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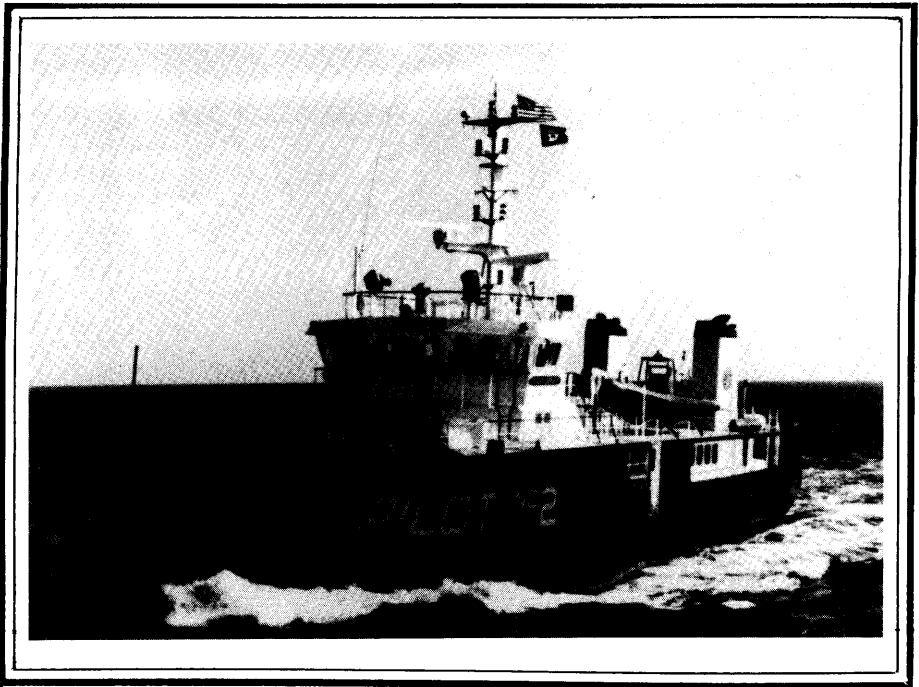
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Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 8 of the New Jersey Statutes, the Commissioners of Pilotage respectfully submit their 140th Annual Report to the Legislature of the State of New Jersey. This report covers the year ending December 31, 1986.

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.

The following bonds were received by the Commissioners as a condition to the pilot receiving his original license.

Pilot	Date of Bond	Sureties
Peter G. Roose	7/2/86	B.J. Bercereau E.F. Sweeney, Jr.
Jay E. Graham	8/1/86	K.E. Sullivan J.F. Britton
Geroge W. Kissenberth	11/21/86	K.E. Sullivan J.F. McCarthy, III

B. AN ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSIONERS WITH THE YEAR 1986.

At the Annual Meeting held on January 16, 1986 the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Nelson Kornstein President
Edward B. Pulver. Vice President
Frank A. Johannessen Secretary-Treasurer

At the same meeting the President appointed commissioners to committees as follows:

George N. Axiotes. Examining Committee
Edward B. Pulver
Frank A. Johannessen New York-New Jersey
Ad Hoc Task Force
Liaison to U.S. Coast Guard

In 1986 the commissioners advanced one pilot from Limited Branch to Full Branch Pilot, two pilots from Third to Second Grade, one pilot from Fourth to Third Grade, two pilots from Fifth to Fourth grade, one pilot from Sixth to Fifth Grade, and three registered apprentices were granted original licences as pilots of the Sixth Grade. During the same period, the commissioners registered two apprentices.

The commissioners investigated a total of twelve marine incidents during 1986. Fifty percent of these cases came before the commissioners because of reporting requirements imposed upon pilots on board vessels involved in marine incidents however slight. In five of these cases, docking masters not Sandy Hook Pilots were conning the vessels; in a sixth case the master was personally maneuvering the vessel. In the remaining fifty percent of the incidents, Sandy Hook Pilots were engaged in pilotage duties. In five of these cases, the commissioners determined that no action should be taken against the pilots. In the sixth incident, a vessel grounded for a brief time during a period of extremely limited visibility. No damage to the vessel, cargo, crew or any property resulted. After considering all circumstances including a review of the pilot's record, which to date of grounding was exemplary, the commissioners determined that the gravity of the situation warranted issuance of a letter of admonition to the pilot with the contents of the letter to be published to all pilots.

On February 19th, the Board of Commissioners of Pilotage of the State of New Jersey and the Board of Commissioners of Pilots of the State of New York convened together to conduct a joint meeting touching on all areas of responsibilities of both Boards. The meeting was productive. It identified areas of mutual concerns considered fruitful for further exploration in regard to additional review and possible enactment of uniform procedures. Communications between the Boards remains open marked by a spirit of cooperation.

The Board continues its watchfulness and keeps abreast of current pilot operations and practices. In this connection, Commissioners Kornstein and Johannessen accompanied pilots and apprentices on daylight refresher and training cruises of Hellgate and night time refresher and training cruises of the Raritan on May 20th and 21st. The President of the Board, Commissioner Nelson Kornstein, also traveled as an observer with pilots and apprentices as exceptional numbers of vessels were serviced during the extremely busy period preceding the Statue of Liberty celebration in July.

