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FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1983

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Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 8 of the New Jersey Statutes, the Commissioners of Pilotage respectfully submit their 137th Annual report to the Legislature of the State of New Jersey. This report covers the year ending December 31, 1983.

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
Thomas G. Britton	Sept. 17, 1983	J.F. McCarthy, III Carl W. Dahmen

B. AN ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSIONERS WITHIN THE YEAR 1983.

At the annual Meeting held on January 20, 1983 the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President	— Donald Gates
Vice President	— Joseph G. Glennon
Secretary-Treasurer	— Richard L. Amster

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

Executive Committee	— Joseph G. Glennon George N. Axiotes Richard L. Amster
Examining Committee	— Nelson Kornstein John E. Green

In 1983, the Commissioners advanced one pilot from Third to Second Grade, two pilots from Fourth to Third Grade, two pilots from Fifth to Fourth Grade, one pilot 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 two apprentices.

The Commissioners investigated a total of four reports of marine casualties during 1983. After hearing, the Commissioners determined that no action should be taken against the licenses of the pilots and the cases were closed.

Pilotage rates for Sandy Hook Pilots were increased in 1983 by 10½%, effective July 25th.

The Commissioners, together with the New York Board of Commissioners of Pilots, made recommendations to the Coast Guard relative to a hazardous condition to navigation existing near the Poorhouse Flats range on the East River. As a result, the Coast Guard made changes to the navigational aids in that area which have resulted in safer transit for all vessels in that vicinity.

The possibility of merging the Sandy Hook Pilots with the Hudson River Pilots was considered during the year without resolution.

The Coast Guard New York Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Advisory Committee remained inactive during the year 1983.

Recognizing the need for replacing the pilot station boat "NEW JERSEY", efforts were made by the Sandy Hook Pilots to purchase a used vessel, without success.

The Board continued to be active on the Harbor Operations Committee which had been established in 1982. Placement of four sensors at various locations in the harbor and a new tidal gauge in the Hudson River which report local tidal conditions every fifteen minutes, was completed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOA). This will contribute greatly to safety of navigation.

Due to the inability to obtain information as to the requirements of the pilots and the appropriate number to adequately perform their duties, the Board delayed registration of apprentices for a four month period for the calendar year 1983 and until such time as the information was furnished.

During the year, the Board supported the Sandy Hook Pilots in successfully amending a Bill in Congress which would have jeopardized a pilot's state license when piloting an enrolled vessel acting on his federal license and being involved in a casualty.

Pursuant to the Board's comments to the Congress, the Coast Guard and Navigation Subcommittee of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries' Committee requested information from the Board regarding investigation of marine casualties involving New Jersey Pilots during the past ten years which was subsequently submitted.

Commissioner Joseph G. Glennon passed away on September 30, 1983 and Commissioner Nelson Kornstein was elected as Vice President in his place.

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, 1983

A.T. Boyan	R.V. Keenan	R.F. Pennea
A.E. Braendly	G.W. Kissenberth	T.W. Peters
J.F. Britton	J. Licata	J.H. Peterson, Jr.
R.E. Britton	G.A. Mason	F.E. Reil
T.G. Britton	C.A. Massey	R.D. Rice
H.J. Costello	J.F. McCarthy, III	H.A. Schweers
R.E. Cox	T.J. McGovern	R.D. Seeth
R.E. Cullison	D.J. McInerney	K.W. Sorensen
C.W. Dahmen	F.J. Mercereau	W.W. Sturgeon
R.A. Deane	W.J. Mitting, Jr.	K.E. Sullivan
E.J. Haggerty	W.A. Mitchell	E.F. Sweeney, Jr.
W.C. Hansen	J.B. Monaghan	F.D. Wall
J.D. Hasson	J.A. Murray	F.D. Wall, III
R.D. Jones	E.D. O'Donnell	T.J. Walsh
J.G. Keating	A.G. Oldmixon	C.A. Whiteside
	J.C. Oldmixon	

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	E.H. Weiler
E.W. Florimont	D.M. Mercereau	C.E. Wendel
W.C. Hall	R.I. Oldmixon	W.F. Winter
	C.C. Reed	E.G. Young

Deceased Pilots

R. Ahrens (retired pilot)
J.E. Graham (retired pilot)

The following vessels were serviced during 1983.

	IN	OUT
January	179	166
February	139	164
March	206	202
April	210	198
May	171	161
June	167	164
July	175	184
August	228	222
September	223	205
October	204	190
November	175	169
December	173	179
Total	2250	2204

D. OBSERVATIONS IN RELATION TO THE SYSTEM OF PILOTAGE.

This Board continues to support a system of State pilotage, support that the Sandy Hook Pilots have earned, year after year, by their training and their dedicated service.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD L. AMSTER
Secretary

COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE

RICHARD L. AMSTER, 117 Parsonage Hill Road, Short Hills, New Jersey 07078. 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. 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.

JOSEPH G. GLENNON, 230 Maple Street, Weehawken, New Jersey 07087. Vice President of the Board of Commissioners. 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 Captains'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. He passed away September 30, 1983.

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.

NELSON KORNSTEIN, 73 Frances Drive, Clark, New Jersey 07066. 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 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 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. Vice President of the Board of Commissioners October through December 1983.

