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## POLICY AND PROCEDURE NOTICE 01-22

### USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE POLICY


This replaces Policy and Procedure 01-10 dated 31 August 2010.

The job of a state licensed pilot requires absolute attention and focus on the job of safely piloting, navigating, maneuvering, anchoring, docking or undocking a vessel in pilotage waters. Therefore, the Board of Commissioners of Pilots of the State of New York ("Board") prohibits the use of cellular telephones and other wireless devices while engaged in the piloting and assisting in the navigation of a vessel. In addition to VHF, a wireless device may be used to report an accident, incident, emergency, threat or engine/steering casualty to appropriate authorities and/or the Board.

This Policy and Procedure does not preempt Policy and Procedure # 8012006 outlining the use of carry aboard electronic navigation equipment.

Failure to comply with this Policy and Procedure will result in sanctions.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD:



Andrew J. Garger  
Secretary