

# Captain John C. Timmel

**CURRICULUM VITAE** 

### PROFESSIONAL LICENSES & ENDORSEMENTS

Florida State Unlimited Pilot License - Tampa Bay and All Its Tributaries

U.S.C.G. Unlimited Federal Pilot License - Tampa Bay and All Its Tributaries

Master Mariner - 3,000 GRT Upon Oceans

Chief Mate - Unlimited Upon Oceans

Radar Observer's & ARPA Endorsement

Bridge Resource Management Endorsement I & II

FCC Radiotelephone Operator's License

**STCW Certifications** 

Boat U.S. Boating Safety & PWC Safety Certifications

## PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

## Tampa Bay Pilot Association & Tampa Pilots, LLC

1988 - Present

President, Past Vice President, Active Harbor Pilot, Co-Director of Vessel Handling Guidelines, Past Director of Deputy Training

Provides State & Federal licensed pilotage services to all types of ships, tugs & barges, and other vessels of unlimited size and tonnage on Tampa Bay and all its tributaries. Has piloted over 6,500 safe transits of Tampa Bay and conducted over 8,500 safe docking, undocking, and anchoring maneuvers.

# Starboard Ten, Inc. Maritime Expert Witness Services

1995 - Present

Founder, President, & CEO

Provides forensic litigation and expert witness services pertaining to piloting, shiphandling, seamanship, navigation, International & U.S. Inland Rules of the Road, pleasure craft & PWC operations, and boating & PWC accident analysis and reconstruction.

## State University of New York Maritime College at Ft. Schuyler

2007, 2008 & 2016

**Adjunct Professor** 

Instructed nearly 400 cadets aboard the Training Ship EMPIRE STATE VI during Summer Sea Terms in shiphandling, navigation, shipboard operations, seamanship, bridge watchstanding protocol, & international standards.

# City of Tampa 2003 – Present

Mayor's Maritime Liaison

Appointed as the liaison and maritime issues advisor between the Mayor of Tampa, the Honorable Pam Iorio, and Tampa's port and yachting communities. Reappointed and served in the same role with the Honorable Bob Buckhorn.

# **American Victory Mariners Memorial & Museum Ship**

1997 - 2003

Founder, Chairman of the Board, Past Executive Director, & President Emeritus

& 2008 - Present

Conceived, founded, and presided over this not-for-profit organization to rescue a 455' WWII Victory class ship, the S/S AMERICAN VICTORY, from scrapping and to establish a maritime museum aboard her to honor the American Merchant Marine and their contributions in times of war and peace.

# Tampa Bay Vessel Information and Positioning Systems, Inc. (VIPS)

1993 - 1998

Founder & President

Established this not-for-profit company to develop a GPS-based ship navigation system for Tampa Bay. This company was instrumental in the conceptual design of the system which is currently in use in Tampa Bay and has been used as a model for developing similar systems worldwide.

# **Exxon Shipping Company**

1981 - 1987

Ship's Officer

Sailed as a Deck Officer in Exxon's Ocean Tanker Fleet in both the coastwise and foreign port trade on board a variety of crude oil, refined product, and specialty chemical tankers.

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#### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Florida Harbor Pilots Association

Vice President

Maritime Law Association of the United States

Southeast Admiralty Law Institute

SEAK Expert Witness Institute

American Pilots Association

International Association of Marine Pilots

International Propeller Club of the United States

Port of Tampa Maritime Industries Association

Mayor of Tampa's Ex-Officio Representative

#### MARITIME EDUCATION

# State University of New York Maritime College at Ft. Schuyler

1978 - 1981

**B.S.** Marine Transportation

Graduated Cum Laude with Admiral's Honor, Class President, Cadet Navigator, Lettered in Swimming, Diving, & Sailing

# **License Upgrade & Pilot Continuing Education Programs**

1981 - Present

Bridge Resource Management I & II

Azipod & Simulator Training - Maritime Institute of Training & Graduate Studies in Linthicum Heights, MD

Simulator Training – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Center in Vicksburg, VA

STWC Certification Training Programs

# SAS Flight Academy - Sidney, Australia

1999

SAS Bridge Resource Management Program

Attended as a consultant on behalf of Mobil Shipping, Inc. to evaluate the Australian method of teaching Bridge Resource Management in comparison to that used in the United States.

# Port Revel Manned-Model Shiphandling Simulator Training

2010

Grenoble, France

## **HONORS**

Propeller Club – Port of Tampa	
Member of the Year	1996
Maritime Person of the Year	1999
Propeller Club – Southeastern United States	2000

Propeller Club – Southeastern United States Maritime Person of the Year

Propeller Club - United States 2001

International Maritime Person of the Year

2002 Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council's "Future of the Region"

1st Place Cultural Achievement Award for work on SS American Victory

Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce - Leadership Tampa Alumni Parke Wright, III Leadership Award

2013

# **PAPERS & PUBLICATIONS**

"The Effect of Changes to Rule 26 on Maritime Litigation and the Marine Insurance Industry"

Publication needed

"The Role of Pilots in the Development of VTS and Vessel Positioning Technology"

1994

Publication needed

"Title needed - article regarding piloting in tampa bay"

Co-Author, Professional Mariner Magazine

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# **BOARDS & ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

American Victory Mariners Memorial & Museum Ship

Founder & Chairman

Tampa Yacht & Country Club

Commodore, Governor, Fleet Captain, & Marina Committee Chairman, Director & Refounder of Youth Sailing

Florida Council of Yacht Clubs

West Coast Fleet Captain, U.S. Coast Guard Liaison, & Director

Propeller Club - Port of Tampa

President & Chairman

Propeller Club of the United States

National Executive Committee

U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis & U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point

Congressional Academy Appointment Committee - U.S. House Rep. Katherine Castor & U.S House Rep. Jim Davis

Tampa Bay Harbor Safety Committee

Vessel Movement Committee

Tampa Bay Dragon Boats

Director

Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla's Ship & Invasion Committee

Chairman

Tampa's Gasparilla Festival's Pirate Ship JOSE GASPARILLA

Sail Master

BSA Sea Explorer Ship 555

Founder & Past Skipper

America Sails Tall Ships Committee for Tampa Bay

Founder & Past Chair

Seaport Sertoma

Member

Greater Tampa Bay Marine Advisory Council (GTBMAC)

Founder & Chairman - GBTMAC's VTS Task Force; GTBMAC's PORTS Task Force Member

Florida State Pilots Association

Professional Standards Committee Member

**American Pilots Association** 

Navigation Technology Committee Member

National Safety Council - Marine Section

Marine Emergency Spill Responders Division

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Agency on Bay Management – Executive Steering Council

Tampa Bay National Estuary Program

Founding Co-Chairman of the Citizen's Advisory Council

Tampa Baywatch

Advisory Council

Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department

Honorary Deputy Sherriff

Tampa Bay History Center

**Board of Trustees** 

Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce

Governor - Board of Governors; Director - Infrastructure's Board of Directors; Member - International Trade Development Council; Member - Port Maritime Council; Member - Education Council; Member - Environmental & Natural Resource Council

Boy Scouts of America - Troop 22

Assistant Scout Master

Egmont Key Alliance

Co-Founder & Co-Chair

Great American Teach-In & S.E.R.V.E.'s Educational Outreach

Guest Teacher

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