



June 3rd, 2024

Mrs. Randa Coniglio
Interim President / Chief Executive Officer
San Diego Unified Port District
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Subject: Authorization of Brian Vanderspek to serve as a Harbor Pilot within the Port of San Diego

Dear Mrs. Coniglio:

The Port of San Diego Pilot Advisory Council, the members of which were appointed by the President San Diego Unified Port District, holds regular meetings to provide an ongoing evaluation of the local pilotage system and piloting practices for San Diego Bay. Periodic written reports are made to the President with findings of reviews and appropriate recommendations. The purpose of this letter is present the Port of San Diego Pilotage Advisory Council's recommendation that Brian Vanderspek receive the authorization of the Board of Port Commissioners to perform piloting services to vessels entering, leaving, or shifting within the Port of San Diego.

Currently, four full-time pilots are authorized by the Board and work cooperatively through the San Diego Bay Pilots Association (SDBPA) to service vessels calling at the Port.

To ensure pilot availability without delay and responsibly prepare for a transition to the next generation of pilots, the San Diego Bay Pilots Association proposes a five-pilot rotation with the addition of Mr. Brian Vanderspek as part-time pilot as our senior pilots begin to phase out toward retirement.

Mr. Vanderspek previously served two years as Chief Officer and seven years as Unlimited Master on board Tidewater Marine, Worldwide vessels. Mr. Vanderspek is currently employed as a full-time Harbor Pilot Trainee through the San Diego Harbor Pilots Association, has completed over one year and four months of training since February 2023. He has trained

under the supervision of all Senior Pilots of the San Diego Bay Pilots Association, completed over 250 vessel movements during his training period, and regularly logs experience on ships entering, leaving, shifting, or anchoring in within San Diego Bay.

Mr. Vanderspek holds a STCW USCG Merchant Marine Credential of Master of Unlimited Tonnage Vessels upon Oceans with an endorsement as a First Class Pilot of Vessels of Unlimited Tonnage Upon The Waters Of San Diego Bay And Approaches.

The Council has reviewed Mr. Vanderspek's qualification against the requirements outlined in the Council's "Training Professional Development and Oversight Program for Pilots at the Port of San Diego, dated July 29, 2014." The Council recommends that the Board authorize Brian Vanderspek to perform piloting services with the San Diego Bay Pilots Association Inc. The District's Marine Operations staff holds Mr. Vanderspek's application package, should more information be required.

The Council continues to provide an excellent forum for the sharing of the shipping industry, pilot, and port perspectives on pilotage matters. In the event you have any questions concerning the Council's work for this recommendation for the authorization of Mr. Vanderspek, we would welcome an opportunity to meet with you.

Sincerely,

Bill Bartsch

San Diego Bay Pilots Association, President