

**PILOTAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Date : 27 June 2025 (Friday)
Format : Conference Room A, 24/F Harbour Building
Time : 2:30 p.m.

Present

Chairman:	Mr SHI Qiang	Deputy Director (1)
Members:	Mr CHAN Hung-tai	Hong Kong Liner Shipping Association
	Mr WONG Yuk-tong	Shipping Agencies
	Mr LAM Wing-chiu	Container Terminal Operators
	Mr LAU Yiu-ming	Oil Terminal Operators
	Mr NI Yong	Dockyard Industry
	Capt LI Yongzheng	Master Mariner
	Capt ZHOU Jianfeng	Master Mariner
	Capt JIAO Jie	Master Mariner
	Capt LEE Koon-wah	Licensed Pilot
	Capt TAO Ming, Rockman	Licensed Pilot
	Miss Carmen CHAN	Assistant Director / Port Control
	Mr WU Kouqing	General Manager / Vessel Traffic Services
Secretary:	Ms Athena LIU	Executive Officer (General & Committee)

In Attendance

Mr X H SHEN	Marine Officer/Vessel Traffic Centre(3)
Mr George TANG	Marine Manager/Pilotage

Absent with apologies

Mr PI Xianzhong	Surveyor of Ships (Nautical) / Seafarers and Examination (2)
Mr ZHANG Hongwen	Hong Kong Shipowners Association

Mr CHANG Chi-wai, Robson	Dry Bulk Cargo Terminal Operators
Mr GUI Dong	Break Bulk Cargo Operators
Ms LEI Ho-yan, Angelina	Tug Operators

I. Opening Remarks

1. The Chairman extended his welcome to all members and introduced PAC new members of the new term, i.e. Mr WONG Yuk-tong, Tony and Mr NI Yong. He also advised members of the house rules.

II. Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting held on 5 December 2024

2. The minutes of last PAC meeting held on 5 December 2024 were confirmed without amendment.

(Post-meeting note: The meeting minutes were uploaded to the MD website on 15 July 2025.)

III. Interview of pilot apprentice-to-be

3. The Chairman said that PAC would interview six candidates to test the suitability for being apprentice pilot.
4. All the Members (including the Chairman) of PAC declared no actual/perceived/ potential conflict of interest.
5. Candidates were asked to brief PAC on their backgrounds, work experiences and maritime study. They were also asked about reasons and challenges to be a pilot.
6. PAC considered that the interview performance of the candidates was satisfactory and recommended all of them ought to be registered as apprentice pilot.
7. AD/PC reiterated that the interviewees should be better equipped with knowledges of Hong Kong waters including basic port operations and

services, as well as handling procedures of the emergencies. Training on the interview etiquette such as way of presentation and attitude should also be introduced.

IV. Discussion items

(a) PAC Paper No. 1/2025 - Proposed Amendments to the Berthing Guidelines On Relaxation of Tidal Window for Berths of Kwai Tsing Container Terminals

8. MM/Pilotage presented the paper.
9. Capt LEE Koon-wah (Licensed Pilot) commented he was confident on the proposed relaxation. Mr LAM Wing-chiu (Container Terminal Operators) gathered from the trade that the proposal was welcomed by them and hoped that shipping companies would arrange more ships calling for HK port with the relaxation. All members agreed to the proposed amendments.
10. The Chairman thanked for the hard work of the Working Group and saw the changes to meet the operational needs of the shipping companies. The meeting endorsed the paper. All amendments would undergo 12 months of trial and take immediate effect.

(b) PAC Paper No. 2/2025 - Proposed Amendments to the Berthing Guidelines On Tug Requirement for Anchorages

11. MM/Pilotage presented the paper.
12. The meeting endorsed the paper. All amendments would undergo 12 months of trial and take immediate effect.

V. Any other business

13. The meeting had no other businesses and adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

VI. Date of next meeting

14. The date of the next meeting would be announced in due course.

Distribution list

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