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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF

Commissioners of Pilotage

OF THE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,

For the Year ending October 31st, 1884.

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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

OF

Commissioners of Pilotage of New Jersey,

DECEMBER 1ST, 1884.

Names.	Residence.
THOMAS S. NEGUS (President).....	Jersey City, N. J.
JAMES PARKER (Secretary).....	Perth Amboy, N. J.
WILLIAM M. GAMBLE (U. S. N.).....	Morristown, N. J.
T. ROBINSON WARREN.....	New Brunswick, N. J.
SIMEON B. TOBY.....	Newark, N. J.
PITNEY CURTIS.....	Spring Lake, N. J.
ROBERT SIMONSON.....	Orange, N. J.

REPORT.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE OF NEW JERSEY,
JERSEY CITY, December 1st, 1884.

To His Excellency Leon Abbett, Governor of the State of New Jersey:

SIR—The Board of Commissioners of Pilotage presents its annual report for the year ending October 31st, 1884, as follows:

The principal matter of note that has occurred, has been the passage, by the Legislature of the State of New York, of an act to reduce the pilotage fees of the New York Sandy Hook pilots.

A reduction was made of twenty-five per cent. upon the established rates; and taken in connection with the fact that, while the tonnage of the port has increased, the gross amount of the pilotage fees had largely decreased, because of the decrease of the number of vessels piloted, and because a vessel of, say, five thousand tons, draws only a foot or so more water than one of only half that tonnage, this Board are of the opinion that the reduction was greater than justice to the pilots should have permitted.

The Board, however, was required under the last provision of section two of the act of the Legislature of New Jersey, entitled "A further supplement," &c., approved February 16th, 1855, to make a corresponding reduction in the fees of the pilots of this State.

A copy of the act of the Legislature of the State of New York in question, and a table of the fees thereunder, are hereto attached.

This Board beg to call the attention of your Excellency to the matter of the preservation of the channels of the navigable waters of the State from obstruction by dumping refuse materials of various kinds therein.

While this Board is charged with the duty of arresting persons so engaged, the Board is rendered powerless by the fact that no provision has been made by the State for the payment of any necessary expense in making such arrest; and we again suggest the desirability of providing therefor, as was done by the fourth section of the act of the Legislature relative to the performance by this Board of the duty of protecting the fisheries.

In most of the cases the State would be re-imbursed by the fines and costs collected; but it cannot be expected that convictions will always follow arrests, or that public officers should pay the costs in such cases out of their own pockets.

No arrests can be made by the Board or its members, except of a party or parties taken in the act; and, in order to capture such, it is necessary to incur the expenses of employing a tug-boat to tow the offending vessels and their crews to wharves where they may be detained until bonds are furnished as required by the law.

The importance of the subject will, we believe, warrant the Legislature in taking such action as, in its judgment, may be considered necessary to enable this Board to enforce the law.

During the past year the Board has had only one pilot before it under complaint for neglect of duty.

Two pilots have died, and one other has become so disabled in the line of his duty as to become an inmate of "The Sailors' Snug Harbor."

One deputy pilot has been licensed by the Board. The usual annual tables are appended.

By order of the Board.

THOMAS S. NEGUS,
President.

ATTEST:

JAMES PARKER, *Secretary.*

TABLE No. 1.

Showing Number and Kind of Vessels Piloted during 1883-4, by New Jersey Sandy Hook Pilots.

MONTHS.	PILOTED INWARDS.						PILOTED OUTWARDS.					
	Steamers.	Ships	Barks.	Brigs.	Schooners.	Total.	Steamers.	Ships.	Barks.	Brigs.	Schooners.	Total.
1883.												
November.....	48	5	23	17	15	108	48	4	26	8	1	87
December.....	44	5	37	27	5	118	43	7	30	15	4	99
1884.												
January.....	31	5	39	23	5	103	30	5	45	20	3	103
February.....	43	12	23	14	10	112	37	5	20	12	4	78
March.....	49	13	40	16	10	128	55	8	35	11	.....	109
April.....	47	15	47	15	15	139	39	15	20	16	2	92
May.....	66	5	55	23	21	170	62	9	35	13	2	121
June.....	73	5	55	24	24	181	61	9	35	11	2	118
July.....	54	6	59	26	14	159	59	6	45	11	1	122
August.....	56	9	40	21	9	135	47	5	46	13	12	123
September.....	59	8	42	21	6	136	69	7	42	14	.....	132
October.....	57	11	49	12	6	135	46	8	34	10	.....	98
Total, 1884.....	627	99	519	239	140	1624	596	88	413	154	31	1282
Total, 1883.....	516	117	502	269	164	1568	505	85	404	184	52	.....
Increase.....	111	.....	17	.....	.....	56	91	3	9	.....	.....	52
Decrease.....	.....	18	.....	30	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	21	.....

