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All Port Partners –

The Tampa Bay Pilot Association will soon relocate a pilot boat to the upper harbor area for the purpose of transporting pilots to outbound and shifting vessels in the upper harbor to include Ybor, Sparkman, Port Sutton, East Bay and Alafia. Pilots will be boarding vessels from the water side directly from the pilot boat. When our dispatchers take sailing or shift orders from agents or operator's they will advise if the pilot will board via pilot boat or shoreside in a vehicle, pending demand it may be necessary to dispatch pilots via both methods of transportation. The pilot boat will be operated by a licensed boatman with VHF communication no different from our Egmont station operation.

This change is taking place as an effort to add efficiency to our operations and it also adds a layer of resiliency should shoreside transportation be impacted for any reason. We will continue to update the port community on any future changes to this program and please feel free to contact us with any comments or concerns.

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