MEMORANDUM

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Amanda Ackermann, Executive Director Board of Pilot Commissioners

SUBJECT: Examinations for Certified Deputy Pilot Openings in the Port Canaveral, Port Everglades, and Ports of Tampa Bay

DATE: September 27, 2019

If you are interested in applying for the openings in the Port Canaveral, Port Everglades, or Ports of Tampa Bay, please submit a completed application and a non-refundable application fee of $200 per port. The Department will not begin accepting applications until October 1, 2019. All completed applications must be returned to the Department on or before December 1, 2019, however, we encourage you to make application as soon as possible. Please mail your application to the following address:

DBPR/Professions
Board of Pilot Commissioners
PO Box 5377
Tallahassee, FL 32314-5377

A direct link to the application is here:


Please note that there will be at least one opening per port. Applicants will be notified if the opening increases from one.

The March 2020 Deputy Pilot Examinations are currently scheduled as follows:

DATE: March 18-19, 2020

SITE: Osceola Heritage Park
Exhibition Building
1901 Chief Osceola Trail
Kissimmee, FL 37477-6112

TIME: 7:30 a.m.
Examination for Certified Deputy Pilot Openings in Port Canaveral, Port Everglades, and Ports of Tampa Bay

The examination will consist of the following:

1. (a) Rules of the road, International
   (b) Rules of the road, Inland
   (c) Seamanship and Ship handling
   (d) Federal and State Pilotage Laws and Regulations
   (e) Aids to navigation

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

Chart Description(s):

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)

Port Everglades:

The area from the vicinity of the sea buoy to and including all docks and channels utilized by vessels which require or request pilotage. This will include all slips and berths in Port Everglades, the turning basin, the north extension to and including the 17th Street causeway bridge, the south extension, the ICW south to the Dania Cut-off Canal, and the Dania Cut-off Canal to and including the US 1 Highway Bridge.
(Chart 11470)
Ports of Tampa Bay

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, 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)