



CONFERENCE 2010

Geiranger, Norway



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**AGENDA**  
**BPAC Conference 2-4 June 2010 in Norway**

2 June			Opening of the conference	Norway (host) & Markku Mylly/ President
2 June	From 9.30 to 12.00 on board Hurtigruta Separate meetings for authorities and pilot org.			
2 June	Session 1	Information	Report from the Secretariat - Status BPAC homepage - Status Working Groups - Reporting system for Danish pilots	The Secretariat
	Session 1	Discussion/ Decision	Revision of BPAC rules - IMO approach - Port of Departure Rule, removal - Separating the Baltic Sea into areas incl. requirements for sailing frequency and education - Status BPAC Agreement for deep-sea pilotage in the Baltic Sea area/IMO approval	The Delegates Sweden Finland/Denmark
	Session 1	Discussion Decision	Module BPAC education for deep-sea pilots	Sweden
	Session 1	Information/ Discussion	Traffic development scenarios in the Baltic Sea area. On national level	The Delegates
	Session 1	Discussion	North European Deep Sea Pilotage Authorities	Duncan Glass Observer
3 June	Session 2-3-4	Information/ Discussion	HELCOM presentation / HELCOM Maritime / Baltic Sea Action Plan	Anne Christine Brusendorff
		Proposal	Organisational change in the BPAC.	Markku Mylly
		Decision	Close corporation with HELCOM as a part of HELCOM Maritime	The delegates
4 June	Session 5-6	Information	Mutual information: plans and development within the pilotage authorities in the member states since the last conference	The delegates
	Session 5-6	Information	A short statement from representatives from: - IMPA/EMPA - PAF/Pilotage Authorities Forum (Norway) - JPUG/Joint Pilotage User Group (Denmark) - EMSA – reporting of activities (Markku Mylly) - EU Maritime Transport Strategy 2009 - 2018 - EU Baltic Sea Strategy - Baltic Sea Maritime Safety Task Force (Fi) - ENSI-task force (Enhanced Navigation Support Information) in Finland	Stig Thomsen, DK Haldor Sæther Frank A. Gottlieb EMSA representative Markku Mylly - - Valtteri Laine
	Session 6	Decision	Election of BPAC-president Future of the Secretariat	The delegates



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	Session 6	Decision	Date and place for the next meeting	The delegates
	Session 6	Information	Any other business	The delegates
			Closing of the conference	Host – Norway & BPAC president



## **SUMMARY**

### **1. Opening of the conference**

Before the Conference was formally opened representatives from the Competent Pilotage Authorities and from Pilotage Service Providers held separate meetings.

On 2 June 1400 hours the 29 conference was officially opened and Arve Dimmen, The Norwegian Coastal Administration, wished everybody welcome on behalf of the host country.

Markku Mylly thanked the Norwegian representatives for hosting the conference. He noted that Russia neither this year has responded to the invitation to the conference even though different approaches have been made. Nor has Lithuania Latvia has informed that they were not able to attend.

Duncan Glass was warmly welcomed as observer and representative of the North European Deep Sea Pilotage Authorities. He expressed his delight to be invited.

The delegates had no comments to the report from last year's conference and the report was therefore formally accepted.

The agenda sent to the member states prior to the conference was accepted. There were no suggestions to item AOB on the agenda.

### **2. Report from the Secretariat**

Mr Frank Adler Gottlieb, Denmark, gave the Secretariat's report on what had happened during the period since last year.

#### Status Working Groups

On the conference 2009 he was appointed responsible for coordinating the process of revising the BPAC rules.

It was not possible to present a result as there has been only a slow process in the work. Whatever the reason, the item has been postponed to this meeting, which was also clarified with the president. Frank Gottlieb noted that the suggestion of a closer cooperation with Helcom would intervene with the revision.

Markku Mylly found the lack of seriousness towards the WG annoying and urged for more commitment. As no proposals were drafted, a decision on this matter was not possible. But it was commonly agreed that it is essential that the rules be revised and in compliance with EU regulation.

