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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

POLICY AND PROCEDURE 03-14

This Policy & Procedure amends and supersedes Policy And Procedure 112387 relative to the use of any automatic steering system.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK REQUIRES THAT ALL REGULATED VESSELS NAVIGATING NEW YORK STATE PILOTAGE WATERS BE MANUALLY STEERED BY AN ALERT AND ATTENTIVE MEMBER OF THE VESSEL'S CREW.

In the event vessel personnel refuse to comply with the above, the State Pilot is to:

- 1) Remind the Master of the above Policy and Procedure and that the State Pilot is the Compulsory Pilot. The Master can only intervene or displace the State Pilot for manifest incompetence, intoxication, incapacitation or placing the vessel in immediate danger.
- 2) Advise the Master that, should the Master choose to relieve the State Pilot of the conn, or countermand the State Pilot's orders for reasons other than manifest incompetence, intoxication, incapacitation or placing the vessel in immediate danger, the Master may be subject to penal and/or civil sanctions in accordance with the Navigation Law of the State of New York.
- 3) Advise the Master that violation of this Policy and Procedure may constitute illegal pilotage. The Master may be subject to penal and/or civil sanctions in accordance with the Navigation Law of the State of New York.
- 4) If relieved of the conn in violation of this Policy and Procedure, the State Pilot shall remain on the bridge and render assistance as needed.

- 5) Request that an appropriate entry be made in the logbook.
- 6) Obtain, if possible, the names of any persons who were present at the time of the violation of this Policy and Procedure.
- 7) Contact the United States Coast Guard's Captain of the Port Office and the respective pilot office to advise that you have been relieved of the conn by the vessel's Master.
- 8) Promptly submit a written report on the incident to the Board of Commissioners of Pilots of the State of New York.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF PILOTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**



Frank W. Keane
Executive Director and Secretary



**Associations: Sandy Hook Pilots Association (NY)
Hudson River Pilots Association
Northeast Marine Pilots/Sound Pilots**

cc: Connecticut Department of Transportation
New Jersey Maritime Pilot & Docking Pilot Commission
United States Coast Guard (Sector New York)
United States Coast Guard (Sector Long Island Sound)