

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The
New Jersey Maritime Pilot and Docking Pilot Commission
January 21, 2025**

A hybrid meeting of the New Jersey Maritime Pilot and Docking Pilot Commission was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Commissioner Dacey called the meeting to order at 10:05am

Open Public Meeting Statement

Ms. Stuckey read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement into the record.

Roll Call

Commissioner Timothy J. Dacey (via ZOOM); Commissioner Nicholas Fixmer (via ZOOM); Commissioner Bjoern Kils (via ZOOM); Commissioner Dana Martinotti (via ZOOM); Commissioner Brendan Roberts (via ZOOM); Commissioner Charles Wowkanech (absent).

Also included in the meeting were: Andre Stuckey, Executive Director, (present); Captain Jon Miller, President, Metro Pilots Association (via ZOOM); Captain Russell Henchman, President, Harbor Pilots Association (via ZOOM); Captain Timothy Ferrie, President, New Jersey Sandy Hook Pilots Association (via ZOOM); Captain Adam Richardson, President, Interport Pilots Association (present).

The following Pilots and Apprentices were in attendance via ZOOM for their annual reviews: Captain Timothy Ferrie; Captain Steven Richter; Captain Paul Klein; Captain Karl Gadow; Captain Karen Nola; Captain Jesse Malmgren.

Election of Officer

Ms. Stuckey read the current officers into the record. Commissioner Timothy Dacey, President; Commissioner Bjoern Kils, Vice President; Commissioner Brendan Roberts, Secretary; Commissioner Charles Wowkanech, Treasurer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fixmer; seconded by Commissioner Martinotti to nominate the officers as recorded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Assignment

Commissioner Dacey made the attached Committee Assignments for the calendar year 2025.

Approval of the December 17, 2024, Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Fixmer; seconded by Commissioner Roberts to approve the December 17, 2024, meeting minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #24-36 to Approve the January 2025, Treasurers Report

A motion was made by Commissioner Fixmer; seconded by Commissioner Roberts to pass Resolution #25-01 to approve the January 2025 Treasurers Report.

The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Directors Report

Ms. Stuckey reported that the strike in the port of New Jersey/New York has been diverted and there is a potential agreement on the table.

Ms. Stuckey reported that there have been changes in the leadership of the Pilot Associations. Captain Kirk Pinto will no longer serve as President of Harbor Pilots Association. Captain Russell Henschman and Captain Alex Woodworth have been voted in as President and Vice President.

Captain John DeCruz has been voted off the New York Executive Committee. He is replaced by Captain Josh Pieterse. The President and Vice president for the New York Sandy Hook Pilots will be Captain James Mahlmann and Captain Charles Mayrer. There were no changes to the Sandy Hook New Jersey Executive Committee, Metro Pilots Association and Interport Pilot Associations.

Ms. Stuckey reported that the Commission has fully moved into its new office space. She was able to set up 2 parking alternatives for Commissioners when they come to the office. The first is to park in the old building and walk to the new space. The second would be to park at Gateway 3 and the parking will be validated and billed to the Commission monthly.

Ms. Stuckey mailed each Commissioner their ID cards for the new site. She explained that the cards will not only be needed to gain access to the new building but also to enter the floors. She also sent the Commissioners copies of the 2025 tide books from Sandy Hook.

Ms. Stuckey Met with Kyle Weist, the new Executive Director of the New York Commission. They discussed the similarities and differences between the 2 Commissions. Mr. Weist also expressed his desire to become more involved in the activities in the port.

Mr. Weist plans to take a ship ride with the Maritime and Docking Pilots so he can experience firsthand the dynamics between the pilots.

Ms. Stuckey and Mr. Weist agreed to meet periodically to ensure the Commissions continue their cooperative working relationship.

Ms. Stuckey reported that Apprentice Zachery Dietrich sat for his state exam the week of January 6th and passed with high marks. He will attend the Commissioners' February 18th meeting to be sworn in and will join the rotation board on March 1st. He was the first to test at the new office space and commented on how pleasant the new environment is.

The Right Whale rule proposal has been rescinded by NOAA. The commission along with other port stakeholders submitted comments opposing the new rules. Ms. Stuckey expressed her pleasure at how great it is to see the maritime community work together to accomplish something that contributes to the safety of the port

Ms. Stuckey attended the retirement party for Kevin Corbett. She presented him with 2 gifts, one from the Sandy Hook Pilots Association and one from the Commission. He introduced her to his new colleague at Rutgers who expressed his desire to become involved in the outreach work that is being spearheaded by the Commission. He also stated that he will remain involved in the maritime industry and intends to join the Board of Directors of the Maritime Association of the Port of New York and New Jersey.

