

PILOTAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING

Date : 8 June 2022 (Wednesday)
Format : Video Conference
Time : 2:30 p.m.

Present

Chairman:	WONG Sai-fat	Deputy Director (1), Marine Department (“MD”)
Members:	ZHANG Hongwen	Hong Kong Shipowners Association
	CHAN Hung-tai	Hong Kong Liner Shipping Association
	CHAN Kam-foo	Shipping Agencies
	LAM Wing-chiu	Container Terminal Operators
	CHANG Chi-wai, Robson	Dry Bulk Cargo Terminal Operators
	LAU Yiu-ming	Oil terminal operators
	Ms LEI Ho-yan, Angelina	Tug operators
	Capt LI Yongzheng	Master Mariner
	Capt WANG Chi-cheong	Licensed Pilot
	Capt LAW Kwun-pan	Licensed Pilot
	LAI Chi-tung	Assistant Director / Port Control
	HUANG Jihe	General Manager / Vessel Traffic Services
	HU Guizhong	Surveyor of Ships (Engineer) / Seafarers and Examination (2)
Secretary:	Miss Athena LIU	Executive Officer (General & Committee), MD

In attendance (Except for items I, II and III)

Ms Catherine Chow	China Merchants Port Holdings Company
Miss Iris YIU	Senior Marine Officer/Vessel Traffic Centre
TANG Ying-kit, George	Marine Manager/ Pilotage

Absent with apologies

LI Yubin	Break Bulk Cargo Operators
ZHONG Ying	Dockyard Industry
Capt CHAN Kam-wing	Master Mariner
Capt TSANG Cheuk-yin, Joe	Master Mariner

I. Opening Remarks

1. The Chairman extended his welcome to all members. He introduced the two new members with effective from 18 February to 31 December 2022, i.e. Ms LEI Ho-yan, Angelina representing the interests of tug operators and Mr LAU Yiu-ming representing the interests of oil terminal operators, to have joined the meeting. In view of the pandemic, video conference was adopted.

II. Interview of pilot apprentices-to-be

2. The Chairman said that PAC would interview four candidates in sequence (namely HO Sin-chun, LEE Man-kwong, NG Hiu-tung and NG Wang-hin) to test their suitability for being apprentice pilots.
3. All the Members (including the Chairman) of PAC declared no actual/perceived/ potential conflict of interest.

4. The four candidates were asked to brief PAC on their maritime study and sea-time experience, core competence/qualities of being a pilot and reasons for choosing pilotage to be a vocation.
5. PAC considered the interview performance of the four candidates was satisfactory and recommended them all ought to be registered as apprentice pilot.

III. Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting held on 18 January 2022

6. The minutes of last PAC meeting held on 18 January 2022 were confirmed without amendment.

(Post-meeting note: The meeting minutes were uploaded to the MD website on 12 July 2022.)

IV. Discussion items

(a) PAC Paper No. 4/2022 – Proposed Amendments to the Berthing Guidelines

7. GM/VTS said that the PAC Working Group was convened on 27 May 2022. The amendments proposed in the PAC Paper No. 4/2022 have been thoroughly discussed in the PAC Working Group meeting. Members' comments during the meeting have also been incorporated. After deliberation, it was agreed to put up to PAC for endorsement.
8. Capt LAW Kwun-pan elaborated further on the proposed amendments, including (a) amend "depth at berth" and "Maximum Sailing or Arrival Draft at Kwai Chung Basin" for Kwai Chung berths; (b) add requirements for 6000HP tug and one 5000HP tug for vessel with LOA>370m & Draft>14.0m; and two 5000HP tugs for vessels with >350m with reference to the international trend; (c) amend Chevron main berth and Kwai Chung berths with adjustment to Max.draft, tidal windows and number & power of tugs. GM/VTS supplemented the typo spotted for Annex II that the Note to Grade 1 for Power $\geq 5,000$ and with Bollard Pull ≥ 62 should be referred to Note 3 instead of 2. Separately, he also added that it was agreed in the PAC Working Group that the total tug power (HP) would be

used in case there is no sufficient attending tug for vessels with different LOA and Draft.

9. The meeting endorsed PAC Paper No. 4/2022. The proposed amendment would be effective on the day when the amended berthing guidelines are uploaded to the MD website.

(Post-meeting note: The updated berthing guidelines were uploaded to the MD website on 9 June 2022.)

V. Any Other Business

10. There was no other business.

VI. Date of next meeting

11. The meeting adjourned at 3:45p.m. The date of the next meeting would be announced in due course.

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