The future work will depend on the steps taken concerning a closer cooperation with Helcom Maritime.

#### Status BPAC homepage

Frank Gottlieb made a presentation of the new homepage and stressed the importance of launching it soon as the existing homepage has not been updated for a while. The WG homepage members present was given a password with access to updating CPA and PSP data and updating of pages. It was agreed that they within 3 weeks from the conference update as much as possible and that the homepage is then launched. The Secretariat will be helpful with to assistance.

The delegates discussed the necessity/wish for a page for 'members only' for example containing member states presentations. Frank Gottlieb said that this is not limited by the system or money. For now it was agreed that all documents on the site be pdf-files. One suggestion was that member states inform of which presentations should not appear on the BPAC homepage.



Reporting system for Danish pilots

Frank Gottlieb made a presentation of a new reporting system for Danish pilots in which they must report all their pilotages. The system includes data for training. The system can be accessed by mobile phone and hopefully there will be an online version when security is ok in the future. Also the reporting system is prepared for Quality Management control for PSPs.

There is no possibility to integrate a billing system, as the Danish PSPs have different billing systems.

Frank Gottlieb said that the reporting system can be used also for deep-sea pilotage and stressed that Red Card holders easily could be included in the system as well.

**3. Revision of BPAC rules**

IMO approach

Port of Departure Rule, removal

Separating the Baltic Sea into areas incl. requirements for sailing frequency and education,

Status BPAC Agreement for deep-sea pilotage in the Baltic Sea area/IMO approval

**See item 2**

**4. Module BPAC education for deep-sea pilots**

Monica Sundklev, Sweden CPA, said that guidelines for education for deep-sea pilots in Sweden have been in force since 2003. The guidelines have been distributed to BPAC members. The training part is the task of the Swedish Maritime Administration. At last year's meeting representatives were invited as observers. 1 Danish pilot attended.

The delegates were urged to state their points-of-view on more harmonized requirements for pilotage in the Baltic region and a more unified education of Baltic deep-sea pilots.

On the basis of a round where the delegates presented the requirements to be met by deep-sea pilots in their country, the president concluded that there is a variety of requirements in the Baltic States.

Frank Gottlieb said that in Denmark deep-sea pilots are treated as national pilots. Probably it will be implemented this year that the pilotage area East of Bornholm will have the same system as Sweden. In this area Denmark has about 35 pilotages/year performed by approx. 15 pilots.

Estonia has the same requirements as always with a low degree of requirements. Estonia expressed a positive view towards a unified requirement system.

Finland needs to update regulations and is observant of the fact that they be in accordance with EU legislation.

In Germany deep-sea pilots meet the same requirements as national pilots, which are captain's license, 2-year practice in nautical responsible position within the last five years, reliability as a pilot, good health condition, German and English language. In addition, deep-sea pilots must pass an examination in special knowledge of the area in which they want to practice.

Poland. Changes are needed and maybe the requirements should be less strict.

The requirements for Swedish deep-sea pilots are to participate in the special course and be approved.

Norway has no deep-sea pilots.



Duncan Glass said that the goal should be a level of minimum requirements and that national administration could then add to this level if this was found expedient.

Sweden got the task of circulate draft minimum requirements to BPAC members and make a final proposal for approval at the BPAC conference in 2011.

### **5. Traffic development scenarios in the Baltic Sea area On national level**

The member states could inform of a period with decrease due to the international economic crisis.

(See presentations)

### **6. North European Deep Sea Pilotage Authorities**

Duncan Glass told about activities regarding pilotage in England. There are 50 pilots, more or less, which are self-employed but assigned by two main companies. Their age profile is high.

After a silence of 17 years of the North Sea Pilot Authorities, Trinity House took the initiative to propose an expansion of the organization and invited to a meeting in November 2008 in London on this matter. 8 countries participated and subsequently filled in a questionnaire.

