

**Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports
Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee
Advisory Subcommittee Meeting**

July 2, 2019

A meeting of the Advisory Subcommittee (the "Subcommittee") of the Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee (the "PBIRC") was convened on Tuesday July 2, 2019, at the Port of Houston Authority Executive Offices, Fourth Floor Boardroom, at 111 East Loop North Houston, Texas 77029. The following members and staff were present:

Captain Marcus Woodring, Chairman
Captain Mark Mitchem
Captain David Foret
Captain Richard Russell
Paul Caruselle
Captain M. Tyler Gavis, PBIRC Compliance Coordinator

Chairman Woodring called the meeting to order.

- 1) M/T BOW FORTUNE loss of propulsion on January 15, 2019, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: The vessel lost propulsion due to mechanical issues. There is no evidence of pilot error.

Proposed Recommendations: Close matter to file.

Captain Gavis asked for a motion to close matter to file. Motion was brought by Chairman Woodring, seconded by Captain Foret. Captain Mitchem, Mr. Caruselle, and Captain Russell voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 2) M/V GOLDEN GLORY allision with Kinder Morgan #3 mooring dolphin on January 30, 2019 in the Houston Ship Channel.

The Subcommittee reviewed this matter and determined that it warranted a full PBIRC hearing.

Captain Gavis asked for a motion to recommend a full PBIRC hearing. Motion was brought by Captain Russell, seconded by Captain Foret. Mr. Caruselle, Chairman Woodring, and Captain Mitchem voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 3) M/T STOLT FOCUS reduction in propulsion on February 7, 2019, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: The vessel experienced a reduction in propulsion due to mechanical issues. There is no evidence of pilot error.

Proposed Recommendations: Close matter to file.

Captain Gavis asked for a motion to close matter to file. Motion was brought by Chairman Woodring, seconded by Mr. Caruselle. Captain Mitchem, Captain Foret, and Captain Russell voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 4) M/T MEGANISI collision with UTV CREOLE CRUSADER near buoys 75/76 on February 20, 2019 in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: The tug lost control when approaching the dredge and veered into the ship. There is no evidence of pilot error.

Proposed Recommendations: Close matter to file. The PBIRC Subcommittee requests that this matter be presented as a case study at the next Brownwater- Bluewater seminar.

Captain Gavis asked for a motion to close matter to file. Motion was brought by Chairman Woodring, seconded by Captain Mitchem. Captain Foret, Mr. Caruselle, and Captain Russell voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 5) M/T STOLT ILEX incident involving the sinking of a mooring line boat on February 21, 2019 at Stolt Dock #3.

Proposed Findings: The pilot operated as should be expected. The line boat was in a dangerous location. There is no evidence of pilot error.

Proposed Recommendations: Close matter to file. The PBIRC Subcommittee requests that the Houston Pilots discuss the matter at their next meeting with representatives from both local mooring companies.

Captain Gavis asked for a motion to close matter to file. Motion was brought by Mr. Caruselle, seconded by Captain Mitchem. Captain Foret, Chairman Woodring, and Captain Russell voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 6) M/T INDEPENDENCE collision with UTV STARDUST in the vicinity of buoys 51/52 on March 8, 2019 in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: The tow operated erratically causing it to veer into the ship. There is no evidence of pilot error.

Proposed Recommendations: Close matter to file. The PBIRC Subcommittee requests that this matter be presented as a case study at the next Brownwater- Bluewater seminar.

Captain Gavis asked for a motion to close matter to file. Motion was brought by Captain Russell, seconded by Captain Foret. Captain Mitchem, Mr. Caruselle, and Chairman Woodring voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 7) M/T EAGLE TOLDEO collision with UTV LUKE SAVAGE on March 13, 2019 in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: The tow sped up and veered into the ship after being passed. There is no evidence of pilot error.

Proposed Recommendations: Close matter to file. The PBIRC Subcommittee requests this matter be presented as a case study at the next Brownwater- Bluewater seminar.

Captain Gavis asked for a motion to close matter to file. Motion was brought by Chairman Woodring, seconded by Mr. Caruselle. Captain Mitchem, and Captain Foret voted Aye. Captain Russell recused himself from voting. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 8) M/V KMARIN GENOA allision with UTV HOUSTON FORET on May 9, 2019 in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: The vessel experienced severe weather necessitating the need to anchor. There is no evidence of pilot error.

Proposed Recommendations: Close matter to file.

Captain Gavis asked for a motion to close matter to file. Motion was brought by Captain Foret, seconded by Chairman Woodring. Mr. Caruselle, Captain Russell, and Captain Mitchem voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 9) M/T GENESIS RIVER collision with UTV VOYAGER on May 10, 2019 in the Houston Ship Channel.

The Subcommittee reviewed this matter and determined that it warranted a full PBIRC hearing.

Captain Gavis asked for a motion to recommend a full PBIRC hearing. Motion was brought by Chairman Woodring, seconded by Captain Russell. Mr. Caruselle, Captain Mitchem, and Captain Foret voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 10) M/V GOODWOOD collision with UTV CAPTAIN LEROY DUVAL in the vicinity of buoys 27/28 on May 23, 2019 in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: The tow lost control of situational awareness causing it's propeller to get tied up in the buoy chain, and thereby veer into the ship. There is no evidence of pilot error.

Proposed Recommendations: Close matter to file. The PBIRC Subcommittee requests this matter be presented as a case study at the next Brownwater- Bluewater seminar.

Captain Gavis asked for a motion to close matter to file. Motion was brought by Captain Foret, seconded by Mr. Caruselle. Captain Mitchem, Captain Russell and Chairman Woodring voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 11) M/V WIKANDA NAREE mast allusion with the 610 bridge on June 2, 2019 in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: The air draft and draft information given to the pilot on the pilot card was incorrect. There is no evidence of pilot error.

Proposed Recommendations: Close matter to file. The PBIRC Subcommittee requests the Lone Star Harbor Safety Committee (LSHSC) consider adding a device to read the air draft on the new Beltway 8 bridge.

Captain Gavis asked for a motion to close matter to file. Motion was brought by Chairman Woodring, seconded by Mr. Caruselle. Captain Russell, Captain Mitchem, and Captain Foret voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

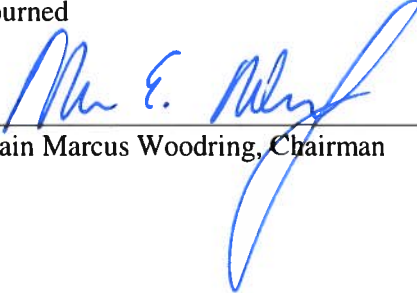
- 12) M/V NAUTICAL LOREDANA mast allision with the 610 bridge on June 3, 2019 in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: The air draft and draft information given to the pilot on the pilot card was incorrect. There is no evidence of pilot error.

Proposed Recommendations: Close matter to file. The PBIRC Subcommittee requests the Lone Star Harbor Safety Committee (LSHSC) consider adding a device to read the air draft on the new Beltway 8 bridge.

Captain Gavis asked for a motion to close matter to file. Motion was brought by Captain Mitchem, seconded by Captain Foret. Captain Russell, Chairman Woodring, and Mr. Caruselle voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

Adjourned



Captain Marcus Woodring, Chairman