Ms. Stuckey sent the Commissioners a copy of an updated contact list that included recent changes. She requested that each person review their information and get back to her with any changes.

Ms. Stuckey reported that there was a collision on January 4th between the tug Pearl Coast and the Ever Focus. The pilot track showed that the tug lost control and drifted to the wrong side of the channel. Although there was minimal damage to the Ever Focus their attorney has sent a letter to the Commission requesting that they become a party of interest in the investigation and that the Commission preserve all material related to the collision. The letter was forwarded to counsel to respond. She informed them that the completed investigation report will be on the February meeting agenda.

Ms. Stuckey provided the Commission with copies of the most recent pilot ladder deficiency reports.

Commissioner Kils inquired whether the pilots had a program where the electronic reports could be shared in real-time. Ms. Stuckey informed him that the program is internal and although the pilots can complete it electronically, the reports are forwarded to Mr. Maglin to distribute to interested parties via email.

Ms. Stuckey attended the January 15th Harbor Ops meeting and stated her pleasure at seeing a large audience. During the meeting there was a presentation from the Area Maritime Security Committee on an upcoming training exercise. Ms. Stuckey provided the Commission with a press release showing the location of the exercise. It was noted that the Committee intends to do more of these types of exercises in the future.

There was no other information of note to report to the Commission.

Ms. Stuckey attended the January 16th meeting of the Council on Port Performances Workforce Development Committee. During the meeting the Committee went over proposed initiatives for the 2025 calendar year. Ms. Stuckey provided the Commission with a copy of the meeting minutes which listed the initiatives.

Ms. Stuckey has begun collecting information for the Commissions 2024 Annual Report. She informed the Commissioners that she will circulate copies of their bios so that they can make any necessary changes/adjustments.

Ms. Stuckey informed the Commission that the Marine Society's annual dinner is fast approaching, and she has received the formal invitation. She advised any Commissioner that is planning to attend to let her know ASAP so that she can make the necessary RSVPs.

The Commissioners were sent a copy of an article regarding counterfeit pilot ladders found in Baltimore. Commissioner Dacey expressed his concern over the article. Ms. Stuckey stated her belief on why it is important for a national program to be able to report ladder deficiencies in real time. She expressed her disappointment in the lack of progress that is being made by Trenz on the Pilot Guard program.

Ms. Stuckey stated that she currently has no vacation plans and concluded her report pending any questions.

Committee Reports

A. Occurrence Investigation Committee:

1. MSC Jewel - December 15, 2024. The investigation report concluded that the cranes were not fully retracted to the upright position and were at a 45-degree angle. Ms. Stuckey recommended that the file be closed; and no fault found on the part of the Pilot. It was also recommended that copies of the report be sent to the vessel agent, owner and Coast Guard. Additionally, Captain Miller was meeting with MSC later in the afternoon and she recommended that he be given a copy of the report for his meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Roberts; seconded by Commissioner Fixmer to accept the recommendations.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Maria Y - December 16, 2024. Based on the investigation report, Ms. Stuckey recommended that the file be closed, and no fault found on the part of the Pilots. It was also recommended that copies of the report be sent to the vessel agent, owner and Coast Guard.

A motion was made by Commissioner Roberts; seconded by Commissioner Kils to accept the recommendations.

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Captain Timothy Ferrie, President, New Jersey Sandy Hook Pilots Association:

Captain Ferrie reported everything is going well at Sandy Hook. The year end numbers of ships over the bar are down 3% however because of the issues with the Panama Canal and the Red Sea he doesn't believe there is anything to worry about.

As Ms. Stuckey reported, he is happy with the decision made by NOAA to withdraw the Right Whale rule proposal. Everyone worked on this issue for two years. The Right Whale speed zone is still in effect, but it is doable and does not disrupt commercial traffic. The proposed restrictions would have affected associations up and down the coast.

He confirmed that the officers in New Jersey for 2025 have not changed and Sandy Hook is in the middle of their board of trustees' meetings.

Sandy Hook is pleased to have Captain Paul Klein return to the rotation board.

Report from Captain Russel Henschman, President, Harbor Pilots Association:

Captain Henschman confirmed a change in personnel at Harbor Pilots Association. He is taking over as President and Captain Alex Woodworth will assume the role he vacated as Vice President. He reported that Captain Pinto has a lot of side projects going on and could no longer hold the position. He is excited about his new role and looks forward to working with everyone.

Report from Captain Jon Miller, President, Metro Pilots Association:

Captain Miller reported that Metro Pilots Association saw a slowdown in traffic in anticipation of a potential January 16th strike. Since the strike has been averted traffic has picked up.

The pilots have been meeting with terminals regarding changes for vessels going into the berths. They are trying to figure out the appropriate berths for the larger vessels. Port Liberty is opening their new berth in April.