A draft revision of IMO recommendation 486 has been forwarded to the attending countries for their comments.

The BPAC seconds a common approach to the IMO.

Step one in an IMO approach to revise the recommendation is to make it an item on the agenda for the next MSC meeting.

### **7. HELCOM presentation / HELCOM Maritime / Baltic Sea Action Plan Organisational change in the BPAC Close corporation with HELCOM as a part of HELCOM Maritime**

Anne Christine Brusendorf, Executive Secretary of the HELCOM, gave a presentation of the organisation and work of HELCOM including environmental concerns and safety of navigation. Then she informed of the possibilities for a closer cooperation between the BPAC and HELCOM.

After an open discussion of the possibilities it was decided that Ms Brusendorf by 11 June should send the necessary information for the member states to evaluate and respond to to the Secretariat for distribution. The member states should send their response to the Secretariat by the end of July.

If a response from a member state is negative, the new BPAC president can negotiate with that particular member state.

Depending on a negative or positive response, the new BPAC president can act accordingly, i.e. if negative the item will be on next year's conference, or if positive the president together with the Secretariat takes action to an approach.

### **8. Mutual information**

- Plans and development within the pilotage authorities in the member states since the last conference

Participants from the member states gave a report on their national situation.  
(See presentations and country questionnaires)

Latvia -not present

Russia – not present



Stig Thomsen, Danish Pilots, took the floor to thank the Polish delegates for their assistance in a case with a Danish Pilot and immigrations and called it an excellent example of cooperation within the BPAC.

### 9. **A short statement from representatives**

Stig Thomsen, Danish Pilots, reported from IMPA/EMPA and especially mentioned the pilot ladder and safety for pilots. An EU directive on reporting of defects will come in force 1 January.

PAF/Pilotage Authorities Forum)  
Haldor Sæther, Norway (See presentation)

JPUG/Joint Pilotage User Group  
Frank Gottlieb informed that JPUG is in the process of ordinary routines, improving people to follow IMO recommendations. A present topic is the tanker part.

EMSA – reporting of activities  
EU Maritime Transport Strategy 2009 – 2018  
EU Baltic Sea Strategy  
Baltic Sea Maritime Safety Task Force  
Markku Mylly, Finland (See presentation)

ENSI-task force (Enhanced Navigation Support)  
Valteri Laine, Finland (See presentation)

Markku Mylly proposed that the BPAC express a BPAC opinion on the sulphur decision made by IMO Marpol, Annex VI. This decision requires the use of low sulphur (0.1%) fuel ONLY from 2015 onwards in the SECA-area. Sweden seconded by Germany opposes the proposal.

### 10. **Election of BPAC-president**

President Markku Mylly had announced his resignation as chairman of the BPAC prior to the conference. His letter concerning this was forwarded to member states by the Secretariat 1.3.2010.

Markku Mylly was elected in 2001 and the BPAC members express their sincere thanks for his work for the commission during his long period as president.

The Swedish CPA delegate Pernilla Bergstedt was nominated by the Polish delegate and unanimously elected new president of the BPAC. The election period is 4 years according to agreement on the BPAC conference in 1999. Pernilla expressed her willingness to meet the challenge.

#### **Future of the Secretariat**

Denmark has had the task of holding the BPAC Secretariat since 1996 and agreed to continue one more year. Frank Gottlieb recommended that in future the Secretariat and the Chairmanship was placed with the same country, as this would support a better workflow.

The future of the Secretariat will be evaluated according to the possible cooperation with Helcom Maritime.

### 11. **Date and place for the next meeting**

Denmark agreed to host the BPAC conference 2011.

Preliminary dates are 7-8-9 June. (Suggested change of dates to 2.-3. February 2011)

### 12. **Any other business**

No delegates had issues to be discussed under this item.





**13. Closing of the conference**

The President thanked the hosts for a well planned conference in beautiful surroundings and the delegates for their cooperation to a fruitful meeting



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