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POLICY AND PROCEDURE NOTICE 01-22 (Revised April 2023)


USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE POLICY

The job of a state licensed pilot requires absolute attention and focus on safe piloting, navigating, maneuvering, anchoring, docking or undocking a vessel in pilotage waters. Therefore, the Board of Commissioners of Pilots of the State of New York prohibits the use of cellular telephones and other wireless devices while engaged in the piloting of a vessel, except to assist in the safe navigation of the vessel or other professional pilotage purposes. If at all possible, cellular telephone communications should be conducted by a member of the bridge team who is not actively navigating. In addition to VHF, a wireless device may be used to report an accident, incident, emergency, security threat or engine/steering casualty to appropriate authorities and/or the Board.

This Policy and Procedure does not preempt Policy and Procedure # 8012006 outlining the use of carry aboard electronic navigation equipment.

Failure to comply with this Policy and Procedure will result in sanctions.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD:


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Andrew J. Garger
Secretary