

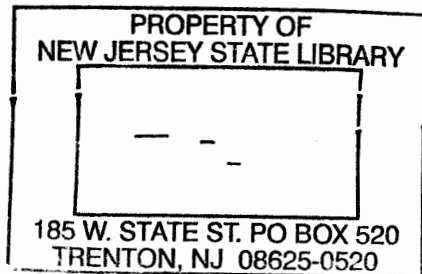
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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE
OF THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1974

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**128TH ANNUAL REPORT
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Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 8 of the New Jersey Statutes, the Commissioners of Pilotage respectfully submit their 128th Annual Report to the Legislature of the State of New Jersey. This report covers the year ending December 31, 1974.

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 Commissioners accepted from Pilot Alan E. Braendly his bond dated April 19, 1974 signed by Pilots T. J. McGovern and J. E. Graham as sureties, and from Pilot Francis E. Reil his bond dated September 6, 1974 signed by Pilots W. J. Baeszler and R. E. Cox as sureties.

These bonds were given as a condition to the pilots receiving their original licenses.

B. AN ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSIONERS WITHIN THE YEAR 1974.

At the meeting of the Board held on June 26, 1974, Captain William H. Burrill and Captain Joseph G. Glennon were sworn in as Commissioners of Pilotage for new three-year terms commencing June 13, 1974.

During 1974 the Board sought a ruling from the Office of the State Attorney General as to the status of a Commissioner whose term has expired. An interpretation of the New Jersey Statutes was requested to determine whether the Commissioner's authority to act ceases automatically on the expiration of his three-year term, or whether he remains in office pending renomination or replacement. The Office of the Attorney General ruled that a Commissioner remains in office following expiration of his stated term until either he is renominated or a successor is nominated and confirmed.

During the calendar year 1974 the Commissioners advanced one pilot from Second to First Grade; two pilots from Fourth to Third Grade; one pilot from Sixth to Fifth Grade; and two pilots were granted original licenses as pilots of the Sixth 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 one apprentice and one pilot retired from active service.

The Commissioners investigated a total of nine reports of marine casualties during 1974, including one case which had been pending at the end of 1973. In eight 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. One case remained under investigation at the close of the year awaiting further information before a final determination can be made by the Commissioners.

As reported in the Board's Annual Report for 1973, the draft and tonnage limitations for deputy pilots were revised upwards so as to give younger pilots greater opportunity to gain experience. The revisions were adopted for a trial period of one year, at the end of which the United New Jersey Sandy Hook Pilots' Association reported that the revisions had proven beneficial. Pursuant to the terms of the Board Resolutions, the Association submitted detailed lists of vessels handled by deputy pilots under the revised limitations which they could not have handled under the prior Regulations. The list was made all the more impressive by the fact that all of these larger vessels had been handled without incident. Thereafter, the Board made permanent the increased draft and tonnage limitations for deputy pilots.

During 1974 the Board, acting through a designated representative and an alternate, continued to participate actively in the work of the advisory committee named to assist the United States Coast Guard in the development of a traffic management system for New York Harbor. Emphasis has been placed on communication to and from vessels as they enter congested areas of the harbor and control of the subsequent movement of these vessels into or through dangerous areas. The work of the advisory committee is continuing.

Being extremely conscious of the need for continued Federal financial assistance to maintain and improve navigation in the Greater Harbor of New York/New Jersey, the Board again joined with many other interested organizations and supported The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in its efforts to have Congress appropriate adequate funds for these purposes. Joint statements were submitted to both the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations. The Board noted with pleasure that funds were provided for four harbor projects in the Port and for a study of improvements to the Kill van Kull and Newark Bay Channel.

