

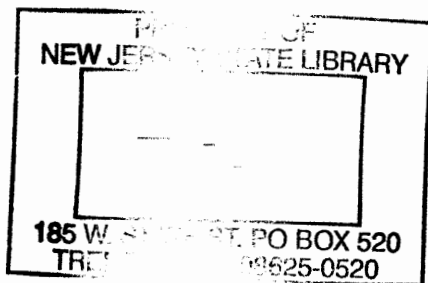
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**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE
OF THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976

**130TH ANNUAL REPORT
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Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 8 of the New Jersey Statutes, the Commissioners of Pilotage respectfully submit their 130th Annual Report to the Legislature of the State of New Jersey. This report covers the year ending December 31, 1976.

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.**

There were no bonds taken by the Commissioners during the year 1976 due to the fact that no pilots received original licenses during the period.

B. AN ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSIONERS WITHIN THE YEAR 1976.

During the calendar year 1976, the Commissioners advanced two pilots from Third to Second Grade; one pilot from Fourth to Third Grade; and two pilots from Fifth to Fourth Grade. The license of one deputy pilot was endorsed so as to permit him to handle vessels in and out of the Port of New York by way of Sands Point or Execution Rocks (commonly known as the Hell Gate area). During the same period the Commissioners registered two apprentices and two pilots retired from active service.

The Commissioners investigated a total of seven reports of marine casualties during 1976. 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.

It is with deep regret that the Commissioners advise that Commissioner John W. Anderson, a member of the Board since 1966, passed away on February 15, 1976.

Captain Donald W. Gates was sworn in as a Commissioner of Pilotage for a three-year term commencing June 30, 1976.

In April 1976, 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 1976 the Board also had under consideration some changes in the schedule of fees for transporting vessels between points within the Harbor, but these changes were not finalized at year-end.

During 1976 the Board had only one joint meeting with its counterpart, the Board of Commissioners of Pilots of the State of New York. While the Boards discussed several matters of mutual interest, the principal subject of discussion was the possible merger of the Hudson River Pilots with the Sandy Hook Pilots. The President of this Board served as a member of a special *Ad Hoc* Joint Committee to monitor the discussions and negotiations between the two groups of Pilots.

The Sandy Hook Pilots contributed greatly to the overwhelming success of Operation Sail. With so many ships visiting the Port the demand for pilots was very heavy and the need was critical for those ships entering the Port through Hell Gate. Through the combined efforts of the New York and New Jersey Sandy Hook Pilots' Associations, pilots were placed aboard all of the large sailing ships and handled these ships without fee. To make this possible the pilots asked that this Board grant temporary licenses for Hell Gate to those men who, while not licensed by the Board for these waters, hold the necessary Coast Guard license. All pilots in this category were given intensive refresher courses and at the conclusion thereof were granted temporary licenses for Hell Gate. It is remarkable, and a great tribute to the pilots, that despite the congestion caused by thousands of ships in the Harbor, there were no navigational casualties.

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, 1976:

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
H. J. Costello	G. A. Mason	C. E. Sloat
R. E. Cox	R. J. McCarthy	D. T. Smith
R. E. Cullison	T. J. McGovern	J. P. Smith
C. W. Dahmen	D. J. McInerney	K. W. Sorensen
R. A. Deane	W. G. Metting Jr.	W. W. Sturgeon
J. E. Graham	W. A. Mitchell	F. D. Wall
E. J. Haggerty	J. A. Murray	T. J. Walsh
W. C. Hall	E. D. O'Donnell	C. A. Whiteside
W. C. Hansen	A. G. Oldmixon	W. F. Winter
J. D. Hasson	J. C. Oldmixon	E. G. Young

Retired Pilots

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

The following vessels were serviced during 1976:

	IN	OUT
January	190	201
February	220	219
March	194	209
April	188	198
May	207	208
June	219	191
July	239	255
August	212	210
September	206	210
October	206	197
November	231	219
December	217	226
TOTAL	2,529	2,543

D. OBSERVATIONS IN RELATION TO THE SYSTEM OF PILOTAGE.

Federal Appropriations for Harbor Improvements

As in the past, the Board gave its support to The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in its efforts to secure adequate Congressional appropriations for the maintenance and improvement of navigation in the Port of New York/New Jersey. Once again these joint efforts were successful in influencing Congress to increase substantially the funds allocated to the needs of the Port. In addition, the Board appeared and submitted a statement at a Public Meeting with respect to the plans of the Army Engineers for improvements in navigation in Kill van Kull and Newark Bay.

The Board participated actively in the planning for a Vessel Traffic System in the Port of New York/New Jersey and at least one member of the Board attended all meetings of the New York Harbor Vessel Traffic System Advisory Committee. Along the same line, the Board studied and followed developments in connection with new Navigation Safety Regulations proposed by the United States Coast Guard. Fears were expressed that these Regulations, if finalized in their current form, would have an adverse effect on the operations of all pilots licensed by the several States.

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 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.

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 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.

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.