The Pilots have been in talks with the Army Corp. They released soundings that were outdated. They have been advised of the error and promised to issue new soundings by the end of the week.

There will be a liquid terminal roundtable meeting on January 30th. The Deep Draft Committee will also meet soon with other port partners.

Report from Captain Adam Richardson, President, Interport Pilots Association:

Captain Richardson reported that Interport Pilots Association held their annual meetings and all the same officers are still in place. He expressed his appreciation for the Commissions new office space.

Future Apprentice Needs

Ms. Stuckey asked each President to inform the Commission of their plans to bring in new apprentices in 2025.

Captain Ferrie reported that the Executive Committee voted to bring in 2 Apprentices in 2025. He will get the dates and get back to the Commission. Ms. Stuckey advised the Commission that the next Sandy Hook Apprentice will be registered in New Jersey.

Captain Richardson stated that Interport Pilots Association will not bring in any new Apprentices.

Captain Henchman stated that there are a few applicants on the list that they are interested in bringing in. The Association will vote on how many and when at their next meeting. They plan to spread them out at six-month intervals to control overlap.

Captain Miler stated that Metro Pilots Association intends to bring in new Apprentices. They have a partner meeting coming up soon where a final decision will be made as to how many and what dates.

Executive Session

Commissioner Dacey reported that the Commission will enter Executive Session for the annual review of Pilots and Personnel Discussions. Upon its return to Public Session the Commission will not take any action.

Ms. Stuckey read the following statement into the record:

Whereas, the Open Public Meetings Act provides that a public body such as the New Jersey Maritime Pilot and Docking Pilot Commission may meet in closed session to discuss legal and personnel matters, and

Whereas, the Commission desires to meet in closed session to discuss such matters.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Commission shall at this time meet in closed session to discuss such matters, the substance of the closed session would be disclosed publicly only if it would not warrant an invasion of privacy or constitute a breach of the attorney client privilege.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kils; seconded by Commissioner Fixmer that the Commission enter Executive Session.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission entered Executive Session at 10:34am.

Return to Public Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Roberts; seconded by Commissioner Fixmer that the Commission return to Public Session.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission returned to public session at 11:23am.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinotti; seconded by Commissioner Roberts, that the Meeting be adjourned.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24am.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY TREASURERS REPORT

WHEREAS, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 12:8-4 pilotage revenue received by the Commission shall be used to compensate the Commissioners, their expenses, rent, utilities, supplies, employee salaries, benefits and any miscellaneous expenses that may be incurred, and

WHEREAS, at the direction of the Treasurer, staff prepares a monthly report listing all expenses incurred by the Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has reviewed the monthly report and recommends that the Commission approve the report for the month of January 2025.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the New Jersey Maritime Pilot and Docking Pilot Commission that the Treasurers report for the month of January 2025 is hereby approved, and staff is directed to make the necessary payments to its creditors.

The New Jersey Maritime Pilot & Docking Pilot Commission

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Treasurers Report January 2025

E.D. Travel & Expense

11/17/24-Manhattan; 1/6/25-Newark; 1/19/25-Manhattan \$52.65

Miscellaneous Expenses:

| | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| N.J. Transit (January rent) | \$2,588.00 |
| T-Mobile (phone & tablets) | \$130.79 |
| Document Solutions (copy machine) | \$87.14 |
| Document Solutions (copy count) | \$44.87 |
| Bank of America purchasing card (Mtgs; supplies; website renewal; tax forms) | \$534.65 |
| Bank of America travel card (parking; car service) | \$384.04 |
| Sandy Hook Marine Consultants (MSC Jewel investigation) | \$550.00 |
| Sandy Hook Marine Consultants (M/T Runner investigation) | \$600.00 |
| Mobile Maritime Training, LLC (Maria Y investigation) | \$600.00 |
| Olthuis Maritime, LLC (Dietrich exam) | \$1,650.00 |
| Office Depot Business Solutions (supplies) | \$613.23 |

Grand Total \$ 7,790.50

Pilot Activity November 2024

Vessels Piloted inbound: 158 Vessels Piloted outbound: 165

Maritime Pilot Fees to date: \$497,618.29

Docking Pilot Fees to date: \$13,750.88

Certified to have been checked, and believed to be accurate:

Charles Woukanek, Treasurer

Operating Budget FY 2025
New Jersey Martime Pilot and Docking Pilot Commission
July 1 2025 - June 30, 2026

