MEMORANDUM

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Dan Biggins, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Examination for Certificated Deputy Pilot Openings in the Ports of Canaveral, Jacksonville, and Tampa

DATE: October 6, 2014

If you are interested in applying for the opening(s) in the Port(s) of Canaveral, Jacksonville, and/or Tampa Bay, please submit a completed application and a non-refundable application fee of $200 for each port to which you are applying. The completed application(s) must be returned to the Department on or before December 5, 2014, however, we encourage you to make application as soon as possible. Please mail your application(s) to the following address:

DBPR/Professions
Board of Pilot Commissioners
P O Box 5377
Tallahassee, FL 32314-5377.

The application is available via the Department’s website at www.MyFloridaLicense.com > Apply for/update licenses > Harbor Pilots.

Please note that there will be at least one opening for each of the Ports. Applicants will be notified at the examination if the number of openings increases.

The March 19 & 20, 2015, Deputy Pilot Examination is currently scheduled as follows:

DATE: Thursday and Friday, March 19 & 20, 2015
SITE: Osceola Heritage Park
Exhibition Building
1901 Chief Osceola Trail
Kissimmee, FL 34744-6112
TIME: 7:30 a.m.

The examination will consist of the following:

1. (a) Rules of the Road, International
   (b) Rules of the Road, Inland
   (c) Seamanship and Shiphandling
2. (a) Local Knowledge of Port
(b) Port Chart Work

Prospective applicants are advised to contact the applicable port for information concerning local conditions including but not limited to:

1. Number of pilots
2. Training program in effect
3. Present and projected volume of business
4. Compensation as a deputy and later as a state pilot

All applicants should carefully review the provisions of Rule 61G14-11.002, Florida Administrative Code, regarding acceptable sea service and Rule 61G14-20.001, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the required physical and drug test. Applicants submitting service on vessels which may be engaged in operations other than the usual commercial service would be well advised to submit a copy of the Vessel’s Certificate of Inspection with their application. This will ensure full credit for service in accordance with the legally required manning standards. Such vessels might include mobile offshore drilling units, self-propelled dredges, etc. Applicants presenting service on towing vessels must document the tonnage of both the barge and vessel being towed.

Chart Description:

Jacksonville:
The area from the vicinity of the sea buoy to and including the fixed highway bridge at the Red Bay Point just upstream of Green Cove Springs on the St. Johns River as well as the ICW south from the St. Johns River to and including the highway bridge at Atlantic Boulevard.
(Charts 11489, 11491 and 11492)

Port Canaveral:
The area from the vicinity of the seaward end of the Project Channel including approaches from the south as well as from the north around Southeast Shoal to and including the locks leading to the Banana River and the ICW. This includes East, middle and West basin.
(Charts 11476 and 11478)

Tampa:
Section I
The approach into Tampa Bay from the vicinity of the sea buoy, as well as by Southwest Channel, to the intersection of E and F Cuts, including buoy 1F as well as the south range lights of F Cut. In addition, the following port approaches/areas will be included:
  a. Port Manatee
  b. South approach to Bayboro (St. Petersburg) to and including junction light "S".

Section II
From the intersection of E and F Cuts, including buoy 1F, to:
a. the intersection of Hillsborough Cut C with the Port Sutton Channel and Cut D but including the upper range lights for Cut C. It will not be necessary to include any of the aids located on the channel into Big Bend, the Alafia, Port Sutton, or into Cut D.
b. the approaches to and the facilities at Rattlesnake located south of the Gandy Bridge including Port Tampa, Weedon Island, and the Bayboro (St. Petersburg) via the northern approach.

Approaches to various facilities:
a. All channels in the Port of Tampa, East Bay and Port Sutton located above the intersection of Hillsborough Cut C, Cut D, and the Port Sutton Channel. It will not be necessary to include any of the aids in Hillsborough Cut C.
b. From the intersection of Hillsborough Cut C and the Alafia River, to and including the facilities in the Alafia River at East Tampa as well as the Alafia Range. It will not be necessary to include any of the aids in Hillsborough Cut C.
c. From the intersection of Hillsborough Cut A, Cut C and Big Bend Channel, to and including the facilities at Big Bend and the Big Bend Range. It will not be necessary to include any of the aids in Hillsborough Cut C or Cut A.

Candidates will be required to draw either section 1 or section 2 and one additional port area, either a, b, or c.
(Charts 11415, 11416)

If you have any questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact our office. Our telephone number is 850.717.1981 or you can send an e-mail to donald.shaw@myfloridalicense.com.

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