Total number of New Jersey Sandy Hook Pilots..... 64
 Total number of New Jersey Sandy Hook Apprentices.....none
 Total number of Perth Amboy Pilots.. 3

LIST OF NEW JERSEY PILOT BOATS, DECEMBER 1st, 1884.

Number 1.	Thomas S. Negus.....	71.85	Tons.
"	2. Ezra Nye.....	44.28	"
"	3. Thomas D. Harrison.....	69.71	"
"	4. Mary E. Fish.....	56.07	"
"	5. William W. Story.....	52.20	"
"	6. James Gordon Bennett.....	58.78	"
"	7. Centennial.....	55.25	"
"	8. Edward E. Barrett.....	65.59	"

CHAPTER XC.

AN ACT REGULATING THE PILOTAGE OF THE PORT OF NEW YORK,
PASSED APRIL 3d, 1884.

The people of the State, &c., do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The fees for piloting for the port of New York, by the way of Sandy Hook, are hereby established as follows:

For every vessel inward bound, and not exempted from pilotage by any law of this State, or any regulation thereunder, and drawing less than fourteen feet of water, two dollars and seventy-eight cents per foot.

For every vessel drawing fourteen feet, and less than eighteen feet of water, three dollars and thirty-eight cents per foot.

For every vessel drawing eighteen feet, and under twenty-one feet of water, four dollars and thirteen cents per foot.

For every vessel drawing twenty-one feet of water, and upward, four dollars and eighty-eight cents per foot.

If the master or owner of any vessel shall request the pilot to moor said vessel to any place within Sandy Hook, and not to be taken to the wharf or harbor of New York, or the vessel be detained at Quarantine, the same pilotage shall be allowed, and the pilot entitled to his discharge.

When any ship or vessel bound to the port of New York, and boarded by any pilot appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Pilots of the City of New York, at such distance to the southward or eastward of Sandy Hook light-house, as that said light-house could not be seen from the deck of such ship or vessel in the day-time, and in fair weather, the addition of one-fourth to the rates of pilotage hereinbefore mentioned, shall be allowed to such pilot, provided the commander of such vessel shall have agreed to pay such addition.

SECTION 2. The pilotage on vessels outward bound, not exempt from pilotage, shall be as follows:

For every vessel drawing less than fourteen feet of water, two dollars and two cents per foot.

For every vessel drawing fourteen feet, and less than eighteen feet of water, two dollars and thirty-three cents per foot.

For every vessel drawing eighteen feet, and less than twenty-one feet of water, three dollars and eight cents per foot.

For every vessel drawing twenty-one feet of water, three dollars and fifty-six cents per foot.

SECTION 3. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

TABLES OF RATES.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE OF NEW JERSEY,
JERSEY CITY, April 10th, 1884.

In conformity with Section 2 of the law of the State, approved February 16th, 1855, the following Tables of Rates will be in force from and after April 4th, 1884, and will be observed by the New Jersey Sandy Hook pilots:

Rates of Pilotage from April 1st to November 1st.

Draught.		Rate per ft.	INWARD.			OUTWARD.	
ft.	in.		Amount.	Off Shore.	Total.	Rate per ft.	Amount.
6	ft.	\$2 78	\$16 68	\$4 17	\$20 85	\$2 02	\$12 12
6	6	"	18 07	4 52	22 59	"	13 13
7		"	19 46	4 86	24 32	"	14 14
7	6	"	20 85	5 21	26 06	"	15 15
8		"	22 24	5 56	27 80	"	16 16
8	6	"	23 63	5 91	29 54	"	17 17
9		"	25 02	6 25	31 27	"	18 18
9	6	"	26 41	6 60	33 01	"	19 19
10		"	27 80	6 95	34 75	"	20 20
10	6	"	29 19	7 30	36 49	"	21 21
11		"	30 58	7 64	38 22	"	22 22
11	6	"	31 97	7 99	39 96	"	23 23
12		"	33 36	8 34	41 70	"	24 24
12	6	"	34 75	8 69	43 44	"	25 25
13		"	36 14	9 03	45 17	"	26 26
13	6	"	37 54	9 38	46 92	"	27 27
14		3 38	47 32	11 83	59 15	2 33	32 62
14	6	"	49 01	12 25	61 26	"	33 78
15		"	50 70	12 67	63 37	"	34 95
15	6	"	52 39	13 10	65 49	"	36 11
16		"	54 08	13 52	67 60	"	37 28
16	6	"	55 77	13 94	69 71	"	38 44
17		"	57 46	14 36	71 82	"	39 61
17	6	"	59 15	14 79	73 94	"	40 77
18		4 13	74 34	18 58	92 92	3 08	55 44
18	6	"	76 40	19 10	95 50	"	56 98
19		"	78 47	19 62	98 09	"	58 52
19	6	"	80 53	20 13	100 66	"	60 06
20		"	82 60	20 65	103 25	"	61 60
20	6	"	84 66	21 16	105 82	"	63 14
21		4 88	102 48	25 62	128 10	3 56	74 76
21	6	"	104 92	26 23	131 15	"	76 54
22		"	107 36	26 84	134 20	"	78 32
22	6	"	109 80	27 45	137 25	"	80 10
23		"	112 24	28 06	140 30	"	81 88
23	6	"	114 68	28 67	143 35	"	83 66
24		"	117 12	29 28	146 40	"	85 44
24	6	"	119 56	29 89	149 45	"	87 22
25		"	122 00	30 50	152 50	"	89 00
25	6	"	124 44	31 11	155 55	"	90 78
26		"	126 88	31 72	158 60	"	92 56
26	6	"	129 32	32 33	161 65	"	94 34
27		"	131 76	32 94	164 70	"	96 12
27	6	"	134 20	33 55	167 75	"	97 90
28		"	136 64	34 16	170 80	"	99 68