EXPENSES

| Line Item | FY25 Approved | FY 25 YTD | Net Difference |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Rent | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ 18,116.00 | \$ 21,884.00 |
| Postage | \$ 250.00 | \$ - | \$ 250.00 |
| Supplies | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 1,214.81 | \$ 1,785.19 |
| Printing | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Meetings | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 618.92 | \$ 2,381.08 |
| Telephone | \$ 1,700.00 | \$ 653.99 | \$ 1,046.01 |
| Newspaper/Magazine Announcements | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 2,103.75 | \$ 896.25 |
| Office Fixtures/Equipment | \$ 3,500.00 | \$ 1,031.66 | \$ 2,468.34 |
| Awards/Plaques/Certificates | \$ 250.00 | \$ - | \$ 250.00 |
| Audit Fees | \$ 5,500.00 | \$ 7,000.00 | \$ (1,500.00) |
| Id/Badges/Wallets | \$ 500.00 | \$ 145.00 | \$ 355.00 |
| Subscriptions | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 746.37 | \$ 253.63 |
| Annual Memberships | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 1,346.18 | \$ 1,653.82 |
| Travel | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 1,152.14 | \$ 1,347.86 |
| Conference/Seminar/Special Events | \$ 4,500.00 | \$ 1,025.00 | \$ 3,475.00 |
| Occurrence Investigation | \$ 8,000.00 | \$ 6,428.00 | \$ 1,572.00 |
| Continuing Education | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ - | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Annual Parking | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 2,092.00 | \$ 2,908.00 |
| Incidental Expenses | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 331.39 | \$ 1,668.61 |
| Office of Administrative Law | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 6,000.00 |
| Pilot Training | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 1,650.00 | \$ 8,350.00 |
| Staff Salaries | \$ 210,000.00 | \$ 105,606.25 | \$ 104,393.75 |
| Fringe Benefits | \$ 125,000.00 | \$ 38,647.65 | \$ 86,352.35 |
| Commissioner Salaries | \$ 168,000.00 | inc | #VALUE! |
| Legislative Cruise | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Relocation Expenses | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 40,000.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 654,700.00 | \$ 189,909.11 | \$ 654,700.00 |

INCOME

| Line Item | FY25 Approved | FY 25 YTD | Net Difference |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Sandy Hook Fees | \$ 650,000.00 | \$ 497,618.29 | \$ (152,381.71) |
| Docking Pilot Fees | \$ 8,000.00 | \$ 13,750.88 | \$ 5,750.88 |
| Miscellaneous Income | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 133.37 |
| Prior Year Surplus* | \$ 150,000.00 | \$ 44,546.16 | \$ 44,546.16 |
| Release of Funds in Reserve | - | - | \$ - |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$ 808,000.00 | \$ 555,915.33 | \$ (252,084.67) |

New Jersey Maritime Pilot and Docking Pilot Commission

1/13/2025 11:33 AM

Register: Checking Account

From 01/01/2025 through 01/30/2025

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

| Date | Number | Payee | Account | Memo | Payment | C | Deposit | Balance |
|------------|--------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------|---|----------|------------|
| 01/07/2025 | | Docking Pilot Appre... | Docking Pilot Fees | Deposit | | | 3,900.00 | 136,558.18 |
| 01/10/2025 | 3441 | Andre M. Stuckey | Meeting Expense | travel & expans... | 52.65 | | | 136,505.53 |
| 01/10/2025 | 3442 | New Jersey Transit | Rent Expense | rent | 2,588.00 | | | 133,917.53 |
| 01/10/2025 | 3443 | TMobile | Telephone Expense | telephone & ta... | 130.79 | | | 133,786.74 |
| 01/10/2025 | 3444 | Document Solutions | Office Fixture/Equipm... | copier | 87.14 | | | 133,699.60 |
| 01/10/2025 | 3445 | Document Solutions | Office Fixture/Equipm... | copy count | 44.87 | | | 133,654.73 |
| 01/10/2025 | 3446 | Bank of America | -split- | various | 534.65 | | | 133,120.08 |
| 01/10/2025 | 3447 | Bank of America | -split- | various | 384.04 | | | 132,736.04 |
| 01/10/2025 | 3448 | Sandy Hook Marine ... | Occurrence Investigation | MSC Jewel Inv... | 550.00 | | | 132,186.04 |
| 01/10/2025 | 3449 | Sandy Hook Marine ... | Occurrence Investigation | M/T Runner in... | 600.00 | | | 131,586.04 |
| 01/10/2025 | 3450 | Mobile Maritime Tra... | Occurrence Investigation | Maria Y investi... | 600.00 | | | 130,986.04 |
| 01/10/2025 | 3451 | Olthuis Maritime | Pilot training | Dietrich test | 1,650.00 | | | 129,336.04 |
| 01/10/2025 | 3452 | Office Depot | Office Supplies | VOID: supplies... | | X | | 129,336.04 |
| 01/10/2025 | 3453 | Office Depot | Office Supplies | Supplies | 613.23 | | | 128,722.81 |
| 01/10/2025 | 13 | Office Depot | Office Supplies | For CHK 3452 ... | 503.00 | X | | 128,219.81 |
| 01/13/2025 | 13R | Office Depot | Office Supplies | Reverse of GJE... | | X | 503.00 | 128,722.81 |