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, 1974:

R. Ahrens	R.V. Keenan	C.C. Reed
W.J. Baeszler	G.W. Kissenberth	F.E. Reil
F.J. Boslet	J. Licata	J.L. Renesse
A.T. Boyan	G.A. Mason	R.D. Rice
A.E. Braendly	J.F. McCarthy	H.A. Schweers
H.J. Costello	R.J. McCarthy	C.E. Sloat
R.E. Cox	T.J. McGovern	D.T. Smith
R.E. Cullison	D.J. McInerney	J.P. Smith
C.W. Dahmen	D.M. Mercereau	K.W. Sorensen
R.A. Deane	W.G. Metting, Jr.	W.W. Sturgeon
L.T. Earl	W.A. Mitchell	F.D. Wall
J.E. Graham	J.A. Murray	T.J. Walsh
E.J. Haggerty	E.D. O'Donnell	E.H. Weiler
W.C. Hall	A.G. Oldmixon	C.A. Whiteside
W.C. Hansen	J.C. Oldmixon	W.F. Winter
J.D. Hasson	T.W. Peters	E.G. Young
R.D. Jones	J.H. Peterson, Sr.	
J.G. Keating	J.H. Peterson, Jr.	

Deceased Pilot

R.C. Sorge - November 13, 1974

Retired Pilots

C.I. Britton,
W.J. Crocker
H.C. Egan
W.J. Egan
E.W. Florimont
C.M. Lowe
W.H. Lowe
R. Miller
R.I. Oldmixon
C.E. Wendel

The following vessels were serviced during 1974:

	IN	OUT
January	247	237
February	209	203
March	257	265
April	230	223
May	220	224
June	205	200
July	218	255
August	254	253
September	213	205
October	206	204
November	195	200
December	238	240
TOTAL	<u>2,692</u>	<u>2,709</u>

D. OBSERVATIONS IN RELATION TO THE SYSTEM OF PILOTAGE.

While such a step may be considered unusual, this Board wishes to compliment the pilots, both those licensed by this Board and those licensed by the Board of Commissioners of Pilots of the State of New York, for the excellent job they have done and continue to do in the safe handling of vessels entering, and departing from, the Port of New York. These men, benefiting from their year of intensive training and dedicated to the proper performance of the duties of a pilot, have provided the Port of New York/New Jersey with a pilotage service second to none. This Board is convinced that if and when improvements are to be made in the present system, the members of this Board will have the whole-hearted support of the pilots in initiating and making operative the desirable improvements.

Respectfully submitted,
WALTER E. MALONEY
Secretary

COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE

JOHN W. ANDERSON, 96 Highwood Avenue, Tenafly, New Jersey. Holds Master's license unlimited. Graduate of New York State Nautical School, October 1915. Served at sea in United States ships continuously for fifty years commencing as quartermaster in coastwise ships and junior officer on S.S. "St. Louis" and "New York" of the American Line. Served as 2nd officer in Army Transport Service in World War I, then served as chief mate and master on vessels trading between New York and Australia, India, and the Far East. Obtained Master's license and first command in 1920. Served with United States Lines as master from 1925 until retirement in 1964. During World War II commanded Motorship "John Ericsson" and transported over 300,000 American and allied troops to various theatres of war. Later commanded the S.S. "America" for over three years, and the S.S. "United States" for over eleven years, as Commodore of the United States Lines. Commissioned Lieutenant Commander USNR, 25 June 1930 and Captain USNR, 1 January 1946. Retired from USNR, 1 July 1960.

GEORGE N. AXIOTES, 129 North Arlington Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey. Holds Master's license for any ocean, any tonnage, for steam and motor vessels. Licensed Federal pilot. Sea service 1920 to 1945, which included command of American commercial vessels in world trade. Served in Merchant Marine during World War II, and this included service as Convoy Commodore in various areas. Held executive shore positions with steamship and stevedoring companies. Owns and operates a business as Marine Surveyor and Consultant. Is an authorized Inspector for International Cargo Gear Bureau, Inc. Is life member and executive in The Marine Society of the City of New York, founded in 1770 for the improvement of maritime knowledge.

WILLIAM H. BURRILL, 103 North Walnut Street, East Orange, New Jersey. Vice 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.

JOSEPH G. GLENNON, 230 Maple Street, Weehawken, New Jersey. 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. President of the Board of Commissioners. 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, Boston, Massachusetts. 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. 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.