Rates of Pilotage from November 1st to April 1st.

(FOUR DOLLARS ADDITIONAL.)

INWARD.					OUTWARD.	
Draught.	Rate per ft.	Amount.	Off Shore.	Total.	Rate per ft.	Amount.
6 ft. in.	\$2 78	\$20 68	\$4 17	\$24 85	\$2 02	\$16 12
6	"	22 07	4 52	26 59	"	17 13
7	"	23 46	4 86	28 32	"	18 14
7 6	"	24 85	5 21	30 06	"	19 15
8	"	26 24	5 56	31 80	"	20 16
8 6	"	27 63	5 91	33 54	"	21 17
9	"	29 02	6 25	35 27	"	22 18
9 6	"	30 41	6 60	37 01	"	23 19
10	"	31 80	6 95	38 75	"	24 20
10 6	"	33 19	7 30	40 49	"	25 21
11	"	34 58	7 64	42 22	"	26 22
11 6	"	35 97	7 99	43 96	"	27 23
12	"	37 36	8 34	45 70	"	28 24
12 6	"	38 75	8 69	47 44	"	29 25
13	"	40 14	9 03	49 17	"	30 26
13 6	"	41 54	9 38	50 92	"	31 27
14	3 38	51 32	11 83	63 15	2 33	36 62
14 6	"	53 01	12 25	65 26	"	37 78
15	"	54 70	12 67	67 37	"	38 95
15 6	"	56 39	13 10	69 49	"	40 11
16	"	58 08	13 52	71 60	"	41 28
16 6	"	59 77	13 94	73 71	"	42 44
17	"	61 46	14 36	75 82	"	43 61
17 6	"	63 15	14 79	77 94	"	44 77
18	4 13	78 34	18 58	96 92	3 08	59 44
18 6	"	80 40	19 10	99 50	"	60 98
19	"	82 47	19 62	102 09	"	62 52
19 6	"	84 53	20 13	104 66	"	64 06
20	"	86 60	20 65	107 25	"	65 60
20 6	"	88 66	21 16	109 82	"	67 14
21	4 88	106 48	25 62	132 10	3 56	78 76
21 6	"	108 92	26 23	135 15	"	80 54
22	"	111 36	26 84	138 20	"	82 32
22 6	"	113 80	27 45	141 25	"	84 10
23	"	116 24	28 06	144 30	"	85 88
23 6	"	118 68	28 67	147 35	"	87 66
24	"	121 12	29 28	150 40	"	89 44
24 6	"	123 56	29 89	153 45	"	91 22
25	"	126 00	30 50	156 50	"	93 00
25 6	"	128 44	31 11	159 55	"	94 78
26	"	130 88	31 72	162 60	"	96 56
26 6	"	133 32	32 33	165 65	"	98 34
27	"	135 76	32 94	168 70	"	100 12
27 6	"	138 20	33 55	171 75	"	101 90
28	"	140 64	34 16	174 80	"	103 68

Transportation north to East river, and vice versa, \$5.
Hauling to or from wharf, \$3. Detention, \$3 per day.

PILOTAGE FOR TAKING VESSELS FROM UPPER TO LOWER QUARANTINE.

For vessels having had death or sickness on board, double outward pilotage.

For vessels from sickly ports, but having had no sickness on board, single outward pilotage.

Pilotage of vessels from New Quarantine to New York, one-half inward pilotage.

Pilotage of vessels from Lower to Upper Quarantine, quarter pilotage.

Pilotage of vessels from Lower to Upper Quarantine, to New York, quarter pilotage.

By order of the Board.

JAMES PARKER,
Secretary.