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MARINE OCCURRENCE REVIEW

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| DATE of INCIDENT | December 15, 2024 (0820) | DATE OF REPORT | January 2, 2025 |
| CASE # | 2024.15 | TYPE | Allison |
| VESSEL #1 | MSC Jewel | VESSEL #2 | |
| TUG | | TUG | |
| COMPANY | Mediterranean Shipping Co. | COMPANY: | |
| IMO No. | 9842073 | OFFICIAL No. | |
| FLAG | Liberia | FLAG | |
| TYPE | Container | TYPE | |
| CLASS | Liberian Registry | CLASS | |
| LENGTH | 365m (1198') | LENGTH | |
| BREADTH | 48m (157') | BREADTH | |
| DWT | 150893 | GROSS | 140976 |
| MAX DRAFT | 8.6m | DEPTH | |
| YEAR BUILT | 2019 | YEAR BUILT | |
| ENGINE | Single Diesel | ENGINE | |
| RUNNING GEAR | Fixed R.H | RUDDER | |
| BOW THRUSTER | Yes | BOW THRUSTER | |
| STERN THRUSTER | | STERN THRUSTER | |
| BALLAST/LOADED | Ballast | | |
| PILOT #1 | Joseph Casaletto | PILOT #1 | |
| PILOT #2 | Camillo Lugo | PILOT #2 | |
| CAPTAIN | | CAPTAIN | |
| OOW/MATE | | OOW/MATE | |
| FORWARD DRAFT | 6.6m | | |
| AFT DRAFT | 8.6m | | |
| MEAN DRAFT | 7.6m | | |
| AIR DRAFT | 62.3m | | |

STATUS REPORT

WEATHER: Wind: North @ 8.75 Knots, Gusting: 9.9 Knots, Clear Visibility

TIDE/CURRENT: Tide (Approximately) 6.4 Feet above MLLW at the Port Newark at 0740 LMT

Current: Near Slack at 0752 LMT

Tidal Currents: Elizabethport

| Slack Water | Max. Current | | Slack Water | Max. Current | | Slack Water | Max. Current | | Slack Water | Max. Current | | Slack Water |
|-------------|--------------|-------|-------------|--------------|-------|-------------|--------------|-------|-------------|--------------|-------|-------------|
| | Time | Knots | | Time | Knots | | Time | Knots | | Time | Knots | |
| | 0433 | 1.08 | 0752 | 0911 | -0.2 | 1256 | | | | | | |

INCIDENT SUMMARY:

The MSC Jewel did have an allision while coming alongside.

The bridge wing canopy hit the #10 crane boom at Berth 59, Port Newark.

NJ Maritime Pilot and Docking Pilot Commission

Case: 2024. 15 M/V MSC Jewel

Date: January 2, 2025

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION:

Capt. Joseph Casaletto reported that while the MSC Jewel was breasting alongside Berth 59, the bridge wing rain canopy did come in contact with the No. 10 crane at Port Newark. The vessel was pulled off the berth and shifted forward to clear the cranes.

He further reported that the cranes were not fully retracted to the upright position and were left at a 45-degree angle.

It was noted that there was some minor damage to both the crane and the canopy.

This report was confirmed by Capt. Camillo Lugo, Sandy Hook Pilots.

Work/ Rest Periods

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Hour | 12/13 | 13/14 | 14/15 | 15/16 | 16/17 | 17/18 | 18/19 | 19/20 | 20/21 | 21/22 | 22/23 | 23/24 |
| 12/14 | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest |
| Hour | 00/01 | 01/02 | 02/03 | 03/04 | 04/05 | 05/06 | 06/07 | 07/08 | 08/09 | 09/10 | 10/11 | 11/12 |
| 12/15 | Work | Work | Rest | Rest | Work | Work | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest |

Note: Above times include travel to and from the vessels.

DAMAGE APPRAISAL:

Capt. Camillo reported that there were three gouges sighted on the crane and some scraped paint on the bridge wing canopy frame.

CONCLUSION:

Facts:

- The MSC Jewel did come in contact with crane #10.
- The crane boom was not in the upright position.
- The vessel was reported to be in a fully ballast condition.

