearings on these three incidents, the Commissioners determined that no action should be taken against the licenses of the pilots and the cases were closed.

A standardized form for reporting the results of medical examinations, of the precise type required from pilots when they seek promotion, is now utilized on an annual basis. Photocopies of the physical examinations of all pilots and apprentices, including those who have attained the grade of full branch pilot, will be submitted to the Board annually. This requirement tracks a similar federal requirement.

In connection with federal agencies active in the maritime field, excellent harmonious relations with the United States Coast Guard in the Port of New York - New Jersey has been established by the Board thus providing for an amicable working linkage between both groups. This spirit of cooperation can be observed in matters of a general maritime nature as well as in those specific areas in which both the United States Coast Guard and the Board have statutory responsibilities.

A previous subject of study of the Joint Task Force of the New York and the New Jersey Boards, the consideration of the combining of the Sandy Hook Pilots and the Hudson River Pilots service and a manner for examination and licensing the Hudson River Pilots of the future, has been tabled insofar as this proposed merger, despite exhaustive study by the pilots associations has not progressed beyond the contemplative stage.

In 1984 this Board dealt with the planning and design phase and related policy decisions in connection with the building of replacements for the pilot boat NEW JERSEY and the crew craft CHAPEL HILL. The replacement for the CHAPEL HILL was delivered July 9, 1985. This new vessel, named the SANDY HOOK, is a sixty four foot service launch designed by C. Raymond Hunt Associates, Inc. of Boston and built by the Gladding-Hearn Ship Building Corporation of Somerset, Massachusetts. The other vessel slated for replacement, Pilot Boat No. 2, the NEW JERSEY, built in 1943 as a minesweeper, altered to a yacht after World War II and converted to a pilot boat in 1969, will be replaced by a modern vessel specifically designed from the keel up as a pilot boat. This 145 foot replacement craft is now under construction at the yard of Damen-Werft in the Netherlands. Construction costs are financed by a surcharge of \$75.00 per vessel on pilotage outbound and inbound. This surcharge went into effect May 1, 1985. The Joint Task Force monitors the surcharge fund. Such funds collected are specifically designated for vessel replacement. They are deposited in bank accounts separate from the general funds of the Sandy Hook Pilots. Special quarterly audits have been arranged to keep close track of surcharge funds received and disbursed. In this regard, in addition to joint meetings of the New York and the New Jersey Boards, the Joint Task Force convened on July 15, 1985, October 24, 1985 and November 25, 1985. Thus far the surcharge amount of \$75.00 has been found to be adequate.

Notwithstanding the march of inflation, pilotage rates for the Sandy Hook Pilots have not changed since July 25, 1983 when a 10-1/2% increase went into effect. In connection with factors effecting pilotage rates, it is predicted that when both new replacement pilot craft are in operation, economies will be achieved through substantially reduced annual maintenance costs for the sixty four foot launch and reduced operating costs, (smaller crew due to automation), on the new NEW JERSEY.

The Board cooperates with other responsible maritime groups in regard to port related activities. The past year the Board has actively participated in deliberations of the Harbor Operations Committee of the Maritime Association of the Port of New York-New Jersey. Topics of common interest involved proposed Federal Pilotage Regulations, dredging of the Hudson River, and the Vessel Traffic Safety System. Objectives of the New York-New Jersey Port Promotion Association have been supported and in addition to the Board continues to work to establish rapport with other concerned maritime groups such as the Ad Hoc Industry Committee.

Commissioner Frank A. Johannesson was confirmed by the Senate on September 9, 1985. At the September 19, 1985 regularly scheduled meeting of the Board he was appointed to the Examining Committee and designated as the Board's liaison officer to the United States Coast Guard.

**C. A STATEMENT OF THE NUMBER OF PILOTS IN COMMISSION
AND THE NUMBER OF VESSELS TAKEN IN AND OUT.**

The following pilots were active as of December 31, 1985:

A.T. Boylan	R.V. Keenam	J.H. Peterson, Jr.
A.E. Braendly	G.A. Mason	F.E. Reil
J.F. Britton	C.A. Massey	R.D. Rice
R.E. Britton	J.F. McCarthy III	R.J. Schoenlank
T.G. Britton	A.W. McGovern	H.A. Schweers
H.J. Costello	T.J. McGovern	R.D. Seeth
R.E. Cox	D.J. McInerhey	K.W. Sorensen
R.L. Cullison	B.J. Mercereau	W.W. Sturgeon
C.W. Dahmen	W.G. Metting	K.E. Sullivan
R.A. Deane	J.B. Monaghan	E.F. Sweeney, Jr.
E.J. Haggerty	J.A. Murray	F.D. Wall, III
J.D. Hasson	E.D. O'Donnell	T.J. Walsh
R.D. Jones	J.C. Oldmixon	C.A. Whiteside
P.E. Kanenbley	R.F. Penna	
J.G. Keating	T.W. Peters	

Retired Pilots

F.J. Boslet	W.H. Lowe	J.L. Renesse
L.T. Earl	J.F. McCarthy	D.T. Smith
W.J. Egan	R.J. McCarthy	F.D. Wall, Jr.
W.C. Hall	D.M. Mercereau	E.H. Weiler
W.C. Hansen	W.A. Mitchell	C.E. Wendel
G.W. Kissenberth	A.G. Oldmixon	W.F. Winter
J. Licata	C.C. Reed	E.G. Young

