

Minutes of the Board for Branch Pilots
Examination Committee
July 14, 2016

The Examination Committee met at 11:00 AM at the Virginia Pilot Association board room, 3329 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Committee members present were: Capt. J. W. Whiting Chisman, III, Capt. J. William Cofer and Capt. John A. Morgan, Jr.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM.

The purpose of the meeting was to examine:

Torrence A. Rogers for an extension of route from Cape Henry to Pages Rock upon the York River and to include the Cape Charles Anchorage.

Christopher H. Behm for an extension of route from Cape Henry to Pages Rock upon the York River.

Gregory R. Willson for an extension of route from the James River Bridge to City Point upon the James River

Torrence A. Rogers answered oral questions related to the extension of route. The subjects included courses and distances from Cape Henry to Pages Rock on the York River as well as courses and distances from Cape Henry to the end of York Spit Channel and Cape Charles Anchorage, cross currents in York River entrance channel, designated anchorages on the York River and anchorage regulations, safe anchoring positions on the York River and Cape Charles Anchorage including weather considerations, courses of the piers in the York River, buoy characteristics on the route, safe speed in York River Entrance channel and York Spit Channel as well as a description of both channel and general questions about ship behavior in York River Entrance channel and York Spit Channel, meeting post panamax ships in York Spit channel, visual ranges for approaching the Plains terminal on the York River, general questions about Cape Charles Anchorage including entering and exiting the anchorage in a deep loaded ship.

After considering the results of the examination, the Examining Committee recommends Torrence A. Rogers for an extension of route from Cape Henry to Pages Rock upon the York River and to include the Cape Charles Anchorage.

Christopher H. Behm answered oral questions related the extension of route. The subjects included courses and distances from Cape Henry to Pages Rock on the York River, cross currents in York River entrance channel, safe speed in York River Entrance channel, courses of piers in the York River, designated anchorages in the York River and their regulations, safe anchoring positions in the York River and weather considerations, buoy characteristics on the route, making the turn at Cape Henry on a deep loaded ship and visual ranges for making the approach to Plains Terminal on the York River.

After considering the results of the examination, the Examining Committee recommends Christopher H. Behm for an extension of route from Cape Henry to Pages Rock upon the York River. The extension of route will be effective Aug. 1, 2016.

Gregory R. Willson answered oral questions related to the extension of route. The subjects included courses and distances from the James River Bridge to City Point, ship behavior in Rocklanding Shoal Channel and Dancing Point channel as well as ship behavior in shallow water, tide restrictions on the river, characteristics of the James River Bridge and Benjamin Harrison Bridge, safe anchoring positions and weather considerations, fog on the river and docking and undocking vessels at the Honeywell terminal in Hopewell, VA.

After considering the results of the examination, the Examining Committee recommends Gregory R. Willson for an extension of route from James River Bridge to City Point upon the James River. The extension of route will be effective Aug. 20, 2016.

The Examining Committee adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Capt. Whiting Chisman