Conclusions:

- The cranes should have been in the upright position for a vessel of this size, an ultra large container vessel.
- The terminal was aware that this vessel was berthing at this dock.
- The fact that the vessel was in ballast may have been a contributing factor.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The terminal should be prepared to accommodate vessels that are scheduled to berth at their facility.

If I may be of any additional service in this matter, please advise.


Respectfully submitted,



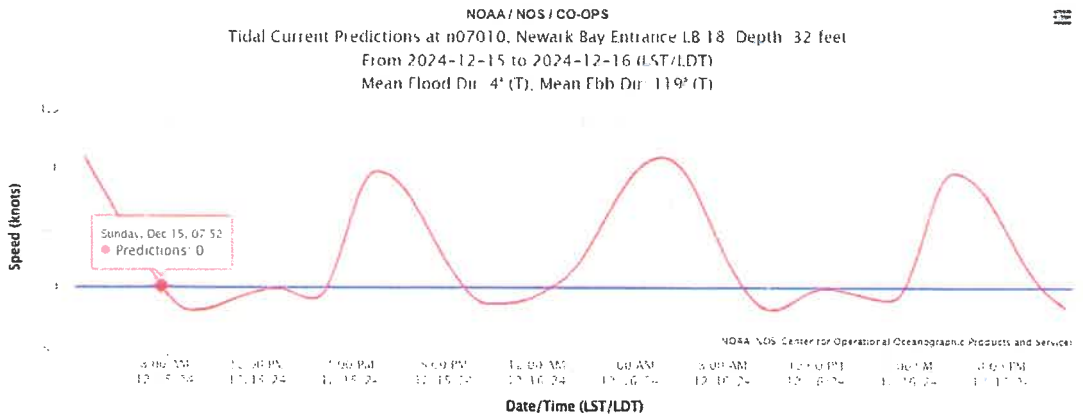
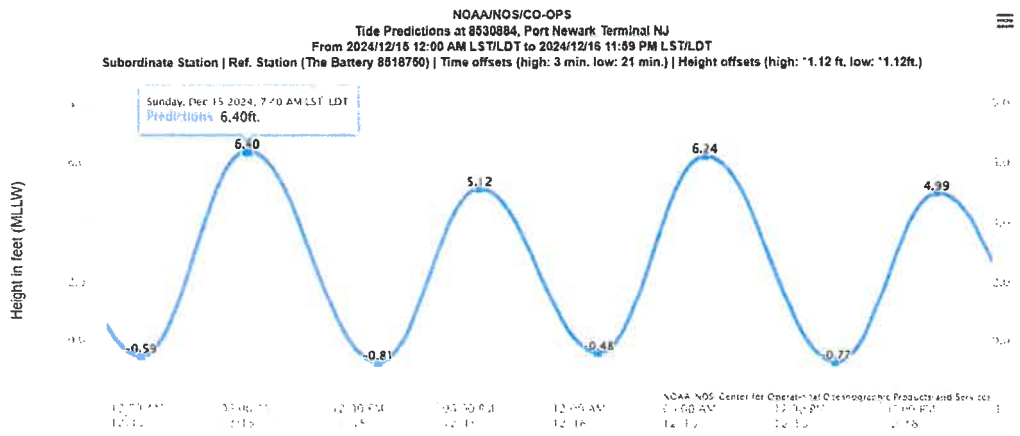
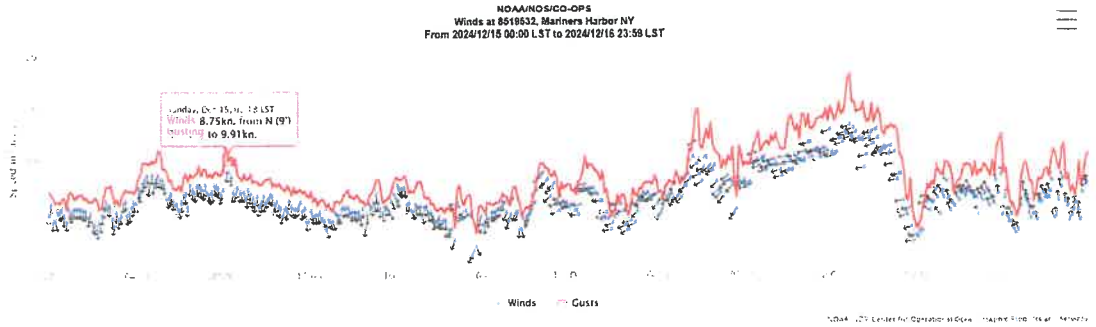
Capt. Mark T. Clark, Marine Investigator #903
N.J. Maritime Pilot & Docking Pilot Commission



