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## **CAPTAIN PETER McISAAC NAMED ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN PILOTS' ASSOCIATION**

Captain Peter McIsaac, Vice President for the Pacific States, has been named Acting President of the American Pilots' Association (APA)<sup>1</sup> following the July 23rd passing of Captain Michael R. Watson,<sup>2</sup> APA President since 2000. Captain McIsaac will serve out the remainder of Captain Watson's term of office, which expires December 31, 2016.

"Captain Watson was a tremendous leader and advocate for our great profession – his passing was a tremendous loss to all of us," said Captain McIsaac. "I am honored to have been chosen to complete Captain Watson's term." Captain McIsaac continued, "I want to assure all APA member pilots, pilots' associations around the world, and our partners in government and industry, that the important work of the APA will continue uninterrupted. I will work with the APA officers and staff to vigorously represent the interests of pilots and advance compulsory pilotage standards."

The maritime career of Captain McIsaac began in 1977 in the tug boat industry on the Great Lakes. He later advanced to Tug Captain and Senior Port Captain while working on vessels throughout Southwest Alaska and the San Francisco Bay area. He joined the San Francisco Bar Pilots Association (SFBPA) in 1992. He was later elected President of the SFBPA, serving terms from 2000-2004, 2006-2010, and 2012 to present.

Captain McIsaac was elected APA Vice President for the Pacific States in 2006. In this position he represents APA-member pilots in Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington. He has also been active with the International Maritime Pilots' Association (IMPA), serving on APA delegations to a number of IMPA Congresses.

Captain McIsaac, a native of Michigan, was educated at the University of Alaska. He and his wife Virginia currently reside in San Mateo, CA. They have three sons.

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<sup>1</sup> The American Pilots' Association (APA) has been the national association of the piloting profession in the United States since 1884. The State-licensed pilot groups in operation in the 24 coastal states, as well as the groups of U.S. registered pilots operating in the Great Lakes system under authorization by the Coast Guard, are members of the APA. Pilots belonging to these APA-member pilots' associations handle well over 90 percent of all large ocean-going vessels moving in international trade in the waterways of the United States. The role and official responsibility of these pilots is to protect the safety of navigation and the marine environment on the waters for which they are licensed.

<sup>2</sup> The notice of Captain Watson's passing is available at: [www.americanpilots.org/MRW\\_Press\\_Release\\_7\\_15\\_Final.pdf](http://www.americanpilots.org/MRW_Press_Release_7_15_Final.pdf)