



Administration de Pilotage des Laurentides
Laurentian Pilotage Authority

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Captain Christian Ouellet joins the Laurentian Pilotage Authority as marine safety expert

Montreal, May 23, 2017 – The Laurentian Pilotage Authority (LPA) is pleased to announce that Captain Christian Ouellet will be joining its team in early June as a marine safety expert. The announcement follows upon the appointment last month of Captain Alain Richard to the position of Executive Director, Marine Safety and Efficiency at the LPA. These recent appointments testify to the LPA's commitment to marine safety and its determination to provide best-in-class pilotage and navigation services.

Captain Ouellet, who has nearly 30 years of experience in the marine industry, served as a trainer at the Maritime Simulation and Resource Center, a division of the Corporation of Lower St. Lawrence Pilots, and was also a senior regional investigator for the Transportation Safety Board of Canada. Additional experience as a senior maritime inspector at Transport Canada, a captain with Transport Desgagné, and an instructor at the Institut Maritime du Québec has given Captain Ouellet an extensive expertise in the field of marine safety and navigation.

“Captain Christian Ouellet’s knowledge and experience in marine navigation and safety will be invaluable in helping us develop and fine-tune standards and procedures that ensure the safety of pilotage and navigation services,” said Mr. Fulvio Fracassi, Chief Executive Officer at the LPA.

“With the addition of Captain Ouellet to the LPA team, everything is in place to maintain pilot skills and continue providing service that meets the very highest marine industry standards,” added Captain Alain Richard.

Captain Ouellet holds a Master mariner Foreign-going Certificate and a college diploma in navigation from Institut Maritime du Québec in Rimouski. He has also completed many hours of additional training in marine safety and pilotage in Canada and abroad. As an instructor at the Maritime Simulation and Resource Center in Quebec city, he prepared and gave training sessions to pilots from Canada's four pilotage authorities as part of their professional development programs. He also developed and conducted exercises on navigation simulators in collaboration with pilots from the Corporation of Lower St. Lawrence Pilots and with pilot instructors from the Corporation of Central St. Lawrence Pilots and the Corporation des Pilotes du Fleuve et de la Voie Maritime du Saint-Laurent.



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About the Laurentian Pilotage Authority

The Laurentian Pilotage Authority (LPA) is a financially self-sufficient federal Crown corporation responsible for administering and providing marine pilotage services on the St. Lawrence and Saguenay rivers. The LPA's mission is to ensure navigation safety by providing efficient marine pilotage services at a reasonable cost in cooperation with pilots, their corporations, and the shipping industry.

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