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**132ND ANNUAL REPORT**  
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**COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE**  
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**FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1978**



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Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 8 of the New Jersey Statutes, the Commissioners of Pilotage respectfully submit their 132nd Annual Report to the Legislature of the State of New Jersey. This report covers the year ending December 31, 1978.

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

**A. ALL BONDS TAKEN BY THE COMMISSIONERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 12:8-7 OF TITLE 12.**

A bond dated September 22, 1978 was received from Pilot Robert E. Britton as a condition to his receiving an original license. This bond bore the names of Pilots Thomas J. McGovern and Kenneth W. Sorensen as sureties.

**B. AN ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSIONERS WITHIN THE YEAR 1978.**

During the calendar year 1978, the Commissioners advanced two pilots from Second to First Grade; one pilot from Third to Second Grade; three pilots from Sixth to Fifth Grade; and one pilot was granted an original license as a Pilot of the Sixth Grade.

The Commissioners investigated a total of three reports of marine casualties during 1978. In all of these cases, the Commissioners determined, after hearings, that no action should be taken against the licenses of the pilots and the cases were closed.

Captain Donald W. Gates was sworn in as a Commissioner of Pilotage for a new three-year term commencing August 15, 1978.

In June, 1978, the Board amended its Regulations to increase the fees that may be charged by pilots for handling vessels arriving at or departing from the Port of New York/New Jersey. This action followed enactment of legislation in the State of New York granting such increases.

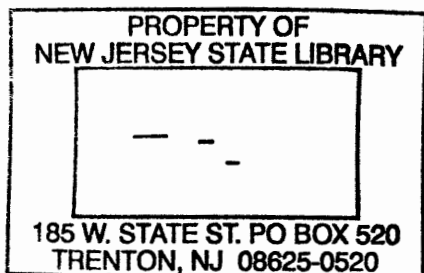
During 1978, the Board devoted a great deal of time and attention to the activities of the proposed Vessel Traffic Service for the Harbor of New York/New Jersey. At least one member of the Board attended all meetings of the Vessel Traffic Service Advisory Committee. The Board was also represented at the Public Hearing conducted by the United States Coast Guard with reference to the establishment of the Vessel Traffic Service for the Port.

The Board was also represented by one of its Commissioners at a meeting convened by the United States Coast Guard at Governors Island, New York, on the subject of the selection of marine terminals for hazardous cargoes.

In November, 1978, four members of the Board met in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with representatives of the New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware Boards where many matters of mutual interest were discussed.

As in the past, the Board supported and joined in the effort of The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to have Congress appropriate funds adequate for the necessary harbor improvements in the Port. The joint efforts were highly successful.

In July, 1978, a hearing was held by the United States Army Engineers on the subject of improvements to Federal navigation channels in Kill van Kull and Newark Bay. The Board was informed by the Pilots that removal of the Central Railroad of New Jersey lift bridge is a prerequisite to any improvement in these channels. The Board submitted a statement to this effect and was represented at the hearing.



**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, 1978:

R. Ahrens	R. D. Jones	T. W. Peters
W. J. Baeszler	J. G. Keating	J. H. Peterson, Jr.
F. J. Boslet	R. V. Keenan	F. E. Reil
A. T. Boyan	G. W. Kissenberth	R. D. Rice
A. E. Braendly	J. Licata	H. A. Schweers
R. E. Britton	G. A. Mason	R. D. Seeth
H. J. Costello	C. A. Massey	D. T. Smith
R. E. Cox	J. F. McCarthy, III	J. P. Smith
R. E. Cullison	T. J. McGovern	K. W. Sorensen
C. W. Dahmen	D. J. McInerney	W. W. Sturgeon
R. A. Deane	W. G. Metting, Jr.	F. D. Wall
J. E. Graham	W. A. Mitchell	T. J. Walsh
E. J. Haggerty	J. A. Murray	C. A. Whiteside
W. C. Hall	E. D. O'Donnell	W. F. Winter
W. C. Hansen	A. G. Oldmixon	E. G. Young
J. D. Hasson	J. C. Oldmixon	