Registered Apprentices

P.G. Rooss	J.C. Oldmixon, Jr.	F.J. Boslet, Jr.
J.E. Graham	W.M. Hansen	T.J. Ferrie
G.W. Kissenberth, Jr.	J.W. Scudlo	D.W. Walsh
		K.P. Sorensen

The following vessels were serviced during 1985:

	IN	OUT
January	165	169
February	164	155
March	161	183
April	165	176
May	176	193
June	192	195
July	216	201
August	148	160
September	189	183
October	188	204
November	179	169
December	182	163

D. OBSERVATIONS IN RELATION TO THE SYSTEM OF PILOTAGE

This Board is gratified with the skill and dedication demonstrated by the Sandy Hook Pilots and continues to support a system of State pilotage. This Board points out that, in its opinion, the extremely comprehensive and lengthy training course mandated by the pilot apprentice program produces a thoroughly competent, professional and expert body of pilots unsurpassed in the United States.

COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE

RICHARD L. AMSTER, 2 Hogan Court, Florham Park, New Jersey 07932. Secretary-Treasurer of Board of Commissioners. Member of the law firm of Amster & Levin, P.A., Millburn, New Jersey. Served on active duty in the United States Navy, 1942-1946, separated with the permanent rank of Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

GEORGE N. AXIOTES, 21 East Shore Road, Denville, New Jersey 07834. Holds American Master's license of steam and motor vessels for any ocean, any tonnage. Licensed Federal Pilot. Commanded American Commercial Vessels in World and Coastwise trade. Commanded Merchant Vessels in World War Two and also served as Convoy Commodore. Held Executive shore positions in Steamship and Stevedoring Corporations. Member of Society of Maritime Arbitrators of New York Inc., Member of Maritime Trades Advisory Committee, Board of Education, City of New York, Past President and Life Member of Marine Society of New York, chartered in 1770. Member of Boston Marine Society, chartered in 1742. Member of Council of American Master Mariners, Inc.

Owns and operates a business as Marine Surveyor and Consultant. Former member of U.S. Naval Reserve. Former member of International Cargo Gear Bureau, Inc.

***DONALD W. GATES**, 37 Cheshire Square, Little Silver, New Jersey 07739. Past-President of the Board of Commissioners. Holds unlimited license as Master. Graduate of New York State Maritime Academy, 1942. Served as Deck Officer and Master with Isthmian Steamship Company and United States Lines until 1950. Served during World War II in all action areas. Marine cargo surveyor from 1950; first as a private surveyor, then with Board of Underwriters of New York, and since 1952 with National Cargo Bureau, where presently employed as Senior Vice President. United States Naval Reserve Officer until 1955. Recipient of Public Service Commendation from Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, for contribution to marine safety as member of U.S. Delegation to IMCO Sub-Committee on the Carriage of Dangerous Goods. Member of numerous industry committees and professional organizations, including Marine Society of New York and Council of American Master Mariners.

*Succeeded by *Frank A. Johannessen* 9/9/85

FRANK A. JOHANNESSEN, 619 West Lake Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey 07605. Marine license: Master Oceans, any gross tons; sailed as master. Shore positions: marine claim adjuster for P and I underwriters, self-employed as a marine surveyor, presently manager of the Port Newark office of the Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor. Graduate of United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kean College of New Jersey, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University School of Law-Newark. Former Editor of the *Kings Pointer*. Commander, USNR (Ret). Member: American Bar Association, Union County (NJ) Bar Association, Council of American Master Mariners, Naval Reserve Association.

NELSON KORNSTEIN, 73 Frances Drive, Clark, New Jersey 07066. Vice-President of the Board of Commissioners. President of American Plastic Company, Rahway, New Jersey. Served in the Merchant Marine from 1936 to 1951 principally with U.S. Lines and American Export Lines. 1942 to 1945 was an instructor in the United States Maritime Service. Member United States Naval Reserve 1942 to 1945. President of the Clark Rent Control Board in 1972. 1972 to 1973 served on the Commission of Environmental Protection of Union County. 1974 to 1979 served as a Union County Park Commissioner. Former legislative aide to Senator Donald DiFrancesco minority speaker of the New Jersey Senate. Associate member Council American Master Mariners. Member of the Maritime Association Port of New York/New Jersey. Active on the New York/New Jersey Harbor Operation Committee.

EDWARD B. PULVER, 104 West 56th Street, Bayonne, New Jersey 07002. Served in the Armed Forces (Air Force) 1941-1943, a Member of Master, Mates and Pilots Local 1 New York 1941-1958. Elected officer as Secretary-Treasurer of Master, Mates and Pilots Local 1 New York 1948-1958. Regional Director of Seafarers International Union of Inland Waterways from Norfolk to New York 1959 to present. Sailed as ordinary seaman and Mate on Inland Waterways 1941-1975. Secretary-Treasurer State of New Jersey AFL-CIO 1975 to present. Labor Representative on the Governor's Manpower Board, Graduate of Rutgers Police Academy, Graduate of Rutgers (City Administration), Member Saving Our Port, Port of New York and New Jersey and Member of Maritime Trades, Port of New York and New Jersey 1982 to present.

