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Navigation Technology Committee Mission Statement:

Under the direction of the Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Bays of San Francisco, San Pablo and Suisun, a standing navigation technology committee is established. The purpose of this committee is to investigate the different types of navigation systems generally found on ships calling on the San Francisco Bay Area and the sufficiency of pilot training in the use of such systems; and to evaluate lap top computers, GPS units and other portable electronic chart systems that can be brought aboard ships by pilots to assist in navigation.

This mandate includes, but is not limited to, the evaluation of such portable equipment's availability, reliability and cost, compatibility with shipboard navigation systems and power sources, related safety issues (in recognition that pilots must carry such equipment when embarking and disembarking ships in open ocean conditions) and legal liability issues.

The committee shall develop recommendations to enhance the ability of pilots licensed by the Board to safely navigate ships with an emphasis on the proper and timely use of navigation technology.

The committee shall establish a dialogue with the Harbor Safety Committee of the San Francisco Bay region and its cognizant subcommittees in the exchange of relevant information.

The committee will meet as necessary as directed by the committee chair. Meetings will be open to the public. Notices and agendas of the meetings will be posted on the Board's web site, www.pilotcommission.org. Public comments will be solicited and are encouraged.

A preliminary report including any recommendations warranted by the committee's findings shall be made to the Board not later than June 1, 2008.