**Retired Pilots**

L. T. Earl	J. F. McCarthy	J. H. Peterson, Sr.
W. J. Egan	R. J. McCarthy	C. C. Reed
E. W. Florimont	D. M. Mercereau	J. L. Renesse
C. M. Lowe	R. Miller	E. H. Weiler
W. H. Lowe	R. I. Oldmixon	C. E. Wendel

The following vessels were serviced during 1978:

	<b>IN</b>	<b>OUT</b>
January	220	196
February	193	201
March	240	237
April	232	214
May	206	209
June	210	212
July	229	211
August	202	199
September	236	237
October	239	237
November	217	214
December	257	257
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2681</b>	<b>2624</b>

#### **D. OBSERVATIONS IN RELATION TO THE SYSTEM OF PILOTAGE**

The Board continues to take pride in the performance of the pilots licensed by this Board. When one realizes that with over 5,300 transits in or out of the Harbor, the Board was concerned with only three (3) reports of marine casualties during 1978, it is truly a remarkable record. This is particularly true when it is recognized that this Board requires its pilots to report every incident, no matter how slight. On the basis of this record, the Board is a strong supporter of the State Pilotage System.

Respectfully submitted,  
WALTER E. MALONEY  
*Secretary*

#### **COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE**

GEORGE N. AXIOTES, 129 North Arlington Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey, 07017. Vice President of the Board of Commissioners. 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 Coastwide 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.

WILLIAM H. BURRILL, 411 Bloomfield Avenue, (Apt. C-3), Verona, New Jersey, 07044. President of the Board of Commissioners. Holder of license as Master of steam and motor vessels, any ocean, any tonnage. Also holds various Federal pilot licenses. Served at sea aboard merchant vessels from 1922 to 1947. Saw service during World War II as officer in United States Naval Reserve. Has served as marine surveyor and marine consultant.

DONALD W. GATES, 37 Cheshire Square, Little Silver, New Jersey, 07739. 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 Vice President and Chief Surveyor. 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.

JOSEPH G. GLENNON, 230 Maple Street, Weehawken, New Jersey, 07087. Holder of license as Master of steam and motor vessels, any tonnage, on lakes, bays, sounds and rivers since 1944. Also holds federal pilot's license for New York Harbor and St. Lawrence River, any tonnage, since 1942. Served with the Army Transport Service during World War II in the Southwest Pacific area. Since 1937 has been engaged in Captain's and Pilot's work for all major railroads in New York Harbor. Also employed by Moran Towing Co. Former Commissioner of Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation in the Township of Weehawken. Member of Council of American Master Mariners.

JOHN E. GREEN, 1094 C Argyll Circle, Lakewood, New Jersey, 08701. Holds unlimited Master Mariner's license. Graduate Massachusetts Maritime Academy April, 1931. Served in all Licensed Deck Officer capacities including Master 1931-1943. Served in all theaters of World War II, surviving two sinkings. Held numerous positions ashore with United States Lines Inc., retiring April 30, 1973 as Marine Superintendent. Retired Commander, USNR. Former Chairman, Operation Committee, American Institute Merchant Shipping (A.I.M.S.). Member of Safety of Life at Sea (S.O.L.A.S.) Subcommittee Working Group on Standards of Training and Watch-keeping. Member of United States Coast Guard Sea Lanes Study Committee, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Delaware. Member of Marine Society of New York, Boston Marine Society and Council of American Master Mariners.

WALTER E. MALONEY, 186 Hartshorn Drive, Short Hills, New Jersey, 07078. Secretary-Treasurer of Board of Commissioners. Attorney in New York City specializing in maritime matters since 1941. Served during World War II on active duty as an officer in United States Coast Guard.











