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POLICY AND PROCEDURE NOTICE 01-10

USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES

The National Transportation Safety Board recently issued a safety recommendation to the United States Coast Guard ("USCG") to develop national and local policies that address the use of cellular telephones and other wireless devices aboard USCG vessels.

The job of a state licensed pilot requires absolute attention and focus on the job of safely 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 ("Board") prohibits the use of cellular telephones and other wireless devices while engaged in the piloting and assisting in the navigation of a vessel unless the use directly relates to such piloting or navigation of the vessel, or to report an accident, incident, emergency, threat or engine/steering casualty to appropriate authorities.

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 may result in sanctions.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD:

Frank W. Keane  
Secretary