

PILOTAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING

Date : 7 December 2021 (Tuesday)
Place : Conference Room A, 24/F, Harbour Building
Time : 9:30 a.m.

Present

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| 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 | Containers Terminal Operators |
| | Capt LI Yongzheng | Master Mariner |
| | Capt CHAN Kam-wing | Master Mariner |
| | Capt TSANG Cheuk-yin, Joe | Master Mariner |
| | Capt WANG Chi-cheong | Licensed Pilot |
| | Capt LAW Kwun-pan | Licensed Pilot |
| | HUANG Jihe | General Manager / Vessel Traffic Services, MD |
| Secretary: | Athena LIU | Executive Officer (General & Committee), MD |

Absent with apologies

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| LAI Chi-tung | Assistant Director / Port Control, MD |
| HU Guizhong | Surveyor of Ships (Nautical) / Seafarers and Examination (2), MD |
| CHANG Chi-wai, Robson | Dry Bulk Cargo Terminal Operators |
| LI Yubin | Break Bulk Cargo Operators |
| ZHONG Ying | Dockyard Industry |

I. Opening Remarks

1. The Chairman extended his welcome to all the members. In view of the pandemic, some infection control measures were implemented.

II. Interview of pilot apprentices-to-be

2. The Chairman said that PAC would interview 21 candidates in sequence (namely CHEUNG Kwok-hung, CHEN Yongbiao, HUANG Liang, JIA Xiaofei, JIANG Weiping, KE Wende, KUANG Weizhao, LI Dongbo, LI Junrong, LI Xuzhao, LIU Zihao, LUO Jinsong, LUO Zhenlu, QU Chengqiang, TANG Yali, TAO Jiefeng, YAO Guangxing, YU Hengming, ZHAN Minjian, ZHANG Yu, and ZHAO Yingyue) 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 21 candidates were asked to brief PAC members on their personal background, maritime knowledge and sea-time experience, with some being asked about their experience and difficulty in berthing ships to the terminals in the waters of Mirs Bay.
5. PAC considered the interview performance of the 21 candidates was satisfactory and recommended all of them ought to be registered as apprentice pilot.

III. Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting held on 24 August 2021

6. The minutes of last PAC meeting held on 24 August 2021 were confirmed, with comments from the two licenced pilots attached to the minutes as enclosures.
7. Capt LAW Kwun-pan, the licenced pilot, asked about MD's follow up actions on his views expressed in the last PAC meeting regarding the 0.5 n.m. radius of pilot boarding stations and the obligation to be accompanied by an

apprentice pilot as proposed in PAC Paper No.5/2021. He asked whether there will be any penalty if pilots fail to pilot ships within the 0.5 n.m. radius in future. GM/VTS advised that comments from members were collected and have already been passed to Authority for consideration. The proposed amendment to the existing pilot boarding stations was to provide clearer definition and more flexibility for pilots to board ships. Same as the existing arrangement, there will not be penalty if pilots fail to pilot ships within the 0.5 n.m. radius of the new boarding stations in future. On a separate issue, he supplemented that the proposed amendment to add a penalty in paragraph 8A Cap.84C for refusing to be accompanied by a registered apprentice pilot undergoing training or gaining experience was to make the requirement enforceable.

IV. Discussion items

PAC Paper No. 9/2021 – Information on Cooperation in Mirs Bay Pilotage Services

8. The Chairman introduced the paper and invited members to note the cooperation arrangement.
9. Mr CHAN Kam-foo, representative of the Shipping Agencies, enquired whether there would be 20 Hong Kong pilots piloting in Mirs Bay as well under the cooperation with Shenzhen Transport Bureau in Mirs Bay pilotage services. The Chairman replied yes. Mr CHAN further asked about the handling procedures of marine accident(s), if any, under the cooperation arrangement. The Chairman advised that marine accident would usually be handled under the principle of territorial jurisdiction and there is a Marine Accident Investigation Section in MD to handle the relevant accident(s).

V. Any Other Business

10. Capt LAW Kwun-pan, the licenced pilot, raised out the issues on the proposed pilotage dues adjustments after recent consensus with the maritime industry and the review of berthing guidelines. The Chairman advised that as usual, matters would be first discussed in PAC Working Group and to be later put up to PAC for discussion e.g. January 2022 when the matters are ready for

discussion.

VI. Date of next meeting

11. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. The date of the next meeting would be announced in due course.

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