

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE AMERICAN PILOTS' ASSOCIATION
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BRIDGE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FOR PILOTS

WHEREAS, the American Pilots' Association (APA) has examined Bridge Resource Management (BRM) training as a means for enhancing the safety performance of individuals involved in the navigation of vessels; and

WHEREAS, the APA believes that BRM training has the potential for improving the practice of vessel navigation and for making an additional contribution to safety; and

WHEREAS, the APA further believes that in order for BRM and BRM training to be effective in improving navigation safety, BRM concepts must address the preeminent role that pilots play in vessel navigation, and pilots should receive BRM training through courses that are specifically designed for pilots; and

WHEREAS, the APA has established "Guidelines for Bridge Resource Management Courses for Marine Pilots" to assist in the development and availability of suitable BRM courses for pilots:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the American Pilots' Association hereby adopts the following as official policy of the APA:

1. The APA supports the concept of BRM and supports BRM training for pilots.
2. BRM principles and BRM training must recognize the role and function of the compulsory, licensed pilot, who is not a member of the vessel's crew but comes aboard a vessel for a specific vessel movement or operation.
3. Suitable BRM training courses for pilots are those that have been specifically designed for pilots and meet the APA's "Guidelines for Bridge Resource Management Courses for Marine Pilots" dated October 5, 1993, as the same may be amended.
4. All APA member pilots should take a BRM course and should take a refresher or review BRM course at least once every five years.
5. Pilot associations should provide or require BRM courses for their trainees and include BRM courses in their continuing training programs.
6. Pilot licensing authorities should require completion of a BRM course for pilots as a prerequisite for an initial pilot license and completion of a refresher BRM course for pilots within five years of each pilot license renewal.