VESSEL INFORMATION

| | |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Name | MSC JEWEL |
| Ship type, detailed | Container Ship |
| Ship type, AIS | Cargo |
| Service Status | Active, Commissioned |
| Flag |  Liberia |
| Home Port | - |
| IMO | 9842073 |
| MMSI | 636019207 |
| Call Sign | D5TL4 |
| Built | 2019 |
| Age | 6 years |
| Builder | - |
| Gross Tonnage | 140976 |
| Summer DWT | 150893 |
| Length | 365 m / 1198 ft |
| Beam | 48 m / 157 ft |

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Appendix

Interview: None Conducted

Internet:

<http://www.marinetraffic.com>

<http://maritime-connector.com>

<http://www.shipspotting.com>

NOAA Tides and Currents (<http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov>)

NOAA Fisheries-Vessel Documentation (<http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov>)

NOAA Chart 12327, 12333 & 12324 (<http://www.charts.noaa.gov>)



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MARINE OCCURRENCE REVIEW

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| DATE OF INCIDENT | December 16, 2024 (0800 LMT) | DATE OF REPORT | January 3, 2025 |
| CASE # | 2024.16 | TYPE | Steering Loss |
| VESSEL #1 | Maria Y | VESSEL #2 | N/A |
| TUG #1 | N/A | TUG #2 | N/A |
| COMPANY | Unknown | COMPANY | |
| IMO No. | 9260445 | IMO No. | |
| FLAG | Liberia | FLAG | |
| TYPE | Container Ship | TYPE | |
| CLASS | Unknown | CLASS | |
| LENGTH | 1156 FT | LENGTH | |
| BREADTH | 141 FT | BREADTH | |
| GROSS | 93496 T | GROSS | |
| AVG DRAFT | 12.1 M | MAX DRAFT | |
| YEAR BUILT | 2003 | YEAR BUILT | |
| ENGINE | Diesel | ENGINE | |
| RUNNING GEAR | Single screw, RH fixed | RUNNING GEAR | |
| BOW THRUSTER | Yes | BOW THRUSTER | |
| STERN THRUSTER | No | STERN THRUSTER | |
| BALLAST/LOADED | Loaded | BALLAST/LOADED | |
| PILOT #1 | Christopher R. Baker (Harbor Pilots NY/NJ) | TUG #1 | |
| PILOT #2 | Thomas F. Sullivan (Sandy Hook) | TUG #2 | |
| SH APPRENTICE | Roy Shaw, Liam Gagliano | TUG #3 | |
| CAPTAIN | Unknown | CAPTAIN | |
| OOW/MATE | Unknown | OOW/MATE | |
| FORWARD DRAFT | 42'-07" FT | | |
| AFT DRAFT | 42'-09" FT | | |
| MEAN DRAFT | 42'-08" FT | | |
| AIR DRAFT | 166'-00" FT | | |

STATUS REPORT

WEATHER: Clear

VISIBILITY: 5 NM

WIND: 120 degrees @ 10 Knots, Gusting: 15 Knots

TIDE: 30 minutes before HW at the Battery

CURRENT: Slack between flood and ebb



ATTACHMENTS

No attachments

Appendix

Interview: None Conducted

Internet:

<https://www.marinetraffic.com>

<https://www.vesselfinder.com>

<https://www.myshiptracking>

<https://www2.fleetmon.com>

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Case: 2024.16 Maria Y
Date: December 16, 2024

CONCLUSION:

Facts:

- The Maria Y was getting underway from Berth 61 Port Newark and headed to sea via KVK.
- While turning the vessel onto the Con Hook Range in KVK abeam R8 at 0800, the ship's steering was lost twice for a few seconds each time over a period of 2 to 3 minutes.
- After the Captain flipped several switches on the console, the steering responded both times and was restored.
- The vessel was safely anchored at Stapleton Anchorage at approximately 0910.
- No further incident occurred.
- No damage, injury, or discharge occurred.

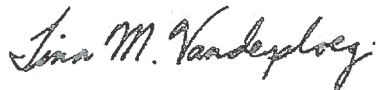
Conclusions:

- Correct reporting procedures were performed during this incident.
- After the Maria Y experienced a steering failure, the vessel was safely anchored at Stapleton Anchorage.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

If I may be of any additional service in this matter, please advise.

Respectfully submitted,



Capt. Tina M. Vanderploeg, Marine Investigator #901
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INCIDENT SUMMARY:

The Maria Y was getting underway from Berth 61 Port Newark and headed to sea via KVK. Harbor Pilot Christopher Baker and Sandy Hook Pilot Thomas Sullivan boarded the vessel at 0615 on December 16 at Berth 61 in Port Newark. Pilot Thomas Sullivan assumed the conn from Pilot Christopher Baker at 0800 at the Con Hook Range. While turning the vessel onto the Con Hook Range in KVK abeam R8 at 0800, a steering command was given and the rudder did not respond. After the Captain flipped several switches on the console, the steering responded. Approximately one minute later, another steering command was given and again no steering response until after the Captain flipped some switches. Navigation was maintained. Tugboats remained with the vessel. Vessel Traffic Service was notified of the steering losses and the USCG ordered the vessel to anchor at Stapleton Anchorage. The vessel was safely anchored at approximately 0910. No further incident occurred.

