ANNUAL REPORT



OF THE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE

OF THE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1972

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Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 8 of the New Jersey Statutes, the Commissioners of Pilotage respectfully submit their 126th Annual Report to the Legislature of the State of New Jersey. This report covers the year ending December 31, 1972.

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 1972 due to the fact that no pilots received original licenses during that period.

B. AN ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSIONERS WITHIN THE YEAR 1972.

At the meeting of the Board held on June 21, 1972, Commissioners John W. Anderson and Walter E. Maloney were sworn in for new three-year terms commencing June 15, 1972.

During the calendar year 1972, the Commissioners advanced two pilots from Second to First Grade; one pilot from Third to Second Grade; three pilots from Fifth to Fourth Grade, and two pilots from Sixth to Fifth Grade. Two pilots retired from active service. During the same

period no apprentices were registered.

The Commissioners investigated a total of eight reports of marine casualties during 1972, including one case which had been pending at the end of 1971. In seven 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. In one case, involving a grounding, the pilot was admonished for failure to take cross-bearings to ascertain the exact position of his vessel when it was anchored and also when it was discovered to be aground. It was the consensus of the Board that the circumstances of this case were not sufficient to warrant action against the pilot's license although a letter of reprimand was ordered to be made a part of the pilot's official record.

Under date of June 14, 1972, the President of the Sandy Hook Pilots' Benevolent United New Jersey (hereinafter "New Jersev Association") Association submitted to the Board for consideration a proposed agreement between the United New York Sandy Hook Pilots' Benevolent Association and the New Jersey Association having to do with their jointoperation of the pilot service at Sandy Hook. The agreement proved to be a far-reaching document covering in detail the operation and manning of vessels owned by the Associations, the naming and training of apprentices, etc. At the meeting of the Board held on June 21, 1972, the President of the New Jersey Association, who was present by invitation, was interrogated at length as to the objectives of the proposed agreement, the changes that it would make in the then current operation, and the benefits to be derived therefrom. Thereafter, it was agreed, and the Secretary was instructed to advise the New Jersey Association, that the proposed agreement meets with the approval of the Board in substance and that if said agreement is finalized with no material deviations from the draft submitted for comment, it would have the formal approval of the Board. The Board made it clear to the New Jersey Association, however, that its indication of approval of this agreement shall not be taken to negate or diminish in any way the authority vested in this Board to determine the number of pilots that are needed at any given time to provide an adequate and efficient pilotage service.

As reported in this Board's 1971 Annual Report, the Board decided that during a two-year experimental period a pilot of the Sixth Grade, after six months of service in that grade, should be permitted to handle vessels up to 22 feet in draft and up to 10,000 tons. This change was in recognition of the dwindling opportunities for pilots of the Sixth Grade to handle vessels because of their license limitations on draft and tonnage. When the two-year trial period expired, the records of the Board showed that this change had permitted pilots of the Sixth Grade to handle a greater number of vessels and to gain valuable experience. At its meeting on September 20, 1972 the Board made permanent this change in its Regulations effective September 1, 1972.

The Board followed with interest the stiffened requirement of the United States Coast Guard that a radar endorsement be placed on Federal licenses. The Board was pleased to learn that practically all of the New Jersey pilots have received their radar endorsement and that a radar installation is being set up in the offices of the Pilots' Associations so as to permit pilots and apprentices to monitor constantly the anchorage area.

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, 1972:

R. Ahrens W. J. Baeszler F. J. Boslet A. T. Boyan C. I. Britton H. J. Costello R. E. Cox C. W. Dahmen R. A. Deane L. T. Earl W. J. Egan J. E. Graham E. J. Haggerty W. C. Hall W. C. Hansen J. D. Hasson R. D. Jones J. G. Keating

R. V. Keenan G. W. Kissenberth J. Licata G. A. Mason J. F. McCarthy R. J. McCarthy T. J. McGovern D. J. McInerney D. M. Mercereau W. G. Metting, Jr. W. A. Mitchell J. A. Murray E. D. O'Donnell A. G. Oldmixon J. C. Oldmixon T. W. Peters J. H. Peterson, Sr. J. H. Peterson, Jr.

C. C. Reed J. L. Renesse R. D. Rice H. A. Schweers C. E. Sloat D. T. Smith J. P. Smith K. W. Sorensen R. C. Sorge W. W. Sturgeon F. D. Wall T. J. Walsh E. H. Weiler C. A. Whiteside W. F. Winter E. G. Young

Reitred Pilots

W. J. Crocker

H. C. Egan

E. W. Florimont

C. M. Lowe

W. H. Lowe

R. Miller

R. I. Oldmixon

C. E. Wendel

Deceased Pilot Paul Burke – August 16, 1972

The following vessels were serviced during 1972:

	IN	OUT
January	284	288
February	244	248
March	280	269
April	279	290
May	310	296
June	267	282
July	246	229
August	291	306
September	267	264
October	321	337
November	251	240
December	246	254
TOTAL	3,286	3,303

D. OBSERVATIONS IN RELATION TO THE SYSTEM OF PILOTAGE.

Federal Appropriations for Harbor Improvements

As in past years, the Board joined with other interested groups in the greater Port of New York, and in particular with the Port of New York Authority, in endeavoring to have adequate appropriations in the fiscal year 1973 for Federal channel and related improvements in New York Harbor. The Board joined in a statement submitted to both the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations. Subsequently the Board was very gratified to learn that a substantial number of New York Harbor improvements supported by the Board were included in the appropriations legislation.

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 knowlege.

WILLIAM H. BURRILL, 103 North Walnut Street, East Orange, New Jersey. 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. 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 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, 51 Snyder Avenue, Ramsey, New Jersey. Vice 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. and presently their Marine Superintendent at New York. Retired Commander, USNR. 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 Watchkeeping. Currently a member of United States Coast Guard Sea Lanes Study Committee, Boston, Massachusetts. Member of Marine Society City 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.