The Statue of Liberty Centennial celebration in July of 1986 brought sailing craft and naval vessels from numerous countries to the Port of New York-New Jersey plus unprecedented number of small craft of every description and size. The Sandy Hook Pilots and apprentices put in long hours handling each and every task assigned them during this hectic week. As anticipated by the Board, pilots and apprentices performed competently. In many instances the pilots made no charge for their services. The skill and attitude displayed by the pilots and apprentices, while working expanded schedules and in dealing with all situations that cropped up during this patriotic festival in an unusually crowded harbor, prompted the Board to issue a letter of commendation to both the New Jersey and the New York Sandy Hook pilots and apprentices. Similarly, the Board commended the United States Coast Guard and its auxiliaries for a job well done.

September 15, 1986 the newly constructed pilot boat **NEW JERSEY** was delivered to the Sandy Hook Pilots headquarters at Staten Island, New York. Following shake-down and familiarization trips and dry docking for inspection and various work, an Open House and Demonstration Cruise took place in December. Attendees from industry and senior United States Coast Guard officers commented favorably on the handling ability of the new pilot boat and its impressive quiet and vibrationless engine room operation. This new pilot boat is smaller than its forty-four year old predecessor. It contains the latest state of the art equipment. In view of its smaller size and high degree of automation, substantial reductions in operating costs, as compared to the vessel it replaced, is anticipated as the **NEW JERSEY** enters active pilotage service.

October 16th marked National Maritime Day, one celebration of which was a day-long program held on the United States Coast Guard Base, Governors Island, New York. A delegation from the Board joined with industry and government participants in this nationwide observance of National Port Week.

The joint New York-New Jersey Ad Hoc Task Force Committee convened on three occasions in 1986. This committee monitors the surcharge fund under which new pilot crafts are financed. The original amount of seventy-five dollars per vessel on inbound and outbound pilotage continues to provide an adequate level of income to discharge the current debt liability for both the pilot board **NEW JERSEY** and the crew craft **CHAPEL HILL**. Quarterly audits are the tool by which the Task Force Committee determines the feasibility of the seventy-five dollar surcharge.

C. OBSERVATION IN RELATION TO THE SYSTEM OF PILOTAGE

The competence of Sandy Hook Pilots stems in good part from its time tested apprentice system. The system early weeds out those not suitable for the piloting profession. The Board hereby finds and determines that the present system of pilotage and apprentice training and education is effective and endorses its continuance.

D. 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, 1986:

A.T. Boyan	J.G. Keating	R.F. Pennea
A.E. Braendly	R.V. Keenam	T.W. Peters
J.F. Britton	G.W. Kissenberth	J.F. 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	P.G. Roose
R.E. Cox	A.W. McGovern	R.J. Schoenlank
R.L. Cullison	T.J. McGovern	H.A. Schweers
C.W. Dahman	D.J. McInerhey	R.D. Seeth
R.A. Deane	B.J. Mercereau	K.W. Sorenson
J.E. Graham	W.G. Meeting	W.W. Sturgeon
E.J. Haggerty	J.B. Monaghan	KE. Sullivan
J.D. Hasson	J.A. Murray	E.F. Sweeney, Jr.
R.D. Jones	E.D. O'Donnell	F.D. Wall, III
P.E. Kanenbley	J.C. Oldmixon	T.J. Walsh
		C.A. Whiteside

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	F.D. Wall, Jr.
W.C. Hall	D.M. Mercereau	E.H. Weiler
W.C. Hansen	W.A. Mitchell	C.E. Wendel
G.W. Kissenberth	A.G. Oldmixon	W.F. Winter
J. Licata	C.C. Reed	E.G. Young

Registered Apprentices

F.J. Boslet, Jr.	W.B. Hodgins, III	J.W. Scudlo
T.J. Ferrie	W.J. McGovern	K.P. Sorenson
W.M. Hansen	J.C. Oldmixon, Jr.	D.W. Walsh

The following vessels were serviced during 1986:

	IN	OUT
January	161	170
February	158	155
March	164	166
April	154	153
May	184	214
June	197	192
July	205	192
August	195	217
September	168	170
October	177	173
November	157	167
December	181	181

COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE

RICHARD L. AMSTER, 2 Hogan Court, Florham Park, New Jersey 07932. Member of the law firm of Amster & Levine, 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.

GEROGE 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.

FRANK A. JOHANNESSEN, 619 West Lake Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey 07065. Marine license: Master Oceans, any gross tons; sailed as master. Shore positions: marine claim adjuster for P and I underwriters, self-employed as a marine surveyor, presently manager of the Port Newark office of the Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor, Graduate of United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kean College of New Jersey, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University of Law-Newark. Former Editor of the *Kings Pointer*. Commander USNR (Ret). Attorney NJ & Pa.

Member of various industry and professional organizations including Council of American Master Mariners, Inc.

NELSON KORNSTEIN, 73 Frances Drive, Clark, New Jersey 07066. President of the Board of Commissioners. 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 was an 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 served 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. Companion member Council American Master Mariners. Member of the Maritime Association Port of New York/New Jersey Harbor Operation Committee.

EDWARD B. PULVER, 104 West 56th Street, Bayonne, New Jersey 07002. Served in the Armed Forces (Air Force) 1941-1943, a Member of Master, Mates and Pilots Local 1 New York 1941-1958. Elected officer as Secretary-Treasurer of Master, Mates and Pilots Local 1 New York 1948-1958. Regional Director of Seafarers International Union of Inland Waterways from Norfolk to New York 1959 to present. Sailed as ordinary seaman and Mate on Inland Waterways 1941-1975. Secretary-Treasurer State of New Jersey AFL—CIO 1975 to present. Labor Representative on the Governor's Manpower Board, Graduate of Rutgers Police Academy, graduate of Rutgers (City Administration), Member Saving Our Port, Port of New York and New Jersey and Member of Maritime trades, Port of New York and New Jersey 1982 to present.