ACCIDENT DESCRIPTION:

No damage or injuries were reported. No discharge occurred. After the Maria Y experienced a steering failure, the vessel was safely anchored at Stapleton Anchorage.

AFTER ACTION REPORT:

Pilot Thomas Sullivan stated that all four steering pumps were online and did not appear to have failed. He stated that on the right side of the console there were two switches related to the steering system. The top switch was a three-way switch for the steering "System"- Port, off and Starboard. Apparently, the failures occurred while the steering was on the port system, so they anchored the vessel on the starboard system. The Captain originally indicated the issue occurred when the switch was turned from Port to Starboard. The lower switch was a four-way "Mode" switch- NFU, Helm, Auto, Rmt. The Captain told the USCG that the helmsman was trying to turn on a light and accidentally switched steering from HELM mode to AUTO mode.

DAMAGE APPRAISAL: No damage reported.

Capt. Baker's Work/ Rest Periods:

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Hour | 00/01 | 01/02 | 02/03 | 03/04 | 04/05 | 05/06 | 06/07 | 07/08 | 08/09 | 09/10 | 10/11 | 11/12 |
| 12/14 | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Work | Work |
| Hour | 12/13 | 13/14 | 14/15 | 15/16 | 16/17 | 17/18 | 18/19 | 19/20 | 20/21 | 21/22 | 22/23 | 23/24 |
| 12/14 | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest |
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| 12/15 | Work | Work | Work | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest |
| Hour | 00/01 | 01/02 | 02/03 | 03/04 | 04/05 | 05/06 | 06/07 | 07/08 | 08/09 | 09/10 | 10/11 | 11/12 |
| 12/16 | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Rest | Work | Work | Work | Work | Work | | |
| Hour | 12/13 | 13/14 | 14/15 | 15/16 | 16/17 | 17/18 | 18/19 | 19/20 | 20/21 | 21/22 | 22/23 | 23/24 |
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Date: 12/29/2024 Time: 15:15
Vessel: D5OF6/INDIGO SUN
Pilot: Matthew P. Haley(139)
Master:
Conditions: S'ly
Order #: 09017
Origin: Sea(Sea)
Destination: Bayway 1(Berth)

Applicable Ladder Arrangements (check all that apply):

- Pilot Ladder Only
- Combination Ladder
- Side Port
- Other

Deficiencies (check all that apply and provide brief comment):

- General Arrangement (ie: insufficient lightning, no officer, unsafe desk access, etc.)

- Pilot Ladder(ie: Poor Condition/wear, not resting on hull, poor rigging, etc.)

Only secured to hull with one magnet. Magnet disconnected from hull as I was climbing. Should be 2 magnets each secured to side ropes.

- Combination Ladder (ie: Poor Condition/wear, not secured, platform too low, etc.)

Platform on accommodation ladder not horizontal. Should be parallel with waterline.

- Man Ropes (ie: Poor Condition/wear, incorrect diameter, poor rigging, etc.)

- Dockside (ie: Gangway condition/pitch, netting, poor rigging, etc.)

Additional Remarks

Discussed with Chief Mate. He says platform is unable to be made completely horizontal as required.



Date: 12/22/2024 Time: 10:46
Vessel: V7KT5/SILVER ELEANOR
Pilot: Stephen E. Feminella(128)
Master:
Conditions: Wind 20 kts nnw
Order #: 08863
Origin: Transport To/From Ambrose Anchor(Sea)
Destination: IMTT Pier A(Pier)



Applicable Ladder Arrangements (check all that apply):

- Pilot Ladder Only
- Combination Ladder
- Side Port
- Other

Deficiencies (check all that apply and provide brief comment):

- General Arrangement (ie: insufficient lightning, no officer, unsafe desk access, etc.)
- Pilot Ladder(ie: Poor Condition/wear, not resting on hull, poor rigging, etc.)
- Combination Ladder (ie: Poor Condition/wear, not secured, platform too low, etc.)
combination not available on the starboard side. only ladder available on starboard side.
- Man Ropes (ie: Poor Condition/wear, incorrect diameter, poor rigging, etc.)
- Dockside (ie: Gangway condition/pitch, netting, poor rigging, etc.)

Additional Remarks

